

SWIRE CHINESE
LANGUAGE CENTRE



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Boroughmuir
High School



GEORGE
WATSON'S
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James Gillespie's
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The Swire Chinese Language Centre was established in 2016 with the generous support of the Swire Chinese Language Foundation.

The Centre is a collaborative venture between three schools in the South of the city - George Watson's College, James Gillespie's High School and Boroughmuir High School. Prior to establishing the Centre, these three schools began working in partnership as the South Edinburgh Chinese Consortium.

The Centre seeks to build on the excellent provision already delivered by key partners such as the Confucius Institute for Scotland and the Scotland China Education Network, and is committed to working closely with many partners and Associates.

The Swire Chinese Language Centre Edinburgh will extend the availability of high quality Chinese teaching to all pupils in South Central Edinburgh, including offering introductory sessions for primary schools, providing professional development opportunities for teachers and hosting an outreach conference, amongst other enrichment activities.

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2 Mission and Aims of the Swire Chinese Language Centre Edinburgh



The Centre was created to enable pupils in South Central Edinburgh to access high quality opportunities to study Mandarin Chinese and enrich wider understanding of Chinese language and culture. It is intended that the Centre's work will contribute to the wider ambitions of the Scottish Government's policy on Modern Languages 1+2.

The Centre has two aims:

i. To increase access to high quality opportunities for pupils to study Mandarin Chinese

The aim of the Centre is that all pupils in the three schools comprising the Consortium should have the opportunity to study Chinese either as a curriculum enrichment opportunity or as a core part of their curriculum.

The Centre is committed to extending its reach to additional schools through introductory sessions, particularly focusing on primary pupils in South Central Edinburgh.

The Centre also seeks to remove limitations and support more pupils to study Mandarin Chinese to a high level, by offering teaching towards Higher and Advanced Higher qualifications as well as the International Baccalaureate Diploma.

ii. To provide a range of enrichment activities which raise the profile of Chinese language and culture and encourage positive interactions between pupils of different schools

The Centre will act as a hub which offers enrichment activities to provide opportunities for pupils of different schools to form positive relationships as a result of their shared learning of Chinese language.

In addition, the Centre aims to raise broader awareness of Chinese language and culture throughout South Central Edinburgh by showcasing current activity and reaching out to those schools who may be interested in offering Mandarin Chinese in future years.

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Boroughmuir High School is situated in South Central Edinburgh within 1km of both George Watson's College and James Gillespie's High School. Providing comprehensive education for secondary pupils, it is a co-educational and non-denominational school.

The vision of the school is to ensure a confident, nurturing and inclusive learning community where all achieve their full potential and embrace life's challenges.

The school celebrated its Centenary in 2004. It has been on its site in the Bruntsfield/Viewforth area since 1913, and will relocate to a new school building in Fountainbridge as part of the Scottish Government's rebuild project in 2017.

Boroughmuir offers a wide range of curricular and extra-curricular provision, and is committed to developing its Chinese provision as part of the Swire Chinese Language Centre Edinburgh. Pupils are encouraged to exercise personalisation and choice, and pupils can also capitalise on the school's excellent links with neighbouring provision by accessing courses at George Heriot's, Firrhill, James Gillespie's, Liberton, St Thomas of Aquin's, Gracemount and Edinburgh College.

Boroughmuir High School was awarded the accolade of Sunday Times State School of the Year in November 2012.

For more information about Boroughmuir High School, please visit www.boroughmuirhighschool.org



**Over 1,150
pupils on roll**



**Provision for
pupils aged
11–18**



George Watson's College is the largest single site independent school in the United Kingdom, welcoming pupils from nursery through to secondary education. It was originally funded by the will of George Watson, who died in 1721.

Watson's champions excellent education through endeavour and achievement in the classroom and beyond.

The school offers a wide range of Chinese provision, which will be expanded through the Swire Chinese Language Centre Edinburgh. The current offer includes introductory sessions in Mandarin Chinese as part of the Junior Curriculum, alongside opportunities to study towards National 5, Higher or Advanced Higher qualifications and the International Baccalaureate in the Senior School.

Watson's has an established exchange programme, which takes place each year with a Junior High School in Taiwan. Additionally, a "Gap Year" opportunity exists for a pupil to work at the school after they have left Watson's. The school also has numerous cultural links with Hong Kong and mainland China through its extensive international Former Pupil network, which includes a Watsonian Branch in Hong Kong.

George Watson's College owns one of the most significant collections of Chinese artefacts, archival material and early photographs in Europe, being the collections of its former pupil, Sir James Haldane Stewart Lockhart (1858–1937), sometime Registrar General of Hong Kong (1887–1901) and Commissioner of Weihaiwei (1902–1921). The collections are currently in the custody of the National Museum of Scotland, The National Library of Scotland and National Portrait Gallery and the school is developing plans to use the items more systematically in the cultural education of pupils.

For more information about George Watson's College, please visit www.gwc.org.uk



**Over 2,350
pupils on roll**



**Provision for
pupils aged
3–18**



James Gillespie's High School, founded in 1803, is a comprehensive secondary school which sits close to George Watson's College and Boroughmuir High School in the heart of the beautiful city of Edinburgh.

The school's vision is to provide a curriculum which enables all learners to achieve their potential and aims for excellence in learning and teaching.

James Gillespie's 18th Century vision for inclusion and high quality education endures and continues in the new school campus which was completed in 2016. Over the 212 years of its history, the school has retained a unique status amongst Edinburgh people, with a consistent ethos of high educational standards and valuing students' individual talents and strengths. The school is proud of its multicultural mix, which has evolved over its long history and is a vast source of strength.

The school currently offers some Chinese classes and will extend this provision in the future as part of the Swire Chinese Language Centre Edinburgh.

James Gillespie's offers a wide range of curricular and extra-curricular provision. Like Boroughmuir, the school is committed to offering access to neighbourhood provision at other schools. Some senior pupils also choose to attend courses run by Edinburgh College and at local universities.

James Gillespie's High School was named Scottish State School of the Year by The Sunday Times in November 2015.

For more information, please visit www.jamesgillespies.co.uk



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5 The Centre's Offer



The aim of the Swire Chinese Language Centre Edinburgh is that *all* pupils in the area will eventually have the opportunity to study Mandarin Chinese either as a core part of their curriculum or through an enrichment opportunity, and that more pupils will have the option to study the language at a higher level.

The Centre will therefore work to extend the availability of high quality opportunities to study Mandarin Chinese and provide a range of enrichment activities to bring pupils and schools together throughout the year.

The Centre will offer:

High quality teaching

- ★ The Swire Chinese Language Centre Edinburgh will work in partnership to offer more pupils the opportunity to study Mandarin Chinese by extending teaching provision and support, offering high quality curriculum lessons in Consortium schools from the first year of secondary provision upwards.
- ★ The work of the Centre will enable pupils to take qualifications in Chinese at all levels including Advanced Higher and International Baccalaureate Diploma so they are able to study the language to the level of their choice.
- ★ The Centre will also provide teachers with ongoing support and professional development.
- ★ All teachers are fully qualified and registered with the General Teaching Council for Scotland, are from a variety of backgrounds and have a range of specialisms with language teaching.





Introductory sessions

- ★ Outreach work will be co-ordinated by the Centre, including introductory sessions with primary schools in the South Central Edinburgh area.
- ★ The introductory sessions will raise awareness of current provision and offer a chance for pupils to try out Mandarin Chinese which will help to inform their language choices when they reach secondary school.

Enrichment opportunities

- ★ The Centre will host exciting and engaging events including an Outreach Conference and a celebration of Chinese New Year to showcase current activity and raise awareness of opportunities to get involved.
- ★ A Learners' Conference will also be held to bring together pupils across South Central Edinburgh to immerse them in Chinese language and support them building positive relationships with pupils from other schools.
- ★ The Centre will work with other organisations to seek innovative opportunities to raise awareness of Chinese language and culture across Edinburgh.

Trips and exchanges

- ★ George Watson's College will continue to build on established exchange arrangements with a Junior High School in Taiwan.
- ★ The Centre will develop exchanges and trips to enable pupils to experience China for themselves and will seek to source Gap Year placements for leavers.

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If you would like more information about the Swire Chinese Language Centre Edinburgh, please visit our webpage: www.swirecentreedinburgh.org.uk

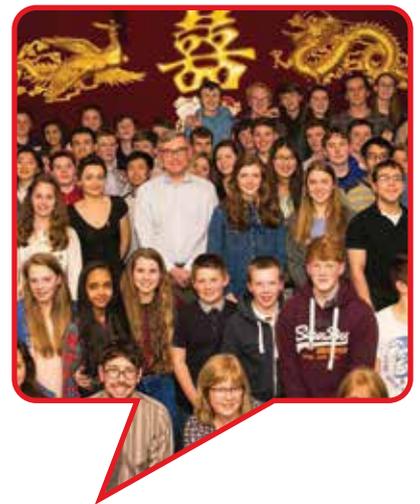
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