



ABINGDON

30 June 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians

re: Study Trip to China, October 2018

I am writing 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).

In addition, I would also like to open this invitation to students who will be in the lower sixth form in October 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 is a fantastic opportunity for pupils studying Chinese to improve their command of the language, and also their cultural knowledge of China. 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**, 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

Mrs Gao Zhang - Head of Chinese

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China Study Trip, October 2018
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 October 2018.

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)**

Day1 Oct 13	Gather at Coach car park at 12 noon. Coach to Heathrow Airport. Departure from London to Beijing by BA039.
Day2 Oct 14	Arrive in Beijing, greeting by a tutor from Beijing College of Chinese Language and Culture (BCCLC) , who will be with AS group in Beijing. Traditional Chinese Culture activities (Kong fu lessons).
Day3 Oct 15	Visit Tiananmen Square and Forbidden City (AM) Visit National Museum (PM) Traditional Chinese Dance lesson (after dinner)
Day4 Oct 16	Visit Great Wall (AM) Visit Qinhua University and Yuanmingyuan Park (PM) Tasting Beijing Duck as dinner
Day5 Oct 17	Spend a day with partner's family (day time only).
Day6 Oct 18	Visit our partner school – Beijing No 9 Middle School (all day) Take the overnight soft sleeper train to Xi'An.
Day7 Oct 19	Arrive in Xian after overnight sleeping train journey. After breakfast, visit the museum, Continue to visit the Bell and Drum Tower Square.
Day 8 Oct 20	Visit the Terracotta Army Museum. Continue to Banpo Museum. After evening dinner take the overnight soft sleeper train to Beijing.
Day 9 Oct 21	Arrive in Beijing. After breakfast, Visit Beijing Zoo (AM). Then visit Wangfujing Street for shopping (PM).
Day 10 Oct 22	Transfer to the airport for the return flight to London, arrive in Heathrow at 3 pm. Coach return to school by 5:30 pm (same day), traffic permitted.