

# Asking for Forgiveness not Permission

The birth and impact of the Swire Chinese Language Centre, Edinburgh

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# Context - SCLCE

- Began operation in August 2016
- 3 School Independent/State School Partnership – BHS/JGHS/GWC;
- 21 Schools (8 High Schools) and 2400 pupils engaged with the SCLCE;
- 8 FTE teachers (compared to 15.2 FTE for all the LAs in Scotland);
- Total budget: +/- £2.7M over 10 years
- GWC employs all teachers and manages deployment with additional governance from an Advisory Board;
- Accounted for 20% of all Nat 5 entries in Scotland by 2019 and sometimes up to 30%;
- 100% A-C for N5, Higher, Advanced Higher since 2019
- Strong focus on addressing disadvantage and the poverty related attainment gap – Chinese is main foreign language available at Castlebrae High School in Craigmillar



# Flow Diagram to Success



# Things to Note:

- GWC and Other Core Schools provide bandwidth and know-how but no cash
- GWC provides “legal personality” – money could not have been given to LA
- No money from Scottish or Chinese Governments
- “Light Touch” accountability from funder but no stupid targets
- Impact on disadvantage and neuro-divergence nationally significant - research projects have spun off.
- A lot of blockers to overcome on the way – partnership strengthened by adversity
- Now spun off into Computing Science project on similar model.

# JGHS BHS CHS Impact:

- Increased curriculum offer
- Links to cluster Primaries
- Staff CLPL
- International links
- Pupil uptake of Mandarin.
- Staffing support.

# JGHS BHS CHS Impact:

- Opportunities for Pupils with International aspect.
- Wider engagement in curriculum.
- Pupil opportunities increased.

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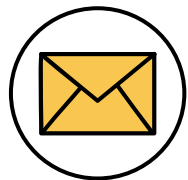
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