The People’s Republic of China
International Visit 2010
Xi’an No 85 Middle School

Mr Billings, Headteacher
All Hallows Catholic College
From Manchester to China
Via Frankfurt (Germany)

2 hours + 15 hours
Cultural Familiarisation in Beijing

Friday 星期五 Saturday 星期六
15-16 October 十月 2010

Summer Palace

The Great Wall

The Great Wall of China is the longest man-made structure in the world.
This section of the Great Wall is in Badaling, close to Beijing, which was built during the Ming Dynasty.
Tian’anmen Square is the largest public square in the world and the place where state occasions are held.
Language sounds, writing and number are very different!

Days of the Week

To hear the days of the week pronounced:
http://mandarin.about.com/od/educationlearning/a/calendar_2.htm

Write to Zero to 10

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If 11 is 十一 Can you work out what numbers 12 to 19 would look like?
If 20 is 二十 Can you work out what numbers 20 to 29 would look like?

http://mandarin.about.com/od/vocabulary/a/numbers.htm
Traditional Chinese Arts

Chinese calligraphy
The word ‘respect’, one of our core values for display at All Hallows

Chinese artist painting a Great Wall scene.
Our Link School is Xi’an No 85 Middle School

Mao Zedong was the founder of modern China and is still regarded by the Chinese as one of their great leaders.

The national emblem of the People’s Republic of China
Arrival in Xi’an 西安
Sunday禮拜日　17 October　十月2010

Welcome dinner: Shaanxi Education Department

The Golden Flower Hotel and Conference Centre

Xi’an is the oldest city in China, located in Shaanxi Province, one of 23 provinces. It is associated with the 13 ancient dynasties ruled by emperors. It is now a bustling modern city with many tower blocks and cars. The two letters of Xi’an, 西安, stand for ‘western peace.’ When Roman letters are used to make the sound of Chinese words, this is called ‘pinyin.’
Monday Flag Raising Ceremony (at No 89)
Xi’an No 85 Middle School

Flag Raising at No 89

Welcome to No 85

Every school begins with a Monday morning outdoor assembly

Every school has an administrative block with a board room
School Leaders

Vice Principals
Mr Yang Zhibin
Mr Nie Zhongnin
Ms Heng Ying

Head of English (Ryan)
Mr Huo Xinli

Headteacher of All Hallows Catholic College
Mr Billings
Teachers

Ms Sun Chongzhao and Ms Qi Xiaojuan
Welcome to the ‘President’ of All Hallows Catholic College!

**Introductions**

The red banners are very common in China. ‘President’ is a name given to a Headteacher or Principal.

**Gift Presentation**

A china tea set
Welcome meal with Assistant Principals

For students aged 11 to 17 who have to sit entrance examinations.

The Principal was away in Beijing for training.
Meeting in a room filled with toys; normally for students who need ‘time out’

This lesson is experimental in this school – seems to be like Personal and Social Education
Pioneer Ceremony

Junior students belong to this group which is connected to The Party.

3,000 students aged 11 to 17
Furniture design using card in an art lesson. The text book page for the lesson is shown. Students stay in their classroom and teachers move to them.

Students are keen to have E Pals. Facebook and twitter are not available in China. There is an alternative called QQ.
Social time – 2 hour Lunch

Student Voice

Students are keen to hear English spoken by someone from the UK.
Senior boys waiting for class

Sports area – surrounded by school buildings

For some lessons the students move from their class base to specialist facilities.

PE lessons last for 45 minutes and students perform exercises in unison. They do not change for PE.
Mr Billings teaching English

Sites of Xi’an

1. Terracotta Army
2. Wild Goose Pagoda
3. Drum Tower
4. Mount Hua
5. City Wall
6. Tang Paradise

Mr Billings tries to use co-operative lesson structures with a class of 60 students; they ask for autographs afterwards!
Cementing a friendship with the school

The Memorandum of Agreement – 2 hours discussion!

What we’ve agreed to do:

Curriculum Projects:
- English (learning materials to them)
- Chinese (learning materials to us)
- Dance Choreography
- Music (folk music / instruments)
- Business and Enterprise
- Cross curricular China week

Communication:
- E mail Pals (students)
- Video and pod casts
- Teaching strategies
- Teacher / Student exchanges
English Class – introducing family members

The students have brought in family photographs to use.

Parents buy the text books and students write into them.
Wednesday 星期三

A text book for every subject prescribed for every school in the province.

Baseball tournaments after school every day

Students do very little writing in class but they have hours and hours of homework!

School finishes at 5pm for juniors and extra classes can continue to 10pm for some senior students.
Wednesday 星期三

Boarders’ dormitory

Lunch in the canteen

Around 1,000 students live on site because their homes are too far away.

Thin soups and noodles are very popular. Staff and students eat together.
Xi’an No 85 Middle School: Thursday

Lesson Observations
Student Voice, Site Tour

Signing Ceremony in hotel
Muslim Market visit

A Mathematics lesson. Chalkboards in every class.

A final visit to buy materials for use in our school.
Nearly all girls practice Dance before schools begins every morning. The costumes are very colourful and there are competitions between schools.
Thursday 星期四

**Table Tennis**

A popular activity during the long lunch breaks

**Sports Hall**

A massive space, four times the size of our sports hall!

**Science Laboratory**

Kept very neat and tidy. Specimens in the cupboards at the back!

**Teachers’ Offices**

Teachers’ offices in the administration block.
Terracotta Warriors

Friday 星期五 22 October 十月2010

Terracotta Warriors

Depart from Xi’an to Beijing
2 hours 30 minutes

Life size fired clay with unique individual faces.

Many treasures were found in the tombs.
Depart Beijing:
Saturday  星期六
23 October  十月2010

Beijing to Frankfurt
• 15 hours

Frankfurt to Manchester
• 2 hours

Have a look at our partner school’s website:
http://www.xa85.com/