

# Adult Education Course Information

IMPINGTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

**Course Title:** Mandarin Chinese for Beginners

## Course Description:

This course is aimed at learners with no previous knowledge of Mandarin Chinese, but willing to embark on a life-changing intercultural journey.

Built on a mix of traditional and technology-based teaching, it provides an opportunity to practice communication in real-life situations.

Through a range of activities, students gradually build their vocabulary and fluency, learn how to write characters at a basic level, and discover Chinese culture.

<b>Start Date:</b>	Tuesday 16 January 2024
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Tuesday 6.00pm – 7.15pm
<b>Venue:</b>	Impington Village College, New Road, CB24 9LX

## Tutor Details:

Antonietta specialises in adult education and has taught languages at all levels in post-16 education for thirteen years. A linguist by passion, training, and trade, she has spent her life across Italy, China and the UK working as a language teacher, translator, and interpreter. Antonietta holds an integrated BA+MA in Translation and conference interpreting with Italian, English and Mandarin Chinese.

<b>Number of weeks:</b>	10
<b>Terms:</b>	1
<b>Fee per term:</b>	£70

<b>Concessionary Fee:</b>	£52.50
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<b>Course Level:</b>	Beginner – Level 1
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### Course Aims & Objectives:

This course aims at enabling learners to use Mandarin Chinese to exchange information and communicate ideas at a basic level. To this end, it equips students with listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, as well as some knowledge of Chinese culture. By the end of the ten weeks, learners have the necessary tools to survive in a range of everyday situations, by means of simple and effective language.

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### Progression – After this course, what might you do next?

By the end of this course, learners will be equipped to continue studying Mandarin Chinese at Beginner 2 level.

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### How progress and success will be recorded:

The course is based on closely guiding and supporting students, both in class and at home, to help them make the most of their learning. There are no tests or exams: oral feedback is provided in lessons, and students wishing to submit their homework will be offered written feedback as well.

**Additional Course Costs:** (e.g., Visits; Materials; Books)

Learning material will be provided (some on paper, other in electronic format), so there are no additional costs.

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**Materials / Equipment Required for First Class:**

Learners are advised to bring a notebook and pens/pencils; squared paper for writing practice will be provided.

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**Contact for further information:**

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**Enrolment & Payment:** online via our website, or in person on Wednesday mornings between 9am and 12pm in the main College reception.

**Refunds:** Refunds are only available if we close a class or you choose to withdraw no less than two weeks before the start date. In the latter instance, there will be an administrative charge of £5.00. If a class is cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control, such as snow or tutor illness, an extra class or classes will be added to the programme and no refund will be available.

**Concessionary Fees:** Concessionary discounts of 25% (excluding materials) are available if you are in receipt of a means-tested benefit: JSA/ESA or Universal Credit; Carers Allowance or a social care assessment (EHCP, DLA PIP). Evidence of this must be presented on enrolment. It is also possible to pay by instalments - please ask for details.

**ELA employees also receive a 50% discount on any adult education classes.**