

Platanos College News

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Chinese Mandarin classes at Platanos College

We are delighted that this academic year, the school has been able to introduce Chinese Mandarin extra-curricular classes for pupils at Platanos College.

We welcome our new Chinese teacher, Ms Liu, to Platanos College this year. Ms Liu joins us as part of the British Council/Chinese Hanban joint programme. Teachers recruited from this programme are native-level speakers of Mandarin. Qualified and experienced teachers in their home country, they bring Chinese language and culture alive in the classroom and through extra-curricular activities.

Ms Liu, our new Chinese teacher, says: *"I am absolutely delighted to have joined Platanos College. The pupils have already shown such enthusiasm and interest in the language and culture. Despite preconceptions that it is a difficult language, they have already made a very good start in this first term."*

Chinese Mandarin is a widely spoken language with over a billion speakers. Its use is becoming ever more significant in the working world of business and beyond. As a school, Platanos aims to provide pupils with the best possible opportunities in this regard. This programme offers our entire school community an opportunity to learn about one of the world's fastest-growing economies.



Our pupil, **Aston Parks**, said: *“Learning Chinese this term has been real fun. The language is very interesting and the history behind it is even more fascinating.”*



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