

# Welsh Bacculaureate in Chinese

## 中文“威尔士学位课程”

The first Welsh Bacculaureate in Chinese took place at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bryn Tawe, Swansea during 22nd - 26th June 2009. Twenty one sixth formers completed a 20-hour course as part of the Welsh Bacculaureate core module: "Wales, Europe and the World". The course was delivered by instructors from the Confucius Institute at the University of Wales, Lampeter.

The course included Chinese language lessons, lectures on Chinese religion and culture, calligraphy workshops, Tai Chi, block printing and paper cutting, as well as a practical cookery class where students made - and ate - Chinese dumplings.

Graham Daniels, Deputy Head Teacher at the school, described the course as "a fascinating variety of intensive, high quality sessions in Chinese language and culture. The instructors were lively and professional and their infectious passion for China engaged all abilities. Student feedback about the course was extremely positive, and by the end of the week they had gained a real insight into China - highly recommended."

A second Welsh Bacculaureate was taught to students from Newcastle Emlyn Secondary School on 6th, 8th and 9th July, 2009. Fifty sixth formers came to the University of Wales, Lampeter to learn Chinese language in the morning and experience Tai Chi in the afternoon. The students sampled Chinese food for dinner and watched a Chinese film to give them a full taste of China.

During these two activities, we launched ULearn Chinese, a textbook developed jointly by Lampeter Confucius Institute and local language teacher Ena Niedergang. The textbook has received positive feedback.



A full taste of Chinese cooking



Chinese calligraphy

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