

MANDARIN EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME (MEP)



Mandarin is the second most widely spoken language in the world and is an official language of China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao and Singapore!

Penrice Academy runs a Mandarin Excellence Programme where you can learn this incredible language over the course of five years.

This is an ambitious course designed to push the most academically able and you will be required to study Mandarin for up to eight hours a week. Four hours of this will be classroom learning plus up to four hours of independent study per week. The course leads to a full GCSE in Mandarin at the end of Year 11.



MEP IN NUMBERS

1st

Penrice is the first and currently the only school in Cornwall to offer the MEP

2nd

Mandarin is the second most spoken language in the world, behind English

Over 1 Billion

People speak Mandarin around the world!

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN*

YEAR 7

AUTUMN TERM

Getting to know you
Family and home

SPRING TERM

My free time (hobbies)
School life

SUMMER TERM

Food and Drink
Shopping
Year Review
Cultural Life

YEAR 8

AUTUMN TERM

Holidays & Travelling
Transport
Hobbies
All About Me

SPRING TERM

Daily Routines
Clothes
Where I Live / Directions
Weekend Plans

SUMMER TERM

Jobs
Lifestyles
Fluency and Enrichment

*Curriculum continues in Years 9, 10 and 11

3 GOLDEN REASONS TO LEARN MANDARIN



NEW FRIENDS

With over one billion people speaking Mandarin across the world, you will have the opportunity to meet and hold conversation with one billion new people!



OPEN UP NEW TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Learning Mandarin will not just enable you to visit or even live and work in Mandarin-speaking countries with confidence, but you could also put your translations skills to good use when travelling with family and friends!



YOU DON'T HAVE TO LIVE ABROAD TO USE THE LANGUAGE

With technology making the world an ever-smaller place, it has never been more important to be able to speak multiple languages. Many UK businesses are looking for Mandarin speakers who live here, on home soil.

HOW TO APPLY

- 1 Carefully read this flyer.
- 2 Visit penriceacademy.org and search 'MEP' for full information.
- 3 Consider signing up for a Mandarin Taster Lesson on 24th, 25th March or 1st April. You can sign up for a Taster Lesson via the Penrice website.
- 4 Parents and carers will be notified when the full application process officially opens. This will be the opportunity to work alongside your child and submit an application. Spend time on your application, explaining why you think you will excel learning Mandarin.*

FIND OUT MORE



**Please note that there are only 30 places on offer on the programme each year, so please be aware that not all applications will be successful.*

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