



November 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Re: The Chinese Exchange Programme**

We recently partnered with a Sister School in China in order to develop cultural experiences and language opportunities for the students at Lymm High School. The partnership will provide opportunities for amazing cultural activities including the chance to take pupils to China for an immersive ten day visit to our sister school in Xi'an from Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April. The likely cost will be £2200 depending on number of students and the activities undertaken. We will aim to fundraise in school to contribute to the trip however the ultimate cost of the trip remains the responsibility of parents/carers.

This exchange is likely to provide incredible experiences for our students and we plan to make this a long term, active and sustainable partnership by taking part in joint projects and bilateral student exchange trips with our Chinese sister school. The programme is Government-backed by the Chinese Ministry of Education, so it is officially authorised and secure for children to travel to China.

### **How does it work?**

We will host pupils and teachers from our sister school to spend time in our school in April 2020 and we will take a group of pupils out to China on a reciprocal visit during school time and into Easter 2021 (dates above). Students will stay in hotels and visit the local school for at least three days, absorbing themselves in school life whilst also having the opportunity to travel around Beijing and Xi'an, including visiting the Great Wall of China and the Terracotta Warriors.

The company, True Education Partnerships, that have organised our Sister School Partnership, is very experienced and runs this programme successfully for schools all over the country. They will also be organising the student trips. True Education Partnerships have a website ([trueeducationpartnerships.com](http://trueeducationpartnerships.com)) and social media channels that have lots of photos and videos showing the sort of experiences that are available when in the programme and on a trip.

### **What you need to do**

I would like to ask for an expression of interest from parents regarding sending their children on this experience with the school. A formal information evening regarding the trip will run on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 17:30 – 18:30 to find out more and give you details on how to secure a place for your child if you are interested.

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Once you have confirmed your interest you will be required to pay a non-refundable deposit of £400 by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February and from there payment will be made by ParentPay in three installments in May, October and December 2020.

Please return forms to Miss J Dixon in A214 in the Geography department prior to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Thank you for your interest,



Miss J. Dixon  
Trip Leader



Mr J. Gornall  
Trip Leader

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To Miss Dixon

**Re: The Chinese Exchange Programme**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to express my child's interest in the above programme and understand that should my child be offered a place, then I will need to pay a non-refundable deposit of £400 by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/carer)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm that I would like to attend the information evening held by Lymm High and True Education Partnerships on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 17:30 – 18:30 (please tick the box to confirm). s