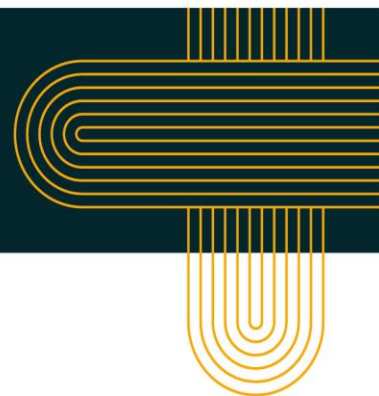




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Dear Families,

The GORSE Year 5 Mandarin Trip to London – Monday 26 June 2023

This year, at Morley Newlands Academy, Year 5 children have begun their fifth year learning Mandarin Chinese. To celebrate this achievement and their incredible progress, I am delighted to be able to write to you with exciting news of our GORSE Mandarin Trip to London.

Although we are not able to take your child to China, it remains vitally important that our Mandarin students are able to experience Chinese language and culture. We would like to offer your child the opportunity to visit London's spectacular Chinatown in June 2023. With its abundance of restaurants, striking Paifangs (traditional gateways), colourful swaying lanterns, and bilingual street signs, London's Chinatown has a unique identity. Located at the heart of the capital city, this area is a popular tourist attraction and one of London's most interesting destinations.

The trip is being offered to all current Year 5 children who study Mandarin Chinese at Morley Newlands Academy. The trip will be a 1-day visit on **Monday 26 June**. The trip will be led by Mrs Fyffe (MFL lead) accompanied by your child's Mandarin teacher and staff at MNA.

We have a full itinerary which begins with travel to London by coach followed by a visit to the British Museum where children will have a guided tour and treasure hunt around the Chinese Galleries to explore the history of China from 5000 BC to the present day. The afternoon will be spent exploring the delights of London's Chinatown. This will be guided by an expert with children learning about the secrets of this fascinating area. They will hear about the area's history under Henry VIII, the first Chinese printing company in the UK and the tale of the first Chinese chef to be awarded a Michelin star!

During the tour, children will stop for a Chinese lunch and learn more about the cuisine. The tour company *The Learning Adventure* will arrange a public square dance workshop to share some contemporary Chinese culture. Children will have the opportunity to visit London's South Bank, taking in the iconic sights of London followed by a picnic tea before departing London for their return journey back to school by coach.

Thanks to our partnership with the Swire Chinese Language Foundation (SCLF), we are able to significantly subsidise the cost of this trip. The SCLF is a private initiative funded by John Swire and Sons, a highly diversified global group with headquarters in the UK with the majority of their business being conducted in China. In 2017 Sir John Townsley submitted an application to the Swire Chinese Language Foundation (SCLF) to become a Centre of Excellence for Mandarin teaching. The proposal was successful resulting in

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£2.1 million over 7 years to fund the introduction of Mandarin teaching across GORSE and to support educational visits.

As a result of this partnership, **we are able to offer this trip to your child at a heavily subsidised price of £25 per student** which we are sure you will agree represents incredible value for money.

Included in the price of the trip will be:

- a return coach from your school to London and transport in London,
- a tour guide,
- a Chinese lunch
- all activities detailed on the itinerary

Children will not need to take any additional spending money.

Should your child have a place on the trip confirmed, then the following amounts will need to be paid via ParentPay according to the payment schedule below. **The total balance for the trip will need to be paid by 28 April 2023.**

The payment can either be paid in full or in three payments as detailed below:

- £5 by 24 February 2023
- £10 by 24 March 2023
- £10 by 28 April 2023

If you are experiencing financial hardship or feel you may need support with the cost of this trip, it may be possible to access some financial support. To be considered for this please contact the academy directly. All requests will, of course, be treated in complete confidence.

If your child would like a place on the trip, **please complete and return the reply slip attached to this letter to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 8 February 2023.**

A more detailed itinerary will be provided to you once your child has a place on the trip confirmed. We will also be holding an information meeting on Monday 22 May to provide further information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Fyffe via our school email address: enquiries@morleynewlands.leeds.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

Sarah Clayton,
Partnership Director

Consent Form - The GORSE Year 5 Mandarin Trip to London – June 2023

Please return to your child's teacher by **Wednesday 8 February 2023**.

Morley Newlands Academy			
Name of Child:		Class: (Year 5)	
I can confirm that I wish for my child to participate in the Year 5 Mandarin Trip to London. In doing so I understand that my child and I are committing to: - Attendance at the Mandarin London Trip Information Evening on (22/05/23); - My child continuing to display an excellent attendance and behaviour record. <i>We reserve the right to withdraw any student from the trip who fails to meet the high expectations we have of students at Morley Newlands Academy.</i>			
Signed: Parent / Carer		Print: Name Parent / Carer	