

Dear Parent/Carer

15 November 2018

I am delighted to inform you that our next trip to China will take place in May 2020. This trip will help your son/daughter to develop their skills in Mandarin and will enhance cultural awareness. We will be visiting three cities (Beijing, Shanghai and Hangzhou) over 9 days and 8 nights. We will leave Taunton on the evening of Thursday 21 May in order to fly to Shanghai from London Heathrow early the next morning. We will arrive back in the UK on the evening of Saturday 30 May.

It is estimated that the total cost of the trip will be approximately £1800 per person with all travel, visas, accommodation, food and activities included. The exact price will be confirmed when we have booked flights and if the trip ends up being cheaper we will of course pass on any savings to you.

In order to enrol your son/daughter for the trip, please bring the following to student reception in an envelope marked clearly with your child's name and the words '**China Trip 2020**'.

- Cash/cheque for £150 as non-refundable deposit (cheques made payable to 'The Castle School')
- The signed slip below

The trip is open to all students who will be in Year 9 or Year 10 at the time of travel (current Year 8s and Year 9s) but places are limited and priority will be given to students studying Mandarin. If the trip doesn't go ahead then all deposit monies will be returned.

We look forward to taking your son/daughter on our trip and we will hold an information meeting later in the year, where we will answer any questions that you have. Students should be aware that any poor behaviour in the lead up to the trip may result in their place on the trip being withdrawn.

Kind regards

Simon Floyd  
**Head of Faculty for MFL**

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**Please complete and return to Student Reception.**

**Trip Name: Year 9 and Year 10 China Trip – 21 May-30 May 2020**

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the above trip.

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year group they will be in when trip commences \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £150.

Signed (Parent/Carer): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_