



GCSE Mandarin Trip 2019 - Visa Application

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to share some key dates and information with you regarding your child's visa application for the upcoming China trip.

Firstly, I would like to invite you into school to complete the visa application process at **18.00 on Tuesday 24th September**. The meeting will take place in G18 (computer room) and you will be guided through the application process. These can then be printed and signed by yourself on the evening. In preparation for this, you will need an electronic photo of your child which meets the Chinese visa's rigorous criteria. I have attached guidance on this. Please note that no parts of the face can be covered and hair should be tied back or brushed to the side exposing the forehead. From experience, the best place to have these pictures taken is the photo shop (Max Spielmann) in West Durrington Tesco. As you enter the building turn right and walk to the end of the shop. They will take your photo to Chinese visa specification and place it on a memory stick for you. Please bring this to the meeting on Tuesday 24th.

We have provisionally booked an appointment slot for **13.00 on Thursday 3rd October** for all students to visit the visa centre in London to complete the required biometrics for entry into China. More information will be provided when this date has been confirmed. As this will require a journey to London we will not arrive back within the usual school day hours.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly pjones@bohuntworthing.com if you have any questions regarding the visa process.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P.Jones
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