

Elective Chinese for beginners



For all students

As a true international school, there are 43 nationalities in Lyceum and 10 percent of which speak Chinese (either Mandarin or Cantonese). Have you ever wondered what your classmates are talking about in their own native language? Why is the Chinese writing system so different?

Chinese is one of the six official languages of the United Nations. Mandarin is used as a native language by about one-fifth of the world's total population.

As the second largest economy, China has played an important role on the world stage since 2010. More dialogue and collaboration is needed between the east and the west to solve many global issues such as global warming.

If you are interested in the Chinese language, culture, history or wish to work in strengthening the relationships between China and the rest of the world, learning the language is a good start.

This course introduces modern Chinese, also known as Mandarin or Putonghua. After a brief introduction to Pinyin transcription and pronunciation, grammatical foundations and a basic vocabulary will be worked out through everyday dialogues. The Chinese characters will be gradually learned based on the Radicals and single-component Characters. In addition to the systematic learning of the language: pronunciation, writing, vocabulary and grammar, the course covers also the topics about Chinese culture, society and history.

At the end of the course, you will be able to understand and use simple Chinese phrases, meet basic needs for communication and possess the ability to further your Chinese language studies.

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