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NEWS INFORMATION

CHINESE TEACHERS VISITED ST BART'S

New links between St Bartholomew's School and China have been established as about 20 teachers from Beijing Number 80 Middle School called in to the Newbury school for a day on Tuesday 9 February following an invitation to observe British education in practice. The teachers were in the UK attending a three week course at Oxford University on British Education.

The Chinese guests were welcomed by St Bart's headteacher Mrs Christina Haddrell and Head of Modern Foreign Languages Mrs Mary Wood who arranged the visit. A group of students learning Chinese gave a short presentation in Mandarin Chinese about St Bart's before the visitors met members of staff, toured the school and observed some of the day's lessons.

Mrs Haddrell commented: "We were delighted to welcome the teachers from Beijing and they expressed interest in our new school buildings and specialism in Business & Enterprise. This visit provided an extra dimension to global citizenship and enrichment within our school community and further strengthens our international links.

"The students in our Mandarin Chinese classes really appreciated the opportunity to try out their language skills, especially as some of them will be travelling to China in the summer for the first educational exchange with our partner school in Qingdao."

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Students at St Bart's can choose to learn Mandarin Chinese as an after school lesson and this option is very popular among all age groups. Links between St Bart's and schools in Qingdao and Shanghai have grown over the last couple of years and this visit has created further opportunities to open new associations in Beijing.

Beijing No 80 Middle School was founded in 1956 as is one of the city's 'Beacon' High Schools.

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