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DragonsConnect

A groundbreaking way to learn Chinese

Key Stage 3 and 4 study of Mandarin Chinese, progressing through to a GCSE qualification

Designed and delivered by *Dragons Teaching*, the UK's leaders in Chinese language provision

The BEST teachers accessible to ALL schools and ALL pupils regardless of location



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Chinese Teaching Specialists

What is it?

- **Connect** is a groundbreaking way for a full class of students to learn about Chinese language and culture online
- Students learn in small groups with trained and engaging Mandarin teachers
- A great way to add colour and variety to 11+ and/or 13+ post exam enrichment programmes
- Simple IT access means that all schools can now get involved!
- Cost effective, fun and flexible
- Run by Dragons Teaching, the UK's leaders in Chinese language provision



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How it works

Connect works just like a normal teacher-led lesson at school, but is conducted online.

- 2 teachers online simultaneously
- Class split into 4 equal working groups for effective learning
- 2 groups spend first half of the class with the teacher; 2 others groups on our bespoke Online Learning Platform (OLP). The groups then switch half way through the class.

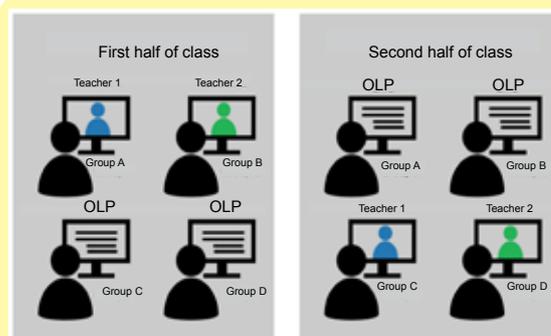
Live online class

The focus is to develop the students' speaking and listening skills. During the class, students are taught through a virtual classroom which maximises student interaction: students can speak, answer questions, and raise their hands just as they would in class, but the virtual classroom also includes features such as interactive whiteboards and quizzes.

Online Learning Platform (OLP)

Students progress through engaging online activities on our OLP. The platform is aligned exactly to the live online class so that students reinforce their knowledge. The focus is to help students memorise vocabulary and Chinese characters, as well as better understand Mandarin grammar

2 teachers; small groups



Blended learning
in action!

and cultural points. The platform measures and remembers each student's progress for the duration of the course. Content is delivered through diverse media, including video and interactive games and quizzes. Students receive badges and other awards to reflect their effort and progress.

About Us

Dragons Teaching are the UK's leaders in Chinese language provision.

We have over 13 years' experience teaching Chinese to non-native speakers of all ages in schools, universities and businesses.

With an expert core team and a specialist teaching certification program, our teachers are passionate about maximising student engagement and progress. Our leading textbooks and wide range of supplementary resources make learning Chinese accessible and fun. Our colourful clubs, workshops, and educational trips bring Chinese culture to life, and give opportunities for students to develop their passion for Chinese beyond the classroom.



Our teachers

Connect builds on our 13 years experience in providing excellent Mandarin teachers to UK schools and businesses. All our teachers have first-hand experience teaching online, and have undergone rigorous background checks to ensure safeguarding and professional delivery.



Our course

Connect is an exciting opportunity for Key Stage 3 to start learning Mandarin Chinese, progressing through to a GCSE qualification.

Open to all schools, the programme runs through the entire academic year like all other timetabled subjects on curriculum.

A typical lesson lasts from 40 minutes up to 1 hour. Half the time is spent with the teacher and the other is spent on the OLP.

The number of classes per week typically ranges from 1-3, but Dragons will fully align themselves to the school's requirements and budget. **Connect** is fully flexible and scalable.

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I'm delighted to hear that the session went so well. A big thank you to the IT team and to everyone else involved. It's great to see our pupils enjoying learning Mandarin.

Anne Lynch, Headteacher,
The Royal School, Haslemere



This year we have deepened our cooperation with Dragons Teaching, extending the support of Chinese learning to the entire Alibaba European office, and we started the online learning model.

Luo Jiajing, Human Resources
Alibaba.com, London Office



The online teaching went very smoothly. Dragons Teaching sent over all of the details regarding the setup. The staff were friendly, organised and knew exactly what they were doing.

D McNicholls, Head of IT,
The Mall School, Surrey

Get Started

Connect runs with around 30 students per class.

The only requirements are:

- Broadband connection
- 1 x PC/Mac/iPad per student
- 1 x headphone with mic per student
- A member of school staff to supervise the class

Learn more

Classes cost £88/hour+vat pro rata. This includes all learning resources, set-up support and teaching time. This price also includes ongoing students results (on the OLP) and a full set of reports at the end of the academic year.

For a **Connect** demonstration, please contact:

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Why do this?

- **Engagement** – pupils have shown high levels of engagement when learning online, and supported by an Online Learning Platform
- **Measurement** – the course allows full tracking of pupil progress and provides data/metrics for reporting purposes
- **Literacy/numeracy combined with cultural studies** – students are able to gain invaluable cultural knowledge whilst simultaneously learning basic language/number skills

