

**SUBJECT: MANDARIN IB Standard Ab Initio****HEAD OF SUBJECT:  
MRS M WILLIAMS****SYLLABUS NUMBER:**

N/A

**SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT**

This course runs for four hours per cycle. It will focus on strengthening students' listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in Mandarin Chinese. An important aspect of the course is also to develop the students' cultural knowledge of China.

The topic areas covered are self and family, school and work, shopping, eating and drinking, leisure and travel, the environment and health. The level of language is quite demanding and students will be expected to devote considerable time to learning characters.

Students will also attend lessons with the Chinese assistant.

**SKILLS THAT WILL BE DEVELOPED**

Listening, speaking, reading and writing skills.

**SOME USEFUL WEBSITES**

<http://www.nciku.com>

<http://www.memrise.com>

<http://quizlet.com/class/169477/>

<http://www.fluentu.com/>

[http://collections.uiowa.edu/chinese/topic\\_beginning.html](http://collections.uiowa.edu/chinese/topic_beginning.html)

**ASSESSMENT****Oral Assessment (25%):**

Individual oral exam (10 minutes)

**Paper 1 Text Handling (30%)**

Comprehension of four written texts

**Paper 2 Written Production (25%)**

Two short writing tasks (60 and 120 characters)

**Written Assignment (20%)**

Completed during homework slots in Term 1 of Upper Sixth and supervised by the teacher

**SPECIFIC MATRICULATION  
REQUIREMENTS**

Some prior knowledge of Mandarin is required.

**OTHER INFORMATION  
E.g. Field Trips/expenses/books**

Students who take the course will be entitled to participate in a visit to China, if one is available.