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Celebrating Chinese New Year 2025

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Lanterns · New Year Show & Carnival · Free Workshops

HISTORY OF CHINESE NEW YEAR

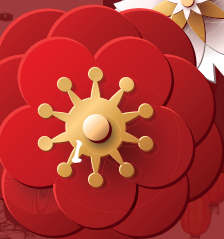
Chinese New Year is also known as the Spring Festival or the Lunar New Year. The festival celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar.

Back in the days, China and other Asian countries within Sino-sphere heavily relied on agriculture. Therefore, people from those countries discovered and followed the lunisolar calendar to decide when to plant and harvest to maximise yield.

They divide a year into twenty-four solar terms, and 'Lichun' is the first day of the spring term. Hence it is the date of the Chinese New Year. Nevertheless, the CNY festival is also a celebration of marking the end of the winter term and the beginning of the spring season. Traditionally activities would usually start from Chinese New Year's Eve until the 7th day of the Chinese New Year.

Having said that, as human society improves, nowadays, people no longer heavily rely on the lunisolar calendar for agriculture and the Chinese New Year has been transformed into a festival of family "Reunion and Bringing Happiness" and joy to the people around you.

Throughout the decades, more Chinese people migrated to different parts of the world and established their communities overseas (e.g., Chinatown and Chinese organisations). The CNY has become a well-known festival across the globe. Big cities like New York, London, Sydney, Paris etc. will have celebrations every year, including performances like the Lion and Dragon Parades and hanging Chinese Lanterns across the streets.



ZODIAC CALENDAR

											
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1937	1938	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942		1944	1945	1946	1947
1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931		1933	1934	1935
1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920		1922	1923
1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909		1911

Please try to fill in the years that missing in the calendar



ACEA 中英文化交流会

ACEA, based in Lancaster, is excited to showcase a variety of East Asian cultural experiences. Our mission is to help people understand and appreciate these rich cultures. The highlight of our events is the Chinese New Year festival, showing our commitment to sharing cultural traditions. We look forward to bringing you more cultural events and projects, each offering unique and interesting experiences. Join us in celebrating and learning about these wonderful cultures.

Stay tuned!



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Why are we organising the Chinese New Year Festival?



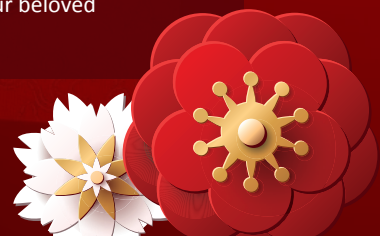
This year, the Year of the Snake, marks our fourth Chinese New Year celebration in Lancaster. It's a special time for us at Popber, as we continue our mission to share the richness of Asian cultures and celebrate one of Asia's most significant festivals with the Lancaster community.

Our passion for organizing the Chinese New Year Festival stems from a deep desire to bridge cultural gaps and bring diverse communities together. We believe that through this festival, we can showcase the vibrant traditions, colorful customs, and lively spirit of Asian cultures, creating a space for understanding, appreciation, and joy.

Each year, we strive to make the festival a reflection of both the traditional and the contemporary aspects of Asian culture. From the mesmerizing dragon and lion dances that symbolize strength and good fortune, to the variety of performances that include traditional music, dance, and opera, we aim to offer a taste of Asia's rich cultural heritage.

Moreover, this festival is more than just a celebration; it's an opportunity for local and overseas students, residents, and visitors to engage with and learn about a culture that may be different from their own. It's a chance to create new memories, forge friendships, and experience the warmth and inclusivity that Lancaster is known for.

As we prepare for this year's festivities, we invite everyone in Lancaster to join us in this celebration of culture, community, and new beginnings. Let's make the Year of the Dragon a time of shared joy and cultural exchange in our beloved



我们的初衷 Our Wishes

春节，是每一个身在他乡的游子最难割舍的眷恋，今年，我们继续和大家相聚在兰卡斯特，和大家一起庆祝这个特别的时刻。

我们深知，远在异国他乡的你们，心中怀着对家的无限眷恋。因此，我们致力于打造一个充满年味的庆祝活动，让你们即使身处英国，也能感受到家乡的温暖和欢乐。在这个小镇上，我们用年轻的激情和创意，讲述春节的故事，营造出一片红火喜庆的氛围，唤醒每一位海外华人心底的美好回忆，给你们在异国他乡的生活带来一份特别的归属感。

每逢佳节倍思亲，春节的到来，不仅是对传统文化的庆祝，更是对故乡情感的缅怀。无论我们身在何方，那份对故土的眷恋和对中华民族文化的自豪始终在我们心中深深扎根。我们克服重重困难，将传统春节元素与现代创意结合，为大家呈现一场视觉和听觉的双重盛宴。

我们诚挚邀请每一位在英国的朋友共同参与这场春节庆典。让我们在这个特别的日子里，不分你我，共同庆祝这个属于我们所有人的节日。让我们在这小镇上，共同传递华夏的情谊，一起欢庆这个属于我们的中国年！



WORDS FROM OUR SUPPORTERS



In the dark days of winter, Chinese New Year comes as a blaze of colour and life to Lancaster. Opportunity to experience more of a fascinating culture in our city which loves its cultural variety. Thank you organisers and funders, you do us proud.

— Carolin  Jackson (Leader of the Council)



We are very fortunate at Lancaster University to host a diverse population of students and staff, including a significant community of Chinese young people, many of whom will not be able to celebrate with their families, but will instead join friends, staff, fellow students and the local community to celebrate the Chinese New Year. It's a great privilege that so many within our community gather to host and celebrate the Lancaster Chinese New Year Festival and invite all to share and experience this joyful occasion, regardless of background and I hope that you will too. On behalf of Lancaster University, I would like to wish you all the very best for the New Year and an abundance of harmony, joy and good health in the year ahead for yourself, family and friends.

— Sarah Kemp (Pro Vice-Chancellor Engagement)



Wishing the city of Lancaster and the Chinese New Year Festival great success! May this vibrant celebration of culture and friendship bring joy, unity, and prosperity to all. Together, let's embrace the spirit of the Year of the Snake!

—Professor Jinghan Zeng (Director)



Once again Lancaster BID is proud to support Chinese New Year Celebrations across the city centre. The lanterns bring colour and vibrancy to the city once the Christmas lights have come down and help to encourage locals and visitors in to the city centre to support local businesses. The Chinese business community continues to grow and adds to our wealth of unique and independent establishments which make sure that Lancaster has something to offer for everyone. Love Local Love Lancaster!

— Tony Johnson Lancaster BID Manager



Happy Chinese New Year to everyone! We live in Lancaster for almost two decades and it's the time of the year to celebrate the festival with Asian community and everyone in Lancaster! We wish you a great year ahead.

- Alice Wong (owner)





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Free Workshops



Dragon Dance & Lion Dance Puppet Costumes Experience and Pitch-pot (Touhu)

Location: Market Square

Date: 26/1/2025 Sunday

Time: 10:00 – 17:00



Chinese Calligraphy, Weihai's style Paper Cutting and Traditional Chinese Costume Experience

Location: Market Square

Date: 26/1/2025 Sunday

Time: 10:00 – 17:00



Lancaster University Confucius Institute 兰卡斯特大学孔子学院



Part-time Mandarin language classes

- Open to students, staff and members of public
- The Mandarin language classes run three times a year commencing October, January and April

Part-time Chinese cultural classes

- Open to students, staff and members of public
- Taichi, Calligraphy, Dance and Painting
- The cultural classes are subject to teacher availability

Classes for children (5-11 years old)

- Lancaster Chinese weekend classes for children
- Chinese dance classes

For information and to book please visit our webpage:

www.lancaster.ac.uk/confucius-institute

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CHINESE NEW YEAR VARIETY SHOW 2025

Date & Time

19 Jan 2025, Saturday, 18:00

Location

Lancaster Grand Theatre

Performances

Chinese Dance, Traditional
Chinese Music Instruments,
Kunshan Opera & Singings Etc

Ticket price

Adult £12 / Student £8 / Children £6



TICKET INFO



FESTIVAL

CHINESE NEW YEAR 2025

Chinese New Year Cultural Variety Show

Date: 19/01/2025
Time: 6PM-8 PM
Location: Lancaster Grand Theatre

Ticket info:



Chinese New Year Outdoor Carnival

Date: 26/01/2025
Time: 10:00AM - 17:00PM
Location: Market Square & St Nics Shopping Centre
Performances: Lions and Dragon Parade,
Chinese Dances, Kungfu, Traditional Music Performances,
Singsings, Magic, Hanfu Show

Workshop Tasters: Traditional Chinese Costume Experiences,
Chinese Calligraphy, Paper Cuttings, Pitch-pot (Touhu)
and Costumes Experience (Dragon Dance & Lion Dance
Puppet) and more!



EVENTS ON SUNDAY 26/1

Location: Market Square



Dragon and Lions Parade

12:00 - 12:15 Market Square (Wake Up)

12:15 - 13:00 Around the city (Parade)

15:30 Across the streets (Lions only)



Drum performances

14:35 - 14:45

16:30 - 16:45



Chinese Music Instrument Performances

13:15 - 13:35



Kung Fu demonstration

13:45 - 14:05

15:00 - 15:15



Chinese Dance Performance

14:30 - 14:35 Performance

14:45 - 14:55 Performance

15:35 - 15:55 Dance workshop

16:20 - 16:30 Performance



Hanfu (Clothing in Han Dynasty) Show

12:15 - 12:45

Singing performances

12:20-12:45 (Children)

15:00 - 15:30

16:00-16:20

CHINESE BUSINESS IN LANCASTER

1. CHINESE HEALTH

- 📍 6 King arcade king street, LA1 1LE
- 👉 Acupuncture, medicine, cupping, allergy & food intolerance test
- ☎ 01524 847575

8. FORTUNE STAR 聚星楼

- 📍 16 dalton square, LA1 1PL
- 👉 Chinese restaurant
- ☎ 01524 842828

11. NAPOLEON 拿破仑餐厅

- 📍 8 new st, LA1 1EG
- 👉 Chinese restaurant
- ☎ 01524 383785

2. GOLDEN JADE

金玉菜馆

- 📍 91 king st, LA1 1RH
- 👉 Chinese takeaway
- ☎ 01524 66768/ 07971806537

9. TASTY WOK 好味道

- 📍 48 market st, LA1 1HS
- 👉 Chinese restaurant
- ☎ 01524 63872

12. AROMA CHEF 川越界

- 📍 30 market st, LA1 1HT
- 👉 Chinese sichuan restaurant
- ☎ 01524 845373

3. GOLDEN DRAGON

- 📍 11 george st, LA1 1XQ
- 👉 Chinese restaurant
- ☎ 01524 844966

10. EXTON HABERDASHERY

- 📍 94 st leonard's gate, LA1 1NN
- 👉 Haberdashery and clothes alteration
- ☎ 01524 383785

13. MY HOME CAFÉ 温叨咖啡

- 📍 10 gage st, LA1 1UH
- 👉 Taiwanese-hong kong style food

4. WOK EXPRESS

- 📍 60 penny st, LA1 1XF
- 👉 Chinese takeaway
- ☎ 01524 33100

5. KF ORIENTAL SUPERMARKET

金龙超市

- 📍 21 common garden st, LA1 1XD
- 👉 Chinese supermarket
- ☎ 01524 842322

6. TIAM TEA

- 📍 56 penny st, LA1 1XF
- 👉 Bubble tea
- ☎ 01524 380441

7. TASTE THE ORIENT 恒昇行

- 📍 33-35 penny st, LA1 1UA
- 👉 Asian supermarket
- ☎ 07354 676141



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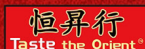


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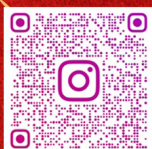
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