



2023 "Chinese Bridge" for UK Schools

- Exploring China Programme for Headteachers

- **Introduction**

The 2023 "Chinese Bridge" Programme for headteachers aims at enhancing educational cooperation between China and UK and promoting Chinese language and culture. Participants will visit educational institutions and schools in China, and engage in in-depth exchanges with local educational institutes and learn about Chinese culture. The programme is organized by **China Centre for Language Education and Cooperation** and co-organized by the **Xiamen University** and the **Confucius Institute at Newcastle University**.

- **Programme details**

- **Length:** 7-10 days
- **Funding:** the ground expenses (e.g., accommodation, domestic transportation, and group activities) during the period of participation in China will be sponsored by China Centre for Language Education and Cooperation
- **Criteria:**
 1. The programme is open to headteachers, school principals or co-teachers of UK schools with Chinese language and cultural programmes.
 2. Participants have not joined in this programme within the past three years.
 3. Participants should be under 65 years of age, physically healthy enough for international travel.
- **Schedule:** A tentative schedule can be found in the appendix.



- **Contact information**

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Appendix:

SCHEDULE (TBC):

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Ten days (seven days in Xiamen and three days in Beijing)

Date	Time	Activities	Venue
Day 1	Morning	Arrival in Xiamen, Airport pickup and hotel check-in	Gaoqi Airport
	14:00-17:00	Campus Tour at Xiamen University	Siming Campus
	17:30-18:30	Welcome Ceremony	Xiamen University
	19:00-20:30	Dinner Party	
Day 2	9:00-12:00	Lecture 1: General knowledge of Chinese language and culture: Chinese Food Culture and Etiquette in Chinese Characters	Xiamen University
	14:00-17:30	Visit to Xiangcheng Middle School	Xiangcheng Middle School
Day 3	9:00-12:00	Lecture 2: General Introduction to Chinese Language and Culture: The Past and Present life of Tea	Xiamen University
	14:00-17:00	Cultural Participation and Experience Class 1: Tea Ceremony	Siming District
	19:00-20:00	Cultural Participation and Experience Class 2: Appreciation of the Nanyin Performance	Xiamen South Orchestra



Day 4	9:00 – 16:00	Cultural Participation and Experience Class 3: Visit to Gulang Islet, a UNESCO Site	Gulangyu
	16:00 – 18:00	Free Tours	
	18:00 – 20:00	A bite of local food	Zhongshan Road
Day 5	9:00-12:00	Lecture 3: The Culture and Spirit of Fujian Merchants on the Maritime Silk Road	Xiamen University
	14:00-18:00	Visit to Tong'an No.1 High School	Tong'an No.1 High School of Fujian
Day 6	9:00-17:00	Maritime Silk Road Tour——Ancient Town of Quanzhou	Quanzhou
Day 7	8:00-12:00	Cultural Participation and Experience Class 3: Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture	Xiamen University
	14:00-17:00	Cultural Participation and Experience Class 5: Shadow Sculpture/ Puppet Performance and Sewing	Huihe Stone Cultural Park
	20:00	Departure for Beijing and hotel check-in	
Day 8	8:00-12:00	Tours at Tian'anmen Square & the Forbidden City	Scenic Spots
	14:00-18:00	Tours at the Summer Palace & Beijing Hutong	Scenic Spots
Day 9	8:00-12:00	Visit to the Centre for Language Education and Cooperation	Beijing
	14:00-18:00	Free Tours	
Day 10	8:00-12:00	Tour at the Great Wall	Scenic Spots
	14:00-18:00	Shopping at Silk Street Mall	Silk Street Mall
	20:00	Return	Beijing Airport