

18 March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for expressing an interest in the proposed trip to China, which we are planning to run in October 2025. I am writing to inform you that interest in the trip has been sufficient for us to move forward to the next stage. Please read this letter carefully regarding the steps you now need to take in order to secure a place on the trip.

As part of their GCSE Mandarin course students are expected to have an understanding of life in China along with an awareness of the customs and festivals there. A period of time spent in China will also provide students with an unrivalled opportunity to use and further develop the language skills they are learning at Carisbrooke.

We are currently aiming to carry out the trip between the dates of **11 to 21 October 2025** and the overall cost of the trip per student will be approximately £2,225. These dates and the cost continue to be subject to change depending upon the number of students taking part and availability of flights.

We are now asking for a non-refundable deposit of £225 to confirm your interest. If your child wishes to be included on the trip, please log into the Arbor app and pay the deposit as soon as possible.

Payment of the full amount will be required in instalments by the following dates:

- 12 April 2024 £225 - Deposit
- 1 May 2024 £150
- 1 June 2024 £150
- 1 July 2024 £150
- 1 August 2024 £150
- 1 September 2024 £150
- 1 October 2024 £150
- 1 Nov 2024 £150
- 1 Dec 2024 £150
- 1 January 2025 £150
- 1 February 2025 £150
- 1 March 2025 £100
- 1 April 2025 £100
- 1 May 2025 £100
- 1 June 2025 £100
- 1 July 2025 £100 - Final payment

Please be aware that once you have paid the deposit, if you wish to remove your child from the trip you will also still be liable for the full cost of the trip unless a replacement can be found.

IMPORTANT: If your child is not a British passport holder, or if your child has previously visited Turkey please email me as soon as possible: joe.briscoe@iwef.org.uk

Once all deposits are paid and spaces on the trip have been fully allocated, I will write to you again, giving guidance as to the next steps.

I'm sure you will agree this is an incredibly exciting opportunity for students studying Chinese at Carisbrooke. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on joe.briscoe@iwef.org.uk

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Briscoe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Joe Briscoe
Teacher of Mandarin