

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal Profile

I have been teaching language (either Mandarin or English) in both mainstream and non-mainstream school settings since graduating from the University of Edinburgh in 2008 with an MA in Chinese and a distinction in spoken Chinese. In 2014 I became the UK's first full time primary school Mandarin teacher after several years of teaching ESL in China and South Korea and running my own small English school in China. As I approached 30 I decided to expand my horizons and branched out of teaching and into translating and social media marketing, after a few years of intellectually stimulating but often solitary work on a computer I became more certain than ever that teaching is the career path for me and I moved into full time EAL teaching in the Taiwanese public school system in 2019. Working with students, watching them grow and learn within a school environment and knowing that my input and effort has played a part in their progress is by far the most rewarding vocation.

Work Experience

August 2019 to present

ESL teacher in Kaohsiung City Elementary schools (Chung-Kung Elementary School and Le-Chyun Elementary School). In this role I created English teaching materials, worked closely with colleagues, attended regular meetings and ensured that high standards of teaching and learning were maintained within a safe and nurturing environment both inside and outside of the classroom. I have organised regular English training sessions for non-native English teachers and coordinated with colleagues to ensure children achieve their best.

September 2015 to August 2019

Self-employed **part time Mandarin and ESL teacher**, taught online and in person. Taught Mandarin at the London Christian School. **Social Media Marketing**, ran social media campaigns for various small enterprises and started the Mandarin 4 Kids online teaching programme with Little Dragons, trained employees in how to teach Mandarin and created the company's Mandarin curriculum.

Freelance translator, translated various materials including videogame scripts and marketing materials from Chinese (traditional and simplified) into English.

September 2014 to August 2015

Mandarin Teacher at Brighton College Prep & Pre-Prep Schools.

At Brighton College I developed the entire Primary Mandarin curriculum from scratch and taught children from Reception up to Year 8. Worked closely with teachers across all year groups to promote Mandarin both inside and outside the classroom and participated in the wider life of the school.

September 2013 to August 2014

Edgehill University PGCE

UK teacher training (Post Graduate Certificate in Education)
The PGCE contained many units of EAL training.

February 2013 to August 2013

Business Chinese Solutions (BCS), Liverpool

With BCS I made my first steps into teaching in British primary schools. I

worked closely with BCS to develop their Mandarin curriculum and teaching materials.

August 2009 to December 2012

Teaching ESL in China and South Korea, working at cram schools in Korea and teaching undergraduates in China. I set up a small cram school in China. Gained invaluable experience of working across cultures, got my first experience of teaching and learned the value of working with colleagues to ensure children thrive.

Education and Qualifications

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| 2013-2014 | Edgehill University
PGCE (post graduate certificate in education)
Secondary MFL Mandarin with French |
| 2004-2008 | University of Edinburgh
MA Hons Chinese 2:1 with distinction for spoken Chinese
Courses included Chinese language (Mandarin), Chinese history, literature and translation. |
| 2002-2004 | Halewood Comprehensive Sixth Form 2002-2004
A levels, A History, B English Literature, B Philosophy and Ethics.
AS levels, C French |