

Happy Chinese New Year 2017



Cherwell College Oxford celebrated the Chinese Year of the Rooster on Monday night. The rooster is the tenth in the twelve-year cycle of Chinese zodiac sign. The rooster is considered the epitome of fidelity and punctuality.

For this occasion, the College chef prepared a delicious dinner for all comprising traditional Chinese delicacies which were enjoyed by all. Following dinner, our Chinese students talked about the different ways in which they celebrate this occasion – detailing some quintessential traditions, customs and family quirks.

A-Level student, Pengzhou was an active participant in this discussion who answered all questions from the floor – explaining the mythological story associated with the 12 zodiac signs of the Chinese calendar, the symbol of the Dragon, the difference in cuisine across the different parts of China, and finally went on to mathematically explaining the way in which the Chinese calendar works. Pengzhou's presentation captured and captivated the audience and other students cited similarities with their own culture and tradition – making the evening both gastronomically and intellectually delightful.

Cherwell College is proud to have such a truly international environment – a beautiful mix of different cultures from across the world! We wish you happiness and prosperity this Chinese New Year 2017!