Dear Parents/Carers

SCILT (Scotland’s Centre for Languages)/CISS ( Confucius Institute for Scottish Schools) has partnered with e-Sgoil to contribute to their national offer of timetabled, live-streamed classes that will support youngsters of all ages throughout the period of school closures.

Sgoil being the gaelic for school!  The e sgoil is based in Stornoway on Lewis, my home island, and operates from the building where my English classroom was when I was in High School.  It would be the ultimate dream to have everyone come back fluent in Gaelic. There is however much more on offer than just Gaelic classes.

These interactive, real-time classes are all led by experienced language educators on a secure platform.  All participants will require is access to a computer and their Glow password. Do note that some of the classes are already fully subscribed but you can be put on a waiting list and they are looking at extending the provision.

They are ideal to supplement and enhance the work that teachers are preparing and providing, and could be used as extension work or wider achievement opportunities.

For Primary pupils there are interactive, culturally rich activities suitable for family learning.  Youngsters can explore new languages and cultures that might not be otherwise available to them.

A six week block of Mandarin classes suitable for primary schools and a 6 week block for BGE will be taught by an experienced GTCS registered teacher of Mandarin.  In addition, there is also the opportunity to explore Italian and Arabic for those looking to try something new.

Please also note the sessions provided in collaboration with Keep Scotland Beautiful that will be of interest to many of our pupils and especially as we think of our Eco Schools award. In addition for those of you with Secondary aged children there are lessons aimed at supporting youngsters who are about to enter new senior phase classes, the NQ courses will focus on providing an overview of the year ahead and will develop the skills required for success at each level.  Complementing what will be offered by their own schools and classroom teachers, these courses will give young people the best possible start to their new language courses under the present circumstances.  Courses are offered for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Mandarin as well as French, Spanish, German, Italian and Gaelic.

Kind regards

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