

1<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Dear Parent and Carers

**Year 8 Mandarin Excellence Programme Hurdle Tests Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Firstly, I want to congratulate your child on the excellent efforts they have made this year on the Mandarin Excellence Programme. On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, they will be completing Hurdle Tests. Hurdle Tests are annual external assessments and are a compulsory part of the programme. All MEP students across the country sit these assessments. They are excellent preparation for their other examinations as they work towards their GCSEs. Details on how best to prepare have been added to ClassCharts.

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June your child will be absent from lessons 1-5 to prepare and complete the reading, listening and writing parts of the assessment. As a result, please do not buy any food ingredients if they would normally have Food Technology on a Wednesday, as they will need to complete their Hurdle Tests.

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June your child will complete their speaking assessment. This is a 1-to-1 speaking assessment with their teacher. As a result, they will attend lessons as normal. They will only leave a lesson five minutes before they are due to start their assessment. Your child will be given their own individual appointment slip. If they lose the slip, teaching staff have a copy of their time, so they can check with any member of teaching staff.

Thank you again for the support you have given your child this year. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

*Mr Scott*

Mr Scott  
Head of MFL