



ABINGDON

Head of Chinese: Gao Zhang

8 September 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians

**re: Study Trip to China October 2018**

This is a reminder email to invite students who are currently studying Chinese, or will study Chinese in the coming academic year, to participate in an educational China Study Trip from **Saturday 13 October to Monday 22 October 2018** (dates subject to confirmation once flights are booked). It is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to improve languages skills in an authentic learning environment and have a real experience beyond the textbook. It also will enhance their cultural knowledge of China, which has been of increasing importance in recent GCSE exams that have focused on issues such as environmental, social media and technology in Chinese speaking countries.

In addition, I would also like to open this invitation to students who will be in the lower sixth form in Oct 2018.

This school trip will be run by the Happy Travel Ltd Company which is a UK based educational travel specialist for China trips. It includes a wide variety of educational, cultural, social and outdoor activities ranging from seeing the “unmissable” attractions of Beijing and Xian, **taking part in the ‘day in the life’ of a local school in Beijing, to spending time with local students and their families.** Please see the attached example itinerary for further details.

The estimated cost per student will be approximately **£2,250 with a minimum number of ten pupils**, including visa, flights, transport, food, accommodation and tickets to attractions. This may be subject to change dependent on the level of interest and the final cost of flights.

If your son would like to participate in this trip, **please return the attached reply-slip to me by Thursday 30 November 2017** with a non-refundable cheque (made payable to Abingdon School) for £750 together with a photocopy of his passport. The remainder of the cost will be added to your School bill in two instalments of £750 in the 2018 Lent term and 2018 Summer term.

Please note that by completing the consent form (providing the trip proceeds) you are committing to the total cost of this trip. The non-refundable deposit secures your son’s place and thereafter the School will proceed to make bookings and reservations to procure the best possible deals. The balance of payments being applied to your School bill is a means of spreading the cost rather than a reflection of when liabilities are incurred.

I look forward to hearing from you if your son wishes to participate in this unique and exciting trip.

Yours sincerely

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**China Study Trip 2018 October**  
**Reply slip**  
**Deadline: Thursday 30 November 2017**

**To: Mrs Gao Zhang, Masters' Common Room, Abingdon School.**

Son's name ..... Tutor .....

I would like my son to participate in the China Study Trip 2018 October.

I enclose a £750 deposit cheque payable to Abingdon School and a photocopy of my son's passport.

I agree to the balance of the cost in two instalments of £750 in 2018 Lent term and 2018 summer term bill.

Signed ..... Date .....

### **Study Trip to China October 2018 Itinerary (Draft)**

<b>Day 1</b> Saturday 13 October	Gather at Coach car park at 12 noon. Coach to Heathrow Airport. Departure from London to Beijing by BA039
<b>Day 2</b> Sunday 14 October	Arrive in Beijing, greeting by a tutor from <b>Beijing College of Chinese Language and Culture (BCCLC)</b> , who will be with AS group in Beijing. Traditional Chinese Culture activities ( Kong fu lessons).
<b>Day 3</b> Monday 15 October	Visit Tiananmen Square and Forbidden City (AM). Visit National Museum (PM). Chinese Culture activities (after dinner).
<b>Day 4</b> Tuesday 16 October	Visit Great Wall (AM). Visit Qinhua University and Yuanmingyuan Park(PM). Tasting Beijing Duck as dinner.
<b>Day 5</b> Wednesday 17 October	Spend a day with partner's family (day time only).
<b>Day 6</b> Thursday 18 October	Visit our partner school – Beijing No 9 Middle School (all day) Take the overnight soft sleeper train to Xi'An.
<b>Day 7</b> Friday 19 October	Arrive in Xian after overnight sleeping train journey. After breakfast, visit the museum, Continue to visit the Bell and Drum Tower Square.
<b>Day 8</b> Saturday 20 October	Visit the Terracotta Army Museum. Continue to Banpo Museum. After evening dinner take the overnight soft sleeper train to Beijing.
<b>Day 9</b> Sunday 21 October	Arrive in Beijing. After breakfast, Visit Beijing Zoo (AM). Then visit Wangfujing Street for shopping (PM).
<b>Day 10</b> Monday 22 October	Transfer to the airport for the return flight to London, arrive in Heathrow at 3pm. Coach return to school by 5:30 pm (same day), traffic permitted.