

Dear Year 9 Parents and Guardians,

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) is widely recognized as having significant benefits for students. Schools throughout the world have developed opportunities for their students to be involved in new challenges and learning experiences that are very different to the classroom environment.

Renaissance College promotes this philosophy to support the holistic development of each individual student. The college has established a highly valued EOTC program supporting the IB continuum of learning, beginning in the PYP and extending through the MYP. EOTC is a fundamental aspect of the school curriculum and it is an expectation that all Year 9 students participate in this event.

The Year 9 residential camp will take place between **Monday 12 - Friday 16 November 2018**. During this time students will learn and develop key lifelong learning skills, such as collaboration, resilience, problem solving and team building as part of the school's Positive Education Programme and in alignment with the IB Learner Profile attributes.

AIMS

The Year 9 experience is designed to meet the following aims:

Acceptance of group and personal responsibility.	Accepting challenges, risk-taking, decision making & thinking laterally.
Appreciation of nature & increased awareness of environmental concerns.	Appreciating differences in individual performance.

The Year 9 camp differs to the previous year's EOTC programs. Year 9 EOTC experience is designed along the lines of an **Adventure Race** (similar to The Amazing race). Students will be working in teams of nine, supported by a member of the APA staff. The teams will be taking part in a series of timed challenges throughout the week in a variety of Hong Kong locations along with the more familiar physical EOTC experiences. The groups earn points for their challenge each day. At the end of the week the points will be added up and a winning team will be named and celebrated. We piloted this style of activity in 2015 and it was extremely successful with our Year 9 students.

A full program summary for the Year 9 2018-19 program is available on the EOTC webpage <http://www.rchk.edu.hk/education-classroom/>

SERVICE PROVIDER

Asia Pacific Adventure (APA) have industry-leading standards of staff training and safety, and being Hong Kong based have an extensive understanding of the environment and the Hong Kong students. More information can be found at www.asiapacificadventure.com/index.php



EOTC Checklist

*All forms and deposits must be in by **Monday 17 September 2018***

Please make sure the following has been completed:

- Payment of 5700 HKD
(Main Admin Office on 5/F)**

Please make your cheque out to Renaissance College adding your child's name, class and advisory group on the reverse side.

- EOTC Year 9 program participation and medical treatment consent form.**

Please fill out a hard copy of this form, attach your cheque to the form and bring this to the 5th floor main office (The consent form is the last page of this letter.)

- APA online medical consent form - after you submit the form you should get an email confirmation that your form was successfully submitted.**

Online medical form link: <http://asiapacificadventure.com/enrol/rchk-y9-1118-ar.html>

Medical

- Medical Records on Gateway are updated and include all new information.**
- For students with acute allergies (e.g. nut), please supply 2 Epipens while on EOTC.**
- If your child is taking medication while on EOTC**
Medication is in a zip lock bag with clear instructions of how it is to be taken.

Health advice for girls

The Year 9 school camp will have some water activities. This can prove challenging for girls who are menstruating whilst on camp. In order that your daughter is able to fully participate and enjoy all of the water based activities please ensure she comes prepared with the necessary toiletries and clothing in the event she starts her menstrual cycle while she is away. Please be assured the female staff are supportive and compassionate and will be able to offer practical help for girls in these circumstances. Our objective is for all students to be able to be fully involved in all of the activities.

Important Dates

Thursday 1 November

Student Information session

Venue - 6th floor seminar room

Time - 12:20pm - 1:00pm

Parent Information Session (students welcome)

Venue - 6th floor seminar room

Time - 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Monday 12 November

- Students leave for camp. Students meet on basketball courts at 8:30am to register attendance.

Friday 16 November

- Student's return from camp. The students will return to RCHK around 2:30pm where an award ceremony will be held to see who was the most successful at completing the tasks during the week. This will finish at 3:30pm at which point the students may leave.

We are very excited to be able to offer this opportunity to our students and to continue the EOTC program that we hope will become a highlight of students' time at RCHK. Please contact me if you have any queries or concerns.

Regards,

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EOTC YEAR 9 PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AND MEDICAL TREATMENT CONSENT

Student's Full Name _____ Advisory _____ Year 9
(As appears on HKID/ Passport for Insurance purposes)

Student's Date of Birth _____ Gender _____
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Every attempt is made to ensure the wellbeing of your child, however in extreme circumstances such as in the event of an emergency, the teacher/APA leader responsible will need to take action. The immediate response will be to perform any necessary first aid on the student as well as informing you (the parent/guardian) of the situation. More detailed consent is provided below.

CONSENT

In the event of an emergency, signing the form below gives consent and full authority for the staff or agents of the school to arrange for and consent to any medical treatment or hospitalization for my child/guardian while she/he is in the care of the school. I further authorize these staff members to enter into and execute, on my behalf, such documents or consents as may be required by Medical Practitioners, Health Care Professionals or Hospitals for such purposes.

I have read the communications sent by the school relating to this trip and give consent to my son/daughter's participation.

EOTC YEAR 9 INSURANCE FORM

Once the Asia Pacific Adventure enrollment sheet is returned a booking is made on your child's behalf. It then becomes subject to the conditions imposed by Renaissance College. **For non-medical withdrawals** this specifies that a cancellation charge of 50% of the total amount payable is incurred after enrollment into the program and submission of the APA enrollment form. It also states that after **Thursday 25 October 2018**, if a cancellation is made, 100% of the fee is forfeited after the enrollment is processed.

However in circumstances of cancellation through illness, Renaissance College will offer cancellation coverage on provision of a doctor's certificate up until the commencement date under the following conditions: A full refund will require a doctor's certificate covering more than half of the program ie. 3 consecutive days. For a 1 or 2 day Doctor's certificate, reimbursement will only be for the cost of the 1 or 2 days missed. We hope this will be helpful to parents/guardians when students are participating in the programs and unfortunately fall ill or injure themselves prior to programs and are no longer able to attend.

I have read and understand the above terms, and have ensured my child's medical information on Gateway is current:

Parent/ Legal Guardian name _____ Date _____

Parent/ Legal Guardian signature _____