

# Cardiff Sixth Formers are Treated to a China Week

## 卡迪夫中学生体验‘中国周’

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Professor Fu, the Educational Director of the Confucius Institute, explained the purpose of the week: "The 'China week' was a pilot programme targeted at secondary school pupils involving 30 sixth-formers, from 6th to 10th July. It provided intensive training in Mandarin Chinese and various aspects of Chinese culture including calligraphy, Taiji and traditional cooking".

Speaking after the event Mr Ali Chishti, a teacher in Community Languages from Cathays stated "the length of the sessions was perfect, it kept pupils engaged. Pupils gained a greater

understanding and appreciation of Chinese Culture and Language. It was an excellent, well planned week". He went on to explain that the China week had contributed towards the sixth formers Welsh Baccalaureate programme.

The week concluded with Cathays High School and the Confucius Institute joining students from nine other Welsh schools to participate in the 10th Welsh International Dimension in Education (WIDE) Award Day. This annual event organized by the British Council Wales, with support from Welsh Assembly Government, enabled award winning schools to share a full day of Chinese Cultural activities.

The week's programme was summed up by Ilwad Younis, one of Cathays' sixth-formers: "I really enjoyed learning to write with Chinese Calligraphy and practicing with my own name. I also



Tutors from the Welsh Bacc course

enjoyed learning the actual language of Chinese and having short conversations with my peers. Taiji is something I also really enjoyed".

Prof Fu concluded: "The China Week this year was a great success, and it is expected that similar events will be organized for more local schools next year."

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