

Annual Chinese Teaching Conference

UCL Institute of Education



Saturday 10th October 2026

Time	Activity	Location											
9:00 - 10:00	Registration, exhibition and refreshments	Level 3 Logan Hall											
10:00 - 10:50	Student performance: ‘Mandarin Unleashed. 我的中文破圈之路’ Dinah Rodway, Elyse Tran, Nadiia Kutnyk, Stanley Stephenson - Elmgreen School Conference Opening Plenary: ‘Expanding Horizons through Chinese: Integrating Language, Culture, and Careers’ Professor Li Wei, Director and Dean, UCL Institute of Education Zhou Wei, Minister Counsellor for Education Affairs, Chinese Embassy Professor Zhu Hua, UCL Institute of Education ‘Celebrating 10 Years of the Mandarin Excellence Programme’ Matt Schofield, IOE Centre for Chinese Language Education												
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12:15 - 12:50	Lunch, exhibition and networking	Punnett Hall. Level 1											
13:00 - 13:50	Student performance: ‘Chinese Culture’ - Maryann Ofori, The Elms Academy Plenary - Careers Using Chinese: Chaired by Wei Jin, IOE Centre for Chinese Language Education Pippa Ebel, Membership Director, China Britain Business Council Daniel Shulakov, Credit Risk Analyst, Bank of China Liza Kaminov, Broadcast Journalist, Presenter & Documentary Director Sam Hardy, MA Student, Nazarbayev University & SOAS Eleanor Partridge, Graduate, Personal Homecare Pharmacy	Nunn Hall. Level 6 Room 790. Level 7 Clarke Hall. Level 3 Room 780. Level 7 Jeffery Hall. Level 1 Jeffrey Hall. Level 1 Logan Hall											

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14:00 - 14:50

Workshop Breakouts:

How Can Language Teachers Develop Intercultural Competence through Project-Based Learning?	Stella Ng
Vibe Coding: How can AI Help Teachers Achieve More?	Andrew Zhang
Successful learners are made, not born: Evidence-informed strategies for Chinese character learning	Rose Ren
China: Breaking the Stereotypes. A project to enhance intercultural learning at KS3	Lucy Wicks
A level Chinese: Strategies from the Classroom	Yan Yan Zhang
Exhibition	

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Room 790. Level 7

Clarke Hall. Level 3

Room 780. Level 7

Jeffery Hall. Level 1

15:00 - 15:50

Workshop Breakouts:

Teach Bold: Creative KS3, Confident GCSEs	Kim Wang
Giving Effective AI Prompts	Yishan Lu
Beyond the Classroom: Practical Enrichment Ideas for KS3 and KS4	Joanna Chorlton
Can we use Maths Mastery Variation Theory to Build Fluency in Mandarin?	Shu Ding
Beyond the Textbook: How Experiential Learning Can Ignite a Passion for Mandarin	Vanessa Gong
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Break

16:05 - 16:50

Student performance:

‘My holiday at Santorini / 我在圣托里尼的假期’

Aniudh Rajesh, Dartford Grammar School

Excellence Awards Presentation

Updates from the CCLE

Plenary:

Introduced by Xiaoming Zhu, IOE Centre for Chinese Language Education

‘Understanding China through Documentary Film: Using Chinese Independent Film Archive (CIFA) as a Teaching Resource’

Sabrina Qiong Yu, Professor of Film and Chinese Studies, Newcastle University

Logan Hall

16:50 - 18:00

Post-Conference Drinks

Level 4