Colchester County High School for Girls
Norman Way, Colchester CO3 3US

Our Ref: SPG/LPY

19 October 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Colchester County High School for Girls is proud to host the online cross-MAT Chinese program for schools within the Alpha Trust.

The aim of the program is to learn basic Chinese with the potential to take the YCT1 examination if desired. The YCT1 (Youth Chinese Test 1) is the first level of the Youth Chinese Test (YCT), which is an international Chinese language proficiency examination designed for non-native Chinese learners, especially young people. It is administered by Hanban, the organisation responsible for promoting Chinese language and culture globally.

Our course is led by our Chinese Assistant Ms. Fu. Ms. Fu is currently running CCHSG's YCT2 year 8 program. After the 10-week program, your child will have learnt all the required vocabulary to take the examination if desired. Students in year 7 at CCHSG, students from years 7 and 8 at The Gilberd School, Manningtree High School, The Trinity School and students in year 6 at Home Farm Primary School are invited to attend. No prior knowledge of Chinese is required to take part in the program.

The following table has the dates and times for each session

4 November 2026 Wednesday 17:00-17:45	1 Greetings – Students will learn common greetings e.g. hello, goodbye, my name is etc.
11 November 2026 Wednesday 17:00-17:45	2 Time and dates – Students will learn the numbers from one to ten and how to tell the time
18 November 2026 Wednesday 17:00-17:45	3 People Students will learn to introduce their family members and be able to say whether they have or don't have siblings
25 November 2026 Wednesday 17:00-17:45	4 Unit review + Culture – Recap of unit with additional incorporated culture
2 December 2026 Wednesday 17:00-17:45	5 Body parts – Students will learn the different body parts and adjectives to describe them
9 December 2026 Wednesday 17:00-17:45	6 Animals – Students will combine have and don't have as well as adjectives with the following animals
16 December 2026 Wednesday 17:00-17:45	7 Places – Students will learn to say people are going to/coming from and are at different places
6 January 2027 Wednesday 17:00-17:45	8 Food and Drink – Students will learn about how to say which food and drink they like.
13 January 2027 Wednesday 17:00-17:45	9 Unit review + Culture – Recap of unit with additional incorporated culture
20 January 2027 Wednesday 17:00-17:45	10 Full review + quiz – Recap of entire course with additional incorporated culture

If your child would like to attend the sessions, please complete the following form by Thursday 29 October 2026. 2026 YCT1 Chinese Program

Should you have any questions regarding this program, please feel free to contact me via spage@cchsg.com

Yours Sincerely

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