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CHINESE VISITORS WELCOME YEAR OF THE DRAGON AT YEOVIL COLLEGE

A group of teachers visiting Yeovil College from Shanghai will be helping staff and students celebrate Chinese New Year on Monday 23 January 2012. Visitors attending that evening's Full-time Information Evening will also have the chance to get a taste of Chinese culture.

Eleven teachers from Cao Yang Senior High School and Fengxian High School arrived at the College earlier this week. They are attending the College to learn more about teaching AS Levels, before returning to China to begin preparing their students to take the qualifications.

Nearly fifty Chinese students are expected to take exams in Physics, Chemistry, Maths and Chinese through Yeovil College. The College has an excellent reputation for teaching these subjects, with students achieving top results in last year's A Level exams.

While here, the teachers will be celebrating the start of the Year of the Dragon by giving Yeovil College staff and students a taste of Chinese culture. Students will have the opportunity to get involved in activities including traditional Chinese calligraphy lessons and cookery.

The College is holding a Full-time Information evening on Monday 23 January and, in honour of the date, it has a Chinese New Year theme. Guests will be able to see cooking demonstrations by the College's international guests until 6 pm.

Yeovil College Principal James Hampton said "*We're absolutely delighted that our visitors are going to share this important cultural event with us this year. Yeovil College is committed to providing additional opportunities for students to learn and experience other cultures. Growth in our international partnerships and relationships with schools and colleges overseas means that Yeovil College is superbly placed to do this. We are looking forward to the celebrations on 23 January and to welcoming visitors from around the area to our Full-time Information Evening.*"

The Full-time Information evening, for those interested in full-time A Level programmes, Vocational courses or Apprenticeships, will take place on Monday 23 January 2012 from 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm. For more information, visit www.yeovil.ac.uk or email info@yeovil.ac.uk.

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Photograph shows the visitors from Cao Yang Senior High School and Fengxian High School with Yeovil College principal James Hampton.