

10th January 2019

Dear Year 8 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 now established a valuable EOTC program, beginning in the PYP and extending through the MYP.

The Year 8 camp will take place between **Monday 8th - Friday 12th April, 2019**. During this time students will develop the various attributes of the IB Learner Profile and be guided towards adulthood by developing key life and learning skills.

EOTC is a fundamental aspect of the school's curriculum and it is an expectation that all Year 8 students participate in this event.

AIMS OF YEAR 8 EOTC PROGRAM

The Year 8 experience is designed to meet the following aims;

- Encourage critical thinking skills in, on and around water
- Promote understanding and appreciation of the outdoor environment
- Gain resilience to cope with new challenges
- Promote self organization and personal responsibility
- Focus on curriculum links in the outdoors to support the IB Learner Profile
- Challenge students in an aquatic environment and encourage decision making
- Develop confidence in a range of water based activities

PROGRAM OUTLINE

We intend for this learning opportunity to encourage Year 8 students to participate in water based activities as a medium for future recreational use. The program focuses on group-based activities facilitated by Asia Pacific Adventure staff. A full program summary for the year 8 2018-2019 program is available on the EOTC <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 Hong Kong environment and the students. More information can be found at www.asiapacificadventure.com/index.php

Asia Pacific Adventure facilitate a wide range of water based and beach activities for both the beginner and the more confident student. Students will accomplish various skills within the realm of their individual abilities and a “*challenge by choice*” approach is employed by group leaders. As aquatic safety and the reinforcement of safe practices in, on and around water are major goals of our year 8 student development, we ask for your support in encouraging your child to participate in the EOTC event.

EOTC Check List

All forms and deposits must be handed in by **Monday January 28th 2019**
Please make sure the following has been completed.

Payment of 5500HKD

Bring to Ms. Wynki Chow (**Main Admin Office on 5/F**)

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

EOTC year 8 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 Ms. Wynki Chow. (**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.*

On-line medical form link- <http://asiapacificadventure.com/enrol/rchk-y8-0419.html>

Medical

Medical Records on Gateway are updated and include all new information.

Must have at least 3 Epipens while on EOTC where necessary.

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 8 school camp will have a large number of 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

Monday April. 8th

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

Friday April. 12th

Student's return from camp to RCHK at 4:00pm.

The students will return after the school buses have left and therefore the bus service will be unavailable. Please make alternative transport arrangements for your son/daughter to travel home from RCHK.

Monday March 11th

Student Information

Venue - 6th floor seminar room
Time - Y8 session from 11:40-12-20

Parent Information Session (Parents and Students Welcome)

Venue - 6th floor seminar room
Time - Y8 session from 6:00pm – 7: 00pm

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.

Kind Regards

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EOTC YEAR 8 PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AND MEDICAL TREATMENT CONSENT

Student's Full Name _____ Advisory _____ Year 8
(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 s/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 8 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 **Friday 15th March 2019** 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.



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We hope this will be helpful to parents 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 _____