



National Mandarin 2020-2021

Ms Ma and
Ms Zou

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT



Pause just now, and think.
Complete the Glow Forms
on Expectations.

- What level are you aiming to achieve? N5/4/3?
- What grade do you want to get (National 5s)?
- How are you aiming to achieve it?
- What do you think are your strongest skills? (Reading/Writing/Listening/Talking)
- Which skills do you need to work on?
- What activities do you like doing that help you learn?

Course Outline

At National 3/4/5 level, there are 4 **contexts** to study:

- Society
- Learning
- Employability
- Culture



Course Outline: N3/4/5 Mandarin

Context	Topic	Topic development
Society	Family and friends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ getting on with family members/who have influenced candidates in their life ◆ having arguments ◆ ideal parents ◆ different types of friends ◆ peer pressure
	Lifestyles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ lifestyle-related illnesses ◆ advantages and disadvantages of healthy/unhealthy lifestyle
	Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ impact of TV reality shows ◆ advantages/disadvantages of new technology, eg internet, mobile phones
	Global languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ language-learning and relevance
	Citizenship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ description of local area as a tourist centre ◆ comparison of town and country life ◆ being environmentally friendly in the home



Course Outline: N3/4/5 Mandarin

Learning	Learning in context	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ learning activities in modern languages/in each subject and whether they are liked or disliked◆ preparing for exams
	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ comparing education systems◆ improving own education system◆ candidate responsibilities



Course Outline: N3/4/5 Mandarin

Context	Topic	Topic development
Employability	Jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ part-time jobs and studying◆ qualities for present/future jobs/future plans
	Work and CVs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ planning, reporting back on work experience◆ reviewing achievements/ambitions



Course Outline: N3/4/5 Mandarin

Culture	Planning a trip	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ the importance of travel and learning a modern language◆ the best holiday/trip/attitudes to travel
	Other countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ aspects of other countries including educational, social, historical, political aspects
	Celebrating a special event	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ comparing special occasions/traditions/ celebrations/events in another country◆ the importance of customs/traditions
	Literature of another country	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ literary fiction, eg short stories — understanding and analysis
	Film and television	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ studying films in the modern language◆ studying television in other countries





Assessment

At National 3, 4 and 5, you will be assessed across four areas:

- ✓ Reading
- ✓ Writing
- ✓ Listening
- ✓ Talking

N3

National 3
Course
Specification



All National 3 assessments are done internally – that means you do not sit any final exams at the end of the year, but you have assessments that are done in class (which are graded pass/fail).

INTERNAL ASSESSMENTS:

- Reading x1
- Listening x1
- Writing x1
- Speaking x1 (a short conversation)

On one of the 4 contexts.

N4

National 4
Course
Specification

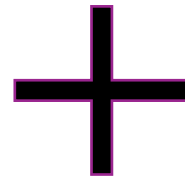


All National 4 assessments are done internally – that means you do not sit any final exams at the end of the year, but you have assessments that are done in class (which are graded pass/fail).

INTERNAL ASSESSMENTS:

- Reading x1
- Listening x1
- Writing x1
- Speaking x1 (a short conversation)

On one of the 4 contexts.



ADDED VALUE UNIT:

- Reading x2
- Speaking x1 (presentation and some questions)

N5

National 5
Course
Specification



National 5 pupils will be working towards a final exam at the end of the year on the 4 skills in ML (Reading, Writing, Listening and Talking).



Reading

Writing

Listening

Speaking

They will also complete the **ADDED VALUE UNIT** as a practice assessment and to help us get a better idea of their level:

- Reading x2
- Speaking x1 (presentation and some questions)

N5

National 5
Course
Specification



Your final grade is made up of:

Internal:

Speaking – 25%

This will happen in December and is conducted with your class teacher and recorded. You must give a presentation for 1 - 2 minutes, which will be followed up by a conversation of 5 - 6 minutes.

Assignment Writing (done in class) – 12.5%

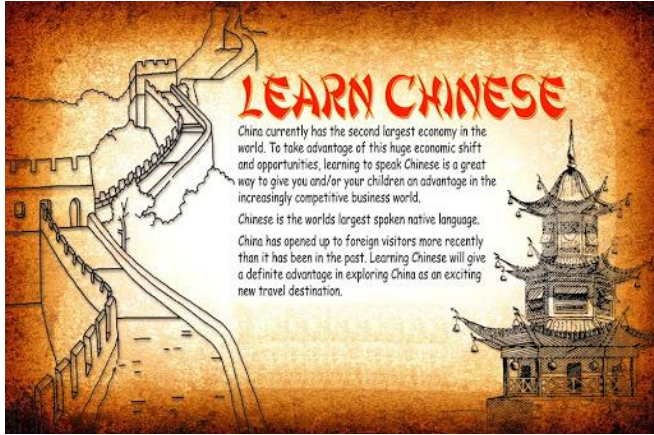
150-250 words written in Mandarin, using detailed language, based on one of the topics covered in the Nat 5 course.

External:

Nat 5 External Exams (in May)

- ◆ **Paper 1:**
 - ◆ **Reading** – 25% (3 texts in Mandarin with questions to be answered in English. Can use a dictionary)
 - ◆ **Writing** – 12.5% (150-250 words in Mandarin applying for a job advert – 4 of the 6 bullet points are the same every year)
- ◆ **Paper 2:**
 - ◆ **Listening** – 25% (2 recordings, 1 monologue, 1 dialogue – answer questions in English)

Online Learning

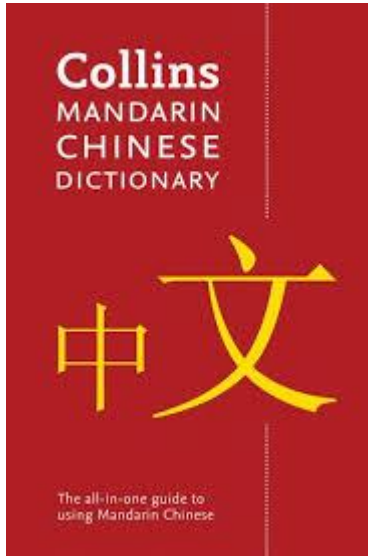


You will have 5 periods of Mandarin when we are back at school.



During our virtual learning, you will have 3 blocks of 1h30m per week and Ms Ma and Ms Zou will be setting work and communicating with you during each of those blocks and outwith. All correspondence should be sent to Teams whilst we are working from home, and it's really important that you do engage in the work **immediately** as we have a lot to fit into the National Course.

Useful information about classwork:



<https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english-chinese> is a great online dictionary. You may also find it useful to have a good Chinese dictionary at home for homework and exam preparation.

We will use this textbook by BrightRed at several points during the year but **most work will be given via worksheets & booklets.**

I recommend getting yourself a folder with dividers as listed right. It's really important to be organised with your notes/vocabulary this year.

1. Course info
2. Grammar
3. Society
4. Learning
5. Employability
6. Culture
7. Job Application
8. Assignment Writing
9. Speaking
10. Exam Practice



Online Classroom

All class materials, homework, extra resources, grammar, and assessment preparation will be posted to our new **Microsoft Teams** page.

I would recommend you download the app to your phone so you can keep up to date with notifications/assignments and get in touch when you need to.

However, if you have issues with accessing this, please email me on: wljun.ma@glow.sch.uk

We may also use this when we're back in the building.



Resources for Independent Study

Here is a list of resources I would recommend to help you practice and improve your Mandarin at home.

It is a good idea to get in the habit of spending half an hour each week using some of these suggestions – there's something for everyone, and it will improve your Mandarin greatly. You don't even have to understand everything, just 'absorb' as much French as you can.

Apps:



duolingo

Random vocab and grammar that get gradually get more difficult – you can also test out of the lower levels. It sends you a reminder to practise every day!



Create an account and make free digital flashcards of vocabulary/grammar.



Vocab grouped into sets by type that gradually get more difficult. Videos to practise listening to more authentic Chinese too

Resources for Independent Study

More APPs are waiting for you:



Super Chinese

Everyday you can spend 16-30 minutes on this app for regular learning.



Hsk online-

You can also follow the twitter account.

Specialties-

- 1.You can do listening and reading on app
- 2.You can try vocab. challenge

Websites:



<https://www.chinese-grammar.org/> This is a fantastic site for practising grammar to improve your writing and also do extra practice on various topics.



<http://global.chinadaily.com.cn/> One of the most popular Chinese newspapers – articles and videos.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zkrgxnb> Another good website covering many topics, grammar points and specific aspects of the N5 course and exam components. Great videos too.



SCHOLAR

<https://scholar.hw.ac.uk/>

Available through Glow, focus on N5 course content on reading, listening and writing, grammar and revision packs.



<https://mandarincorner.org/stories-in-slow-chinese/>

For beginner and intermediate levels : keep yourself updated on the latest news with an audio and its text on Stories in Slow Chinese. You will also find many grammar flash cards and idioms.

TV/Film:

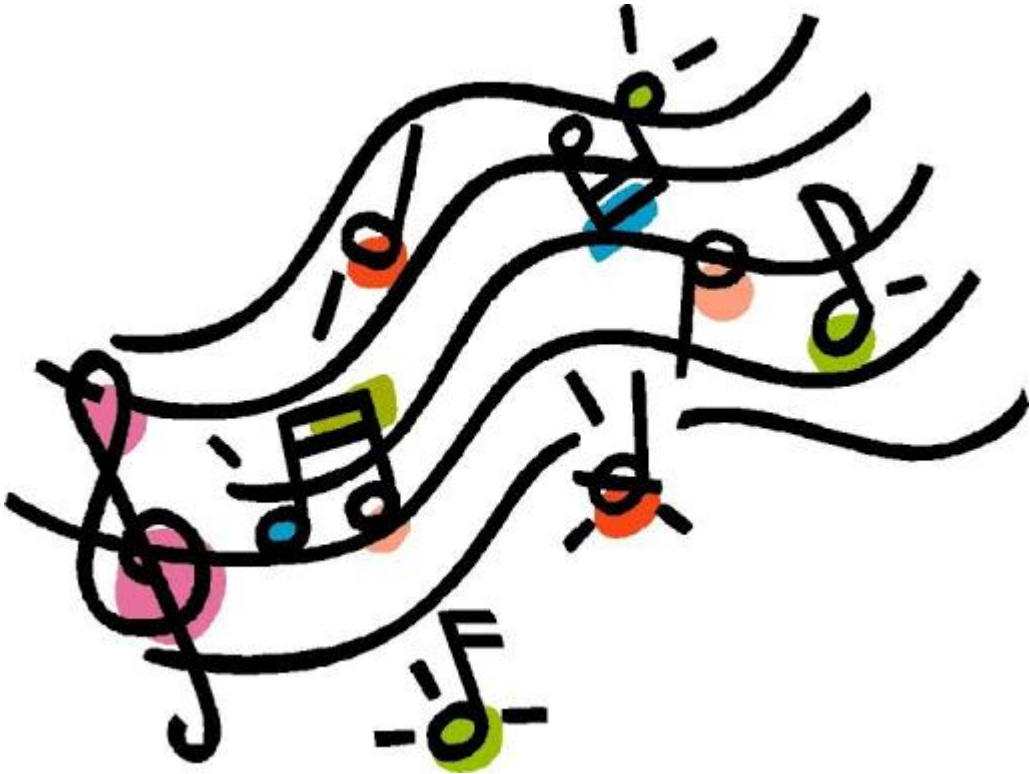
Nowadays, thanks to these online streaming platforms you can watch films/series from all around the world.

There are Chinese-language films/series, but you can also watch many of your favourites in Mandarin just by changing the language setting. Pick a movie/series you know, and switch the language to Mandarin and see how much you pick up.



Music:

Immersing yourself in Chinese music can really help your listening skills. Add a few of our favourites to your playlists. You could even download the lyrics and try to understand them.





Let's begin our
adventure!
You can do it 😊

If you need anything at all, get in
touch via Teams or Emails

– don't be stuck - ever!