



Preparation, Requirements and Recommendations

Welcome to A-Level Mandarin at Comberton Sixth Form.

Preparation

If you already have knowledge of a variety of topics, and can express your opinions, you are ready to build on this at A level. You will learn about different aspects of Chinese culture, literature and/or film, and be able to use more complex grammar and more vocabulary. This enables you to really develop an understanding of the language, the countries where it is spoken and the people who speak it. To help you prepare we'd also like you to look at the following resources:

1. Getting started guide:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/A%20Level/Chinese/2017/teaching-and-learning-materials/GCE-Chinese-2017-Getting-Started-Guide.pdf>

2. Literary works:

➤ 一只叫风的鸽子 (A Very Special Pigeon)

<https://writingchinese.leeds.ac.uk/book-club/september-cao-wenxuan-%E6%9B%B9%E6%96%87%E8%BD%A9/%E4%B8%80%E5%8F%AA%E5%8F%AB%E5%87%A4%E7%9A%84%E9%B8%BD%E5%AD%90/>

➤ 城南旧事 (My Memories of Old Beijing)

Film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2G-sNhaSnk>

Novel 1—惠安馆: <http://www.dushu369.com/zhongguomingzhu/HTML/89347.html>

Novel 2—爸爸的花儿落了: <https://www.kanunu8.com/book/4416/55711.html>

➤ 故乡 (Hometown): <https://www.kanunu8.com/book/4416/55711.html>

3. Films:

➤ 请投我一票 (please vote for me): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLNcbO_IdMU&t=223s

➤ 十七岁的单车 (Beijing Bicycle): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7laA2alxh0>

➤ 天水围的日与夜 (The way we are): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zo3e6fPShw>

Requirements

You will need an A4 file to store your notes, along with lined paper and stationary that includes the following: Pens and pencils, Highlighter pen, Ruler, Dictionary

Recommendations

We recommend students purchase the following textbook to support them in the course:

Year 1: Chinese for AS (Simplified characters) By ZHANG Xiaoming, LEE Eileen.

Published by Cypress Book Co. UK Ltd. ISBN: 9781845700379.

Year 2: Edexcel Chinese for A2 Student's Book by by Michelle Tate, Jianzhen Zeng, Jing Jing Zhao, Lisa Wang, Rebekah X. Zhao, & 6 more.

Published by Hodder Education; Illustrated, Bilingual edition. ISBN: 9780340967850.

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