

Introducing Chinese in special schools and building links with China

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Chinese in special needs schools & build links with China
 Foshan City Qiqong School, China & Bradfields School, UK

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2. The Chinese programme at Bradfields and link with Qiqong

Introduction of the Chinese programme at Bradfields

Medway and Foshan City are twin cities

Bradfields HT's first visit to Qiqong after attending BC's Head Teachers' Conference in 2008 and the partnership between two schools was established

Bradfields introduced Chinese course in 2009

Currently, Chinese is offered to students across KS3&4

KS4 Students take AQA ELC Chinese and are predicted to achieve the highest level 3

Cross-curriculum activities: festival celebrations, arts, teacher and student exchange visits

2. The Chinese programme at Bradfields and link with Qiqong

- Out-reach programme to local primary schools

3. Benefits and advantages for students and teachers in both schools

- Impact on the students

[class activity](#) [interview 1](#) [1 pupil's career plan](#)

Increase confidence and self-awareness

Better understanding of other cultures

Develop friendships

Have opportunities to visit places that they will be unlikely to visit in the future

A chance to practise their language skills

'I've loved it here because it's made me feel like I'm noticed. When I'm at home people just walk straight by me and don't care who I am, but here everyone is so friendly and wants to know something about me. It's just incredible!'

3. Benefits and advantages for students and teachers in both schools

- Impact on the teachers

[Mr. Gee's introduction](#)

[Joint class activity example](#) [Benefits for students](#) [Benefits for teachers](#)

Professional development

Sharing expertise

Development of stronger teacher-student relationships

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- Impact on the parents



Being host families
 Helping to raise money for the trips
 Supporting their children in preparing for the trips
 Giving parents a better understanding of the school curriculum
 Raising parental aspirations






3. benefits and advantages for students and teachers in both schools

- Impact on the local community



Raise awareness of Bradfields
 Encourage a understanding of the work that we do with the students
 Provide opportunities for local businesses to get involved
 Local people support us by attending our fund raising events

3. benefits and advantages for students and teachers in both schools



3. Feasibility for your school and future developments

Permission and support from local educational authorities

- Finding a partner school
- Online application through BC for FLA
- Assistance from Qicong School

Possible funding opportunities

- Bradfields: school discos, selling products, a beauty evening, competitions, theatre tickets,
- British Council/COMENIUS
- Useful contact: Ashley Davis ashdragon888@btinternet.com

Bradfields' next steps

- Trip 2014: 4 members of staff and 8 students led by Bradfields Head
- Have now developed partner school links with schools in Sardina, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Poland;

4. Any questions?

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