



YMCA of Hong Kong Christian College

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APPLICATION NOTES FOR 2023 – 2024 ADMISSION

1. General Notes

- (i) The school uses English as the Medium of Instruction (EMI). Only Chinese-related subjects are taught in Chinese.
- (ii) The average class sizes are shown in the table below:

<u>Level</u>	<u>Class Size</u>
Form 1 to 4	About 24 – 29
Form 5 to 6 (HKDSE & GCE)	About 17– 26

Most subjects, however, are taught in smaller groups of about 20 students because classes are divided into sets.

- (iii) The school does **not** participate in the Government's Form 1 or Form 4 Secondary School Place Allocation (SSPA) System. The school admits students directly. After applicants have been interviewed, **confirmed places may be offered**.
- (iv) All new F.1 students are required to bring a MacBook for lessons.

2. Chinese Language

- (i) All students are required to study Chinese from Form 1 to Form 6. The school-based Chinese Programme caters for the needs of students with different Chinese language learning backgrounds. The aim of this programme is to help students to gradually master the Chinese language skills needed for their future lives and for higher education, as well as developing a deep appreciation of Chinese culture.
- (ii) Please refer to the 'School-Based Chinese Programme Information Sheet' for more details.

3. **Third Language**

All new Form 1 students will be required to study Spanish as a third language. All new students in Form 2 can choose to study French *or* Spanish as a third language. (2023-2024 is the last year that Form 1 students will be able to study a third language.)

4. **Information about School Fees**

(i) **Application Fee**

An application fee of HKD100 must be paid when applying for a place in the YMCA of Hong Kong Christian College.

(ii) **School Fees**

The proposed annual school fees for the **2023 – 2024 school year** are shown in the table below. (Please note that these fees are subject to approval by the Education Bureau.)

Form	Local Students ¹	Non-local Students ²	Payment Terms
Form 1	HKD55,000		
Form 2	HKD53,000	School fee +	
Form 3	HKD54,000	differential fee	10 Installments (from September to June)
Form 4	HKD48,000	of	
Form 5 DSE	HKD48,000	approximately	
Form 6 DSE	HKD42,000	HKD75,000 –	5 Installments (from September to January)
Form 5 GCE	HKD62,000	HKD88,000	10 Installments (from September to June)
Form 6 GCE	HKD59,000		5 Installments (from September to January)

¹ **Local Students**

Students holding a dependent visa are classified as ‘Local Students’.

² **Non-local Students**

‘Non-local Students’ are defined as those who require a student visa to study in Hong Kong. According to EDB policy, non-local students are not eligible for the government subsidy. Non-local students are required to pay a differential fee, which is composed of the regular school fee and an additional fee equal to the amount of government subsidy. (NB. The approximate amount of the differential fee shown in the table above is for the

current year. The differential fees for all forms will be adjusted upwards once the EDB announces the exact amount of the subsidy.)

- (iii) The school fee for Form 1 students will remain unchanged for 2 years (i.e. Forms 1 and 2). The school fee will be adjusted upwards by approximately 6% – 9% in Form 3 and then again in Form 5.

(iv) **Other Fees**

An Advance Payment of \$4,000 is collected every year to cover miscellaneous fees, including the Student Handbook, Life-wide Learning Camp Fee, Enrichment Week and the cost of student activities incurred during the school year. When a student graduates or withdraws from the school, the remaining amount will be refunded to parents.

The Advance Payment is collected when students register for the next school year. This payment is usually collected in June.

Please note that the part of the Advance Payment is used to cover the cost of activities during Enrichment Week in July. There are lower cost options available during this week, but it is unlikely, however, to be sufficient to cover the cost of overseas trips or activities. Students usually need to pay between HKD500 and HKD6,000 for trips and activities, depending on the destination.

(v) **Payment Methods**

School fees must be paid via **Direct Debit** between the fifth and the tenth day of each calendar month from the parents' designated local bank account. A message containing the date of bank transfer will be sent to parents' registered E-mail address at the beginning of each month.

(vi) **School Fee Remission**

The school is able to provide some assistance for families who may have financial difficulties. More information can be downloaded from the school website www.yhkcc.edu.hk. Alternatively, please contact the teacher-in-charge, Mr. Alchian Au, on 29882032.

Making an Application

(i) To apply for a place please complete the following documents:

- Application Form.
- Signed Enrollment Agreement.

NB. The YMCA of Hong Kong Christian College requires an **Academic Reference** and **Confirmation of Chinese Language Learning Background** for Form 1 applicants.

(ii) Enclose **photocopies** of all of the following documents:

- School reports for the past two years (i.e. Primary 4 and Primary 5).
- Applicant's HKID card or passport (including those pages with valid entry permit and personal particulars).
- Awards or certificates for extra-curricular activities and special achievements.
- Principal's recommendation letters, if any.
- For non-local residents: Father's or Mother's passport (including those pages with valid working permit and personal particulars). Applicants must have the right of abode in Hong Kong.

(iii) Payment of the non-refundable application fee of HKD100 by bank transfer. (NB. The YHKCC does not accept cash or cheques.) Please attach the bank-in slip to the application form.

Name of Bank: THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION LIMITED
Bank Code: 004
Account Number: 491-433793-002
Name of Account: YMCA OF HONG KONG CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

(iv) Submit the completed application form and supporting documents by hand or post it to the General Office of the **YMCA of Hong Kong Christian College, 2 Chung Yat Street, Tung Chung, Lantau, Hong Kong.**

(v) Please write 'Application for Admission' on the outside of the envelope.

5. Interview

Only **shortlisted** applicants will be arranged for interviews. Students applying for a place in Form 2 or above are also required to take tests in English, Chinese and Mathematics. The admission criteria and the weightings for Form 1 applicants are as follows:

- Academic results during the last two years (weighting 35%).
- Interview Performance (weighting 35%).
- Conduct or other comments from previous school(s) (weighting 20%).
- Participation in extra-curricular activities and social events, including any public examinations and awards, if any (weighting 10%).
- Individual interview with the Principal and/or Primary School visit by the Principal.

Students applying for admission to Forms 2 – 6 are required to meet the expected standard in all admission entry tests.

6. Notification of Result

The result of the application is usually released within a month after the interviews. To accept the offer a non-refundable and non-transferable **registration fee** must be paid. The registration fee will be offset against the of school fee for September 2023. Parents of successful Form 1 Applicants will be asked to sign an undertaking declaring that their child will not participate in the Secondary School Place Allocation System.

7. Important Information

Prior to making an application to join the school, parents of applicants are required to agree with all the terms and conditions stated in these Application Notes and the Enrollment Agreement. School places are only given to students and parents who are able to perform the following:

- (i) Students **must** join all school activities and camps, e.g. Pre-Form 1 Enhancement Course (if required), pre-Form 1 Summer Bridging Course (Monday 14th to Friday 25th August, 2023), Assemblies, Life-wide learning Camps, Service trips, etc. (NB. Newly enrolled students will be required to take tests in English, Mathematics and Chinese / Elementary Chinese in mid-March 2023 and, if necessary, attend a Pre-Form 1

Enhancement Course on Saturday mornings from April 2023 to June 2023.)

- (ii) Students must respect and participate in Christian activities.
- (iii) Students must wear the prescribed school uniform. Any modifications to the school uniform, including additions or subtractions that may draw attention to faith-based differences, are not permitted.
- (iv) Parents must pay school fees via Direct Debit. The school reserves the right to deregister the student if the school fee is not paid on time and the student will be asked to withdraw.

8. Personal Data

All personal information provided will only be used for admission related purposes and will be treated in strict confidence. Documents will not be returned to applicants. The personal information of unsuccessful applicants will be destroyed after one year.