



# Alderman White School

A member of The White Hills Park Federation Trust

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure you have been aware of the links we have made in recent times with China, and in particular the 'sister school' link we have set up with a school in the city of Ningbo. We think this will be a very exciting aspect of our work in the coming years and will give our students a whole range of opportunities, from understanding Chinese culture and traditions, to learning Mandarin through to establishing friendships with students from this fascinating country, which is playing such an important part in the modern world.

In the Autumn, Mr Heery and I had the privilege of visiting China, to visit the school and establish our shared programme. We also took a large group of 6<sup>th</sup> form students who spent an unforgettable two weeks in Beijing, Shanghai and Ningbo, and in the Summer term, we will welcome students from our sister school to Nottingham.

I am writing to tell you about the next exciting stage of our project. We are proposing to take a group of Key Stage 3 and 4 students to visit Ningbo in Spring 2019. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and will open their eyes to a very different culture and the opportunities that knowledge and experience of this country can offer.

It will give them the chance to learn and practice Mandarin, both in preparation for the visit and in China itself, and will be an ideal way to motivate and practice to improve and inspire their learning and to form friendships with peers in China for life. They will be accompanied by members of staff from White Hills Park, and the visit is supported by Access China UK, and the Confucius Classroom. There is a short video that gives a flavor of the visit which can be accessed via our website or by searching youtube for 'Why visit China? (with ACUK)'.

The trip will last 10 days, is proposed for April 2019 (exact date to be confirmed) and we are launching it now to enable suitable preparation time and to get the best deal that we can. The cost will be dependent on numbers going and the actual date of departure, but we are confident that we can secure additional subsidy to help support parents, and payments can be made in instalments over the next year.

We would like to invite you to a presentation on the project and the way that your child can become involved, to be held in the school Hall on Wednesday Feb 28<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm.

Please fill in the attached slip and send back to school to confirm if you will be attending

Yours,

Nicola Caley, Head Teacher

Student Name:

Year Group:

I would like to attend the presentation on the proposed trip to China on February 28th

I am unable to attend the presentation on the proposed trip to China but would like more information as we are interested in a place.

Signed: