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Dear Parent/Carer

New and Exciting Opportunity to Study Mandarin Chinese at TGS

Following a very successful trial of the 'My Chinese Teacher' programme in September, I am delighted to be able to offer your daughter an exciting opportunity to study Mandarin.

Mandarin is the most widely spoken language in the world and has become a very valuable and highly sought after skill. Given China's rapid economic growth and emergence as a major global powerhouse, Mandarin is considered to be the most important of 'tomorrow's languages'. Learning Mandarin opens up opportunities to work, communicate and understand a country that will continue to play an important role in the world's future.

Your daughter will have a weekly interactive Chinese lesson with real-life China based teachers alongside a Tolworth Girls' School MFL teacher. A weekly 25-minute lesson is delivered live from Beijing over video conferencing software using technology already available in the classroom. The lessons focus on language and culture and engage students in a variety of games to keep them active and engaged in the programme. Students also have opportunities to interact with their Chinese teacher by sending them postcards, sharing photos of their school through a learning platform and engaging in other blended activities.

As this is an extra-curricular opportunity, lessons will take place on Mondays after school between 3:30pm and 4:00pm. There will be a small charge for the year of approximately £35.00.

If you would like your daughter to participate in this exciting opportunity, please could you ask your daughter to return the slip below to Mrs. Bartlett in room 29 by **Friday, 13 October 2017**. At this stage, we are looking for expressions of interest only. Once the class has been confirmed, I will write to you again with further information.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Bartlett

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Name:

Form Group:

I would like my daughter to participate in extra-curricular Mandarin Chinese classes. I agree to pay a contribution of approximately £35.00 once the class has been confirmed.

Parental signature:

Date:

PLEASE RETURN SLIP TO MRS BARTLETT IN ROOM 29 BY FRIDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2017