

# INFLUENTIAL BEDE'S

**Teacher of Mandarin**

**From September 2018**

## **About the role**

The successful candidate will be a very strong linguist and an outstanding teacher. They will be passionate in their approach to the teaching of Mandarin, and determined to achieve the very best results.

They will be able to inspire pupils of all ages and abilities, and will approach their teaching with passion, energy and creativity.

Alongside the obvious measures of success, such as exam performance, university applications and pupil feedback, we will be looking to the new teacher of Mandarin to inculcate a very real sense of wonder and excitement in their students, and to be massively demanding of them. In addition, we have high expectations that the right candidate will be hungry to develop the subject within the Faculty.

The post would suit an experienced colleague or a newly qualified teacher who at interview is able to demonstrate that they have enormous potential to quickly become a brilliant teacher. The ability to teach another modern language or subject and to make a significant contribution to the school's extra-curricular programme would be a distinct advantage.

## **About the Department**

The Modern Foreign Languages faculty at Bede's has recently undergone a period of rapid development, and the successful candidate for the role of Teacher of Mandarin will be expected to play a key role in this ongoing transformation. The candidate will join a team of seven full-time teachers, four peripatetic tutors and a French assistant.

At Bede's, 18% of our pupils come from international backgrounds, so the teaching and use of modern languages sits at the heart of the school. The faculty delivers the teaching of French, Spanish, German and Mandarin to non-native speakers within the curriculum, as well as preparing native speakers for exams in their mother tongue as a co-curricular option. Furthermore, Russian, Japanese and Italian are increasingly popular options within the school's Activities programme.

The language classrooms are housed together, and are well-resourced with audio facilities, interactive whiteboards and a set of iPads, and separate IT rooms are regularly used for whole-class ICT lessons. The department actively promotes the use of ICT to improve teaching and learning. The teaching of languages is further enhanced through a full co-curricular programme, including a wide variety of trips abroad and a programme of local and national visits throughout the year.

The new Teacher of Mandarin will be solely responsible for the delivery of the Mandarin curriculum in First Year (Year 9), at GCSE and at Pre-U, as well as preparing native speakers of Mandarin and Cantonese for the A Level Chinese exam, using the Edexcel examination board. The successful applicant will therefore need a very high degree of proficiency in Mandarin and knowledge of Cantonese, as well as a full understanding of the British examination system. An advanced level of English is also a prerequisite for this role, in order to be able to communicate effectively with pupils, parents and other key stakeholders.

Mandarin is currently a minority subject with the Modern Foreign Languages faculty, so the successful candidate will have the energy, charisma and proactivity necessary to raise its profile. The new Teacher of Mandarin, with support from the Head of Faculty, will have the opportunity to coordinate the teaching and learning of Mandarin across the school, and so this would be an excellent role for a candidate considering a Head of Department application in the next 3-5 years.