Confucius Classroom Opening

The formal opening of our Confucius Classroom took place on Thursday 22 September 2016.

Guest speakers included Mr HAO Kuigang (Tianjin Education Commission), Mr WU Jiansheng (Head Teacher of Weishanlu High School – our partner school in Tianjin), Susan Waugh (Policy Officer Scottish Government) and Fhiona Fisher (Director of the Confucius Institute for Scotland's Schools).

We were particularly pleased to welcome Mr Hao and Mr Wu and their colleagues WANG Junyan and ZHANG Jianqing who had travelled all the way from Tianjin for the occasion.

The ceremony was led by the S6 pupils who had participated in the summer immersion course in Tianjin in July 2016. They shared with us their reflections on this wonderful opportunity.

Our guests were entertained by singing from Primary 3, a medley of traditional Scottish songs performed by our fiddle group and renditions of 'Lan Hua Hua' and 'Auld Lang Syne' both sung in Mandarin by the Senior Girls Ensemble.

The ceremony was attended by all pupils in P7 and S1 all of whom commenced learning Mandarin at the start of session 2016-17 along with the senior pupils studying Mandarin as a general interest course and some 30 guests.

Following the ceremony our guests visited the Confucius Classroom in the south campus before enjoying a delightful lunch with the sixth year in the Learning Zone.

In the afternoon Mr Hao and Mr Wu took the opportunity to visit Primary and Secondary classrooms.

On Tuesday 20th our visitors from China attended the UK and Republic of Ireland Confucius Classroom Conference 2016 held in Glasgow. The conference was attended also by Mrs Fortune, Mrs Helary-Quinn (Director of Languages) and Dr Thomson.

We are indebted to Mrs Fortune for all of her efforts in acting as translator throughout the visit.

SWIRE CHINESE LANGUAGE PROGRAMME
太古中文教育项目

The **Swire Chinese Language Centre** at Jordanhill School opened in August 2016. It is led by Mrs Yuwen Fortune, Principal Teacher of Mandarin who also coordinates the work of our Confucius Classroom.

In its first year the Centre is teaching Mandarin to pupils from P5 to S1 and offering taster experiences to S5-S6 and to staff. Over the coming sessions the teaching of Mandarin will roll out from S2 with National Qualifications being offered in S4-S6.

From 2017-18 the Centre intends to offer Mandarin as an option to pupils in St. Thomas Aquinas and Knightswood Secondary schools from S2 onwards. Pupils wishing to study Higher or Advanced Higher will attend classes at Jordanhill.

Developing an understanding of Chinese culture is another key feature of the Centre's work. A wide variety of activities and events support this.

- In July 2017 a group of 10 pupils and a teacher will participate in the summer immersion course in Tianjin.
- Three of our pupils will commence year-long scholarships at the International University in Tianjin in September 2017.
- In October 2017 a group of 26 pupils and 4 staff go on a 14 day trip to Tianjin and Beijing.