

Student trip to China

27th March to 4th April 2019

Feeling Excited

Had a very successful visit from our friends at Jingmao in July.



Update on Arrangements

- Now busy planning our 8 day trip.
- Will have a final departure meeting.
- A mixture of sightseeing and time with our partner school – Jingmao Primary School.
- Now the only school travelling. Are 4 staff and 14 pupils. Staff are:
 - ◆ Mrs Skarratts-Jackson,
 - ◆ Mrs Bowden-Pickstock
 - ◆ Mrs Rice
 - ◆ China host (TBC)

Final Times

Outward Bound Journey Friday 27th March

Coach departs St George's approximately (TBC)	05:00
Flight Departs London Heathrow (Virgin Atlantic)	13:25 (11 hr flight)
Flight arrives at Shanghai	08:30 on 28 th March

Return Journey – Friday 3rd April

Flight Departs Shanghai (Virgin Atlantic)	11:40 (12 hr flight)
Flight arrives at London Heathrow	16:45
Coach arrival at ST George's approximately (TBC)	23:00

Hotel



Holiday Inn Express - Tiacang



Visa and Passports!

- Group Visa attached to teacher's Visa.
- Will no longer need children's passports.
- Passports are placed in safe in China.
- Staff will look after passports.
- No biometric scanning for children.

We Chat



WeChat

Language and Cultural Education

Fridays from 3.15pm – 4.15pm

With Yishan Lu from Calday Confucius Centre.

- **Try Duolingo app**

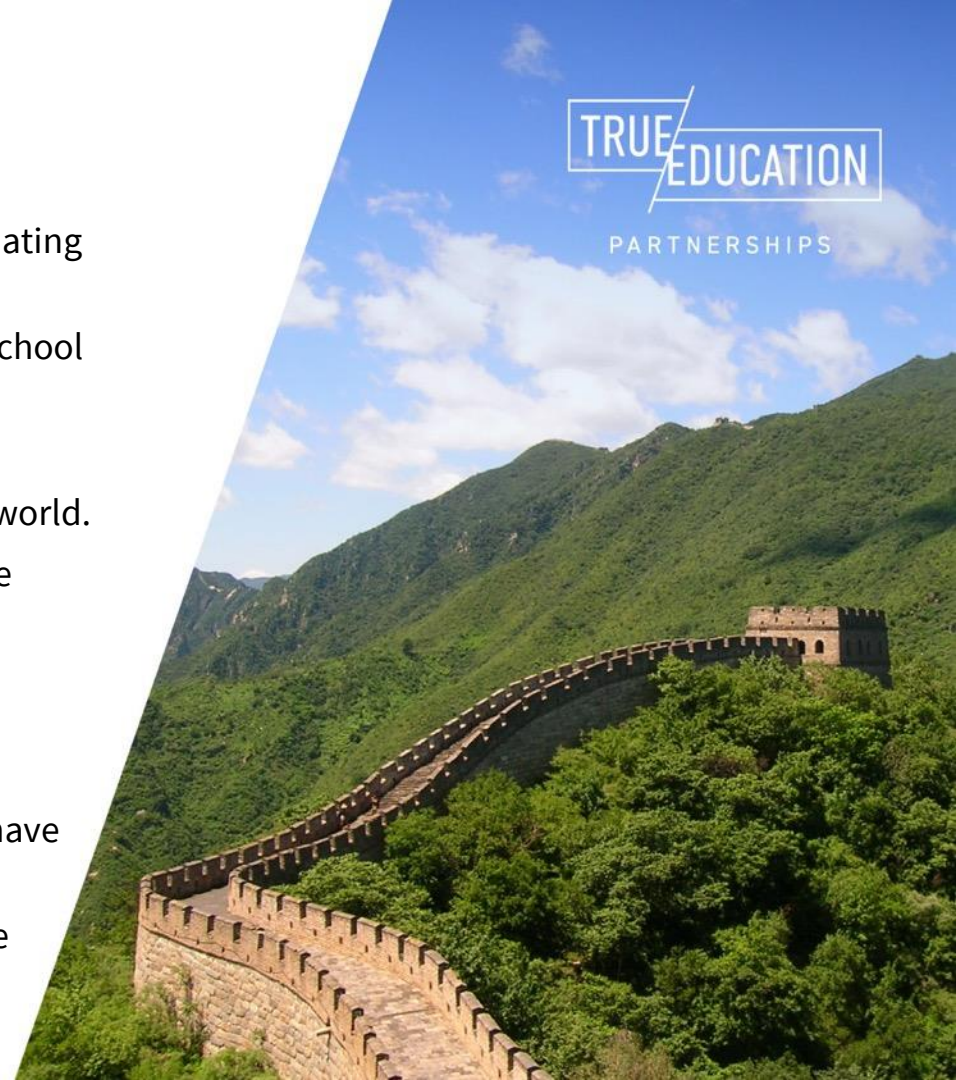


Few Other Things

- Kit list (include uniform). Max 23kg.
- Full payment must be made by 24th January 2020.
- Electrical items (flight only)
- Cameras
- Health Needs (no need for immunisation in this region)
- Insurance
- Spending Money. Recommend £15 English for airport and no more than 900 Yuan (approximately £100 English)

Why China?

- China is one of the OLDEST civilisations in the world, dating back over 3,000 years.
- The links between St George's and Jingmao Primary School are well established.
- Wirral and Tiancang are partner cities.
- China is rapidly becoming the largest economy in the world.
- It has a population of 1.35 billion (that's one fifth of the WORLD's population!).
- The "community of shared future for mankind" that emphasises mutual respect and cooperation.
- The opportunities that are available for the future are enormous, you can continue your studies in China or have amazing employment opportunities.
- Practice your Mandarin in a fully immersive experience
- Be an Ambassador for our school and your country



**link to show a taste of
what to expect on a trip;**

Click and watch -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nAe67aAoEZ0>



Taicang is situated just north west of Shanghai on the river delta of the Yangtze River in Jiangsu province. It has a population of about 1/2 million people.

Taicang means 'great storehouse' because in the 3rd century, when it was founded, it had huge warehouses for all the agricultural products in the area. It is also famous as the departure place for Zheng He's treasure fleet (famous Chinese explorer)

Shanghai

- 2nd most populated city in the world. 27 million people live there.
- City famous for banking, computing, port and sky scrapers and world's fastest train.

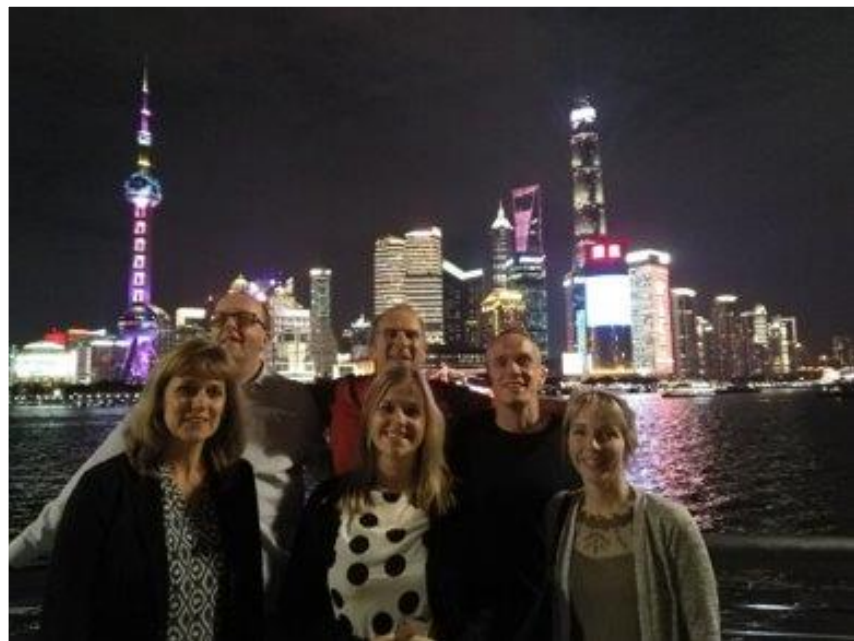


Tiacang

- Our partner city. Describe themselves as a 'small city' with one million people in.
- Although it is ancient port. City was largely built during the last 10 years.
- Busy, lively city with lots of parks.
Wealthy city.

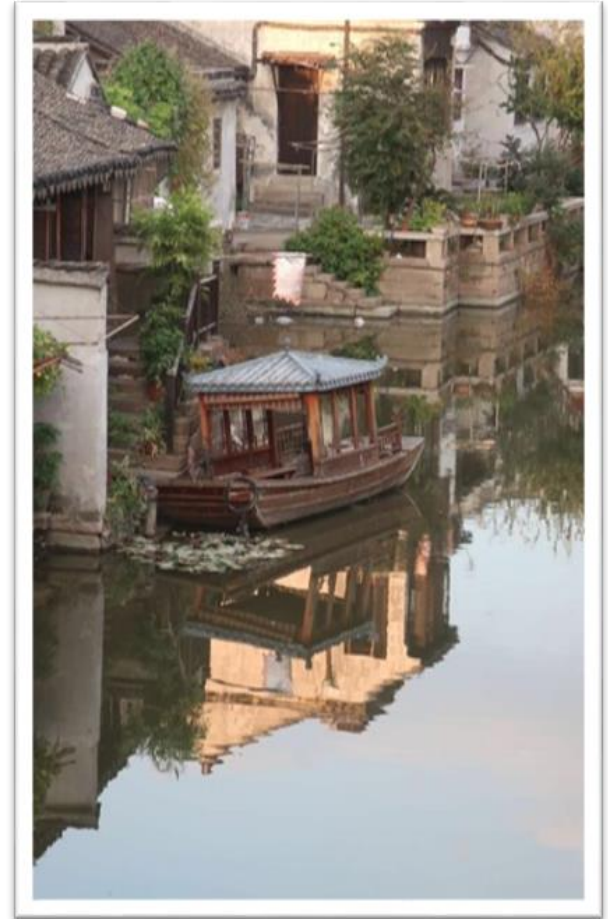






Also.....

- Wirral signed the sister city agreement with Taicang back in 2011, although work began on the relationship in 2008. The twinning is designed to boost tourism relations and links for ports, sustainable technology and of course, education.
- With its proximity to Shanghai, Taicang is an increasingly prosperous city which welcomes students from all over the world to study in a number of China's most prestigious universities including Fudan University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, NYU Shanghai and Xi'ao Jiaotong Liverpool University.



Introducing...

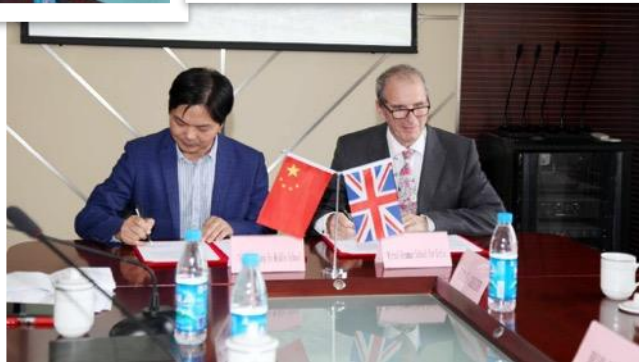
Our sister school partnership.

Where our school partners with a school in China to give YOU the opportunity to visit this incredible and unique country.

Experience life as a Chinese student, gain vital life-skills and make lasting memories.



Head teachers travelled all the way to China to formalise the Partnership and provide you with this opportunity.



....And also had the opportunity to be part of this experience.....







Jingmao Primary School

- Our Partner School.
- Has a separate kindergarten.
- 2,300 pupils.
- Their head teacher is principal Wan.









Tiacang Schools

- Most schools have 2000 + pupils.
- Kindergarten until you are 7.
- Primary School until you are 13.
- Elementary School until 16.
- Secondary School from 16.
- Start their day at 8.00am.
- Lessons are 45 minutes.
- 10 min break between every lesson.
- Learn same lessons as us. Except their second language is English.
- Stay in school with clubs until 5.00pm.
- 90 min lunch.
- At least 2 hours homework a day in primary School.
- No official uniform. However parents will often create one.
- No packed lunches. Everybody has a buffet meal.
- Every school has a doctor and nurse.
- Every school has a policeman.
- No lunchtime staff. Children look after themselves.
- Different teachers for every subject (maths, Science, history, English etc)

How will this trip impact my child?

- This trip is the opportunity of a life time for your child to build confidence, find out more about life in China and the opportunities that this may open up, along with life-long friendships.
- Your child will unlock the culture of tomorrow! This trip will inspire, equip and support them to succeed in life and learning. Also, it gives them the chance to feel proud by being ambassadors of the school and the UK.



What will the trip entail?

- An 8 day itinerary
- 3/4 days immersion at your sister school
- 2 days sightseeing

You will be completely immersed in a very different culture. It will be exciting, shocking, thrilling and moving all at once.

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2019 UK Student Exchange Trip to China

— Experience Itinerary

1. Proposed time of trip

March/April 2020

2. Length of visit: 8 days

3. Number of students and staff: **Mini** 10 students +1 teacher

4. Main destination: Ningbo, China

5. Price: **1549 GBP** per student/ teacher (under 20 students); **1382GBP** per student/ teacher (above 20 students, including 20); Every ten students, one free teacher

including:

- Total 4 nights 3-star (or above) hotel stay in Taicang and 1 nights 3-star(or above) hotel stay in Shanghai
- International flight
- Local transportation in China, including Chinese airport transfers
- All meals in China
- One local ACUK staff member / interpreter will accompany the group
- Chinese visa application
- All sightseeing activities.

6. Extra service available (Please ask ACUK staff to enquire the price):

- UK Airport transfer
- Travel dairies

• **Attention:**

The price is subject to change dependent on dates, itineraries and numbers.



2020 Experience Itinerary

Day	Breakfast	Morning	Lunch	Afternoon	Dinner	Accommodation
1	/			Depart from Manchester	On plane	On plane
2	On plane	Arrive in Shanghai, Shanghai sightseeing	On plane	Shanghai sightseeing: The Bund, Xintiandi	Local restaurant	Hotel in Shanghai
3	At hotel	Shanghai sightseeing: Shanghai museum	Local restaurant	Shanghai sightseeing: yuyuan, transfer to Taicang	Local restaurant	Hotel in Taicang
4	At hotel	School visiting	School Canteen	School visiting	Local restaurant	Hotel in Taicang
5	At hotel	School visiting	School Canteen	School visiting	Local restaurant	Hotel in Taicang
6	At hotel	School visiting	School Canteen	School visiting	Local restaurant	Hotel in Taicang
7	At hotel	Transfer to Shanghai, Shanghai sightseeing: Zhujiajiao	Local restaurant	Transfer to airport, depart from Shanghai	Local restaurant	Transfer to airport
8	At hotel	Arrive in Manchester	/			

• **Attention:**

1. Please be aware that the school can still adjust the itinerary based on the actual situation;
2. Please use this itinerary as a reference.

Key Questions

When is the trip?

March/April 2020 (dates tbc)

How much does it cost?

No more than £1000 (*dependent on numbers) TBC. We are subsidising this. We will get children involved in fundraising.

Is there a deposit?

Yes. A deposit of £200 to secure a place would be required by 29th March. 50% by 30th September (you can pay at your pace). Last payment by 24th January 2020.

What does the cost include?

Flights, visas, accommodation, internal transport, all meals, sightseeing and translator/interpreters/guides.

What do I need? Spending money and transport to the airport in the UK.



Key Questions

Is it safe to send my child?

There are thorough risk assessments and a member of TEP staff accompanying the group. We have been doing this trips for several years working with local governments around China and areas in the UK. This is an added security layer as the Chinese Education Bureau is overseeing the trips also.

What about the Visa process?

We will send you all the paperwork for you to fill and we will explain the Visa process closer to the time.

There will be a preparation for China session before departure to answer any questions and ensure everyone is aware of what to expect,



Key Questions

What clothing will they need?

- Climate is similar. Temp will be 15-20 degrees Celsius.
- Need a few changes of clothes, pyjamas, their school uniform x 2 etc.
- We will provide a school hoodie and t-shirt for airport/travel.

Will the accommodation be secure?

Yes. They will be in secure hotels, with locked rooms, CCTV and security guards. Staff nearby in all areas.

Which staff are going?

Mrs Skarrats Jackson and Year 6 team with staff from other schools. We are aiming for 1:5 ratio.

What about food?

Generally there is a mixture of Chinese food and western food in hotel. Always Chinese food in supermarkets. Lots of supermarkets in Tiancang but minimal fast food.

How will you manage the airport?

School groups are normal. Closely supervised at all times and supported with passport/via control.
Guide meets us in Shanghai.



Key Questions

Will the children have Mandarin tuition before they go?

- Yes. Once we know numbers we will arrange this from September 2019.

Will there be further meetings?

- Yes. We will plan at least two pre-departure meetings in Autumn/Spring terms.

Will my child's medication be managed?

- Yes. We can take prescribed medication (over 50mls will have to go in suitcases). Staff will make arrangements for this prior to departure?

Will the children need a lot of spending money?

- No. Just some money for treats and souvenirs.



So what now?

Important information:

Send home form to fill in and confirm your expression of interest and return by Wednesday 6th March.

We will then be asking for deposits before the Spring break on Parent Pay. (29th March). This is when you confirm your participation. Deposits are non refundable.

- You will be able to pay in instalments at your own pace. 50% by September 30th 2018. This will be non refundable at this point.
- Full payment by 24th January 2020.
- Check passports have at least 6 months left following dates of travel, will need them for visa application in September.
- Take a photocopy of the passport info page and submit with confirmation.
- Fill in the health form and notify the school of any illnesses or allergies in September.



Few other things....

1. **Ask Mr Cassidy if you want any further information.**
2. **We will ask your child to get involved in fundraising events.**
3. **We will ask your child to support Jingmao visit on 9th, 11th and 12th July.**
4. **We will look for hosting families on those dates for evening dinner etc.**



Any questions?

There is lots of evidence of previous trips as videos and photos on Access China UK Education Facebook page and Youtube Channel (We are currently rebranding to TRUE partnerships but have been operating as Access China UK Education for the last 6 years.)