Tuesday, January 7, 2020

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

The Year 9 EOTC programme will take place from **Monday 4th to the 8th of May** (depending on the trip and flight times**).** During this time students will learn and develop key life-long learning skills, such as collaboration, resilience and problem solving as part of the school’s Positive Education approach and in alignment with the IB Learner Profile attributes.

EOTC is a fundamental aspect of the school curriculum and it is an expectation that all Year 9 students participate.

**Parent welcome/Information Session (students welcome)**

Date: 16th January

Time: 7:30 to 8:30pm

Venue: 6th floor seminar room AB604

**To Secure Your EOTC Overseas Trip Choice**

From **Friday 17th from 12:00PM Midday to Friday 23rd January at 12:00PM Midday** a live sign-up form will be available on Gateway. The choices can be seen below.

Students/parents will need to fill out the form within this time frame in order to secure the preferred option. The trips do have a limited capacity and due to this, the system will be a ‘first come first serve’ basis. We will use the responses to determine which trips will run and who will be attending.

By the **28th** of **February** you will receive an email telling you which trip you have been put on.

You will then need to submit your first deposit of 5000HKD to secure your spot, by the **6th of March.** Once your group is allocated, submit your cheque to the EOTC in-tray in the **5th Floor Office**.

**Participation and medical treatment consent form**

Please complete the online form ([Link here](https://forms.gle/HN98SP7HKyAnqEUk6)) by the 23rd January.

Please contact me if you have any further questions regarding the Year 9 EOTC.

Regards,   
Glen Morgan   
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**How to navigate Gateway**

You can access your Y9 EOTC choices through Gateway using your student account.

Instructions for Gateway login https://tg.esf.edu.hk

* Click the Activities button of the student on Gateway homepage;
* Select Register for (student name) and select Category (Y9 EOTC)
* Click on the Activity Name on the list to view more details and click on Register

**EOTC Experiences Offered This Year:**

A full summary of each trip can be found on the school [website](http://www.rchk.edu.hk/education-classroom/).

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| **Location / number of places available** | **Description**  **The estimated cost does not include Visa cost. You will be responsible for any extra travel documents that you may need.** | **Estimated Cost** |
| **Taiwan Culture and Wellbeing**  **4-8 May**  5 days 4 nights | * Gorge trekking in a spectacular mountain setting * Experience Taiwan’s aboriginal culture through arts & crafts * Organic farming to harvest fresh produce of the season * Hike to and relax in a remote natural hot spring * Stay in a mountain lodge surrounded by nature * Adventure race through town to visit local landmarks | 13,000HKD  The cost includes; program fee, accommodation, food, flight and insurance and contingency |
| **Fiji: Highlands and Islands Service Immersion**  **4-8 May**  6 days 5 nights | * Cultural immersion, grass-roots service projects (infrastructure, environmental, or social-based), * Adventure and cultural activities (hike sand dunes, swim in hot springs, snorkel coral reefs, * Watch South Pacific sunrises and sunsets, * visit local markets, learn a traditional Fijian war dance called the *meke),*village life, explore the highlands and islands of Fiji. | 19,000HKD  The cost includes; program fee, accommodation, food, flight and insurance and contingency |
| **Balkans**  Depending on flights keep some time available either side.  **2-9 May**  Max 7 days 6 nights | * cultural immersion, sustainable community service projects (support local schools and promote peace), historic markets, history, meet community members and hear their personal stories of the past and visions of the future | 26,000HKD  The cost includes; program fee, accommodation, food, flight and insurance and contingency |
| Hong Kong - program  Tuesday to Thursday  3 days /0 nights  Students stay at their own residence overnight  Student will meet at MTR station each day | * Day 1 - Aberdeen and Lamma Fisherfolk Village * Visit the dragon boat exhibition and learn about Hong Kong’s intrinsic cultural heritage with the event * Take ferry to Sok Kwu Wan for Lamma Fishing Village to enjoy games and fish feeding * Day 2 - Tai O Village Tour * Visit the dried seafood stalls and learn what makes this product so special in Tai O * Try locally made classics such as giant fish-balls, cuttlefish, home-made teas and dumplings * Take the small boat ride around the stilted homes * Visit the Tai O Heritage hotel for lunch * Day 3 - Sham Shui Po Food Tour * Visit Mei Ho House Housing Museum * Try locally made classics such as wonton noodles, bean curd, cheung fan and snake soup * Nam Cheong Pawn Shop, Dragon Centre | 1500HKD  The cost includes; program fee and insurance and contingency |