

22 March 2023

Dear parents/carers

We are excited to invite your child to take part in the MEP celebration day at the **University of Exeter** on **Tuesday 18 April 2023**. There will be five schools from the same MEP Hub including our school taking part in this celebration. The reason your child is invited is because your child is part of the Mandarin Excellence Programme.

The celebration day starts at **12.15pm** at **University of Exeter** and finishes at **4.00pm**. We are travelling there by coach. We will meet the coach at **11.15am** at **Taunton and Bridgwater College** bus layby. We will arrive back at the same place at approximately **5.00pm**. Please arrange to pick up your child promptly, unless they are making their own way home.

All of the costs will be covered by the MEP programme. Please ensure that your child has a **packed lunch** and a **bottle of water** (we will eat lunch on arrival at the university). The purpose of this trip is to raise the profile of the MEP project to the students on the course and to enhance their understanding of Chinese culture and to increase engagement in lessons through a greater connection with the subject.

Your child will need to wear **school uniform** on the day. The plan is to run a series of themed lectures bringing an "insider's view" on China and what it entails to study Chinese at a UK university. Here is the programme for the day:

11:45-12:15: Arrival at Exeter University
12:15-13:00: Lunch (students to bring packed lunches)
13:00-13:10: Introduction to Mandarin at Exeter (Dr Yanglin Yang)
13:10-13:40: Chinese culture lecture one (Dr Tom Burnham)
13:40-14:00: Break
14:00-14:45: Breakout activity in groups of 25 (led by Dr Xiaoxi Sun)
14:45-15:00: Break
15:00-15:30: Chinese culture lecture two (Dr Wenqian Zhang)
15:30-16:00: Evaluation, final questions and departure

Please tick the consent box on ClassCharts to confirm you are satisfied with the arrangements outlined in this letter. Without your consent your child will not be allowed to go.

Please ensure that we have your up to date emergency contact details and any relevant medical information for your child, as this information is taken from our school database.

Yours sincerely



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