



YMCA of Hong Kong Christian College

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APPLICATION NOTES FOR 2020 – 2021 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 can be offered**.

2. Choice of Second Language

- (i) The YMCA of Hong Kong Christian College (YHKCC) offers the following second language options:
 - Local Chinese
 - Elementary Chinese
- (ii) The Education Bureau has specific requirements regarding the language that students learn in secondary school. Students who have studied the regular local Chinese language curriculum for 6 years or more in primary school **must** study the local Chinese language curriculum in secondary school. It is also a requirement of many local colleges and universities and it is a condition for employment in the Hong Kong Government. Non-local students can take Elementary Chinese as their second language.

- (iii) All students must study **one** of these second languages and will study the same second language from Form 1 to Form 6. The choice of second language **must** be made when making the application and will be confirmed at the interview. Please note that once the choice of second language has been confirmed by the school, **no** changes will be made.
- (iv) Please refer to the ‘Choice of Second Language Information Sheet’ for more details. *NB. Both second language choices enable students to progress to the Hong Kong Stream (HKDSE curriculum) or the International Stream (GCE A-level curriculum) in senior forms at the YHKCC.*
- (v) All new Form 1 students will be required to study Spanish as a third language.

3. 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 **2020 – 2021 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	HKD48,000		
Form 2	HKD45,000	School fee + differential fee of approximately	10 Installments (from September to June)
Form 3	HKD42,000		
Form 4	HKD42,000		
Form 5 DSE	HKD39,500		
Form 6 DSE	HKD39,500	HKD70,000 –	5 Installments (from September to January)
Form 5 GCE	HKD59,000	HKD80,000	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**

In addition to payment of school fees, students studying at the YHKCC are also expected to pay fees for a stationery package, photographs, a student card, Life-Wide Learning Camp and the PTA membership fee. The total amount of the additional fees is approximately HKD2,000. Also, during Enrichment Week in July, students need to pay between HKD500 and HKD6,000 for trips and activities, depending on the destination. There are lower cost options available during this week.

- (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.

4. Making an Application

- (i) To apply for a place please complete the following documents:
- Application Form.
 - Academic Reference Form.
 - Signed Enrollment Agreement.
 - ‘Choice of Second Language Application Form’.
 - ‘Confirmation of Second Language Learning Background’. (You will need to ask the teacher in charge of languages at your child’s current primary school to complete this form.)
- (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.
 - 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) Deliver the application form by hand or post it to: **YMCA of Hong Kong Christian College, 2 Chung Yat Street, Tung Chung, Lantau.**
- (v) Write ‘**Application for Admission 2020 – 2021**’ on the outside of the envelope.

(vi) Please also include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

(vii) Online application is available at www.yhkcc.edu.hk.

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 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 to 6 are required to (a) meet the expected standard in all Admission Entry Tests and (b) provide contact details of a teacher from the current or previous school who knows your child well. The YHKCC will contact the referee directly to request a **confidential reference**.

6. **Notification of Result**

The result of the application is usually released within one month. To accept the offer a non-refundable and non-transferable **registration fee** must be paid. The registration fee will be offset against the school fee for September. 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 17th to Friday 28th August, 2020), 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 2020 and, if necessary, attend a Pre-Form 1 Enhancement Course on Saturday mornings from April 2020 to June 2020.)
- (ii) Students must respect and participate in Christian activities.
- (iii) All new Form 1 students need to prepare a MacBook for learning.
- (iv) 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.
- (v) 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.