

# Year 1 Admissions at Renaissance College



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# Relax.....

- No need to write notes
- Summary on RCHK website
- Question time at the end

# ESF PRIVATE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (PIS)

- *Renaissance College* in Ma On Shan
- *Discovery College* in Discovery Bay
- *No zones*

# How to Apply

- Go to website [www.renaissance.edu.hk](http://www.renaissance.edu.hk)
- Admissions tab - application and payment details
- Complete forms online as directed  
*(available from 1<sup>st</sup> September)*



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## Applications

Please read the [Admissions Policy](#), [Admissions Procedures](#) and [Admissions Schedule](#) carefully to avoid any omission that might delay your application.

### ONLINE APPLICATION

The online application will take approximately 30-40 minutes to complete; the system will automatically log you out if it is idle for 60 minutes. All unsaved data will be lost. Please allow yourself enough time to familiarize with all of the instructions before you start.

Once your application has been submitted, you will not be able to change or view your application data online. Applicants are strongly advised to check their application data carefully and keep a record of their application data before submitting their application.

Applicants are also required to submit certain documents to support their application, together with the completed Online Application Form (see Step 4). These documents **cannot** be submitted online. Please post /deliver it to the Admissions Office **within 5 working days** after you submit your application online.

Admissions Office  
Renaissance College  
5 Hang Ming Street  
Ma On Shan, N.T.

# Where to find the form

Click [2011-2012 Online application](#) to start

(available for **Year 8 & 9 wait list**, 10 ,11 and 12 placement only)

## 2012-13 Application\*

Year One\* (2012-13) application will be open in **September 2011**.

# Time Frame

Submit applications any time between 1<sup>st</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>  
September

No advantage in early submission

# What Happens Next?

- Processing of all applications received during Year 1 application period (August 2012 entry)
- Randomisation
- Prioritisation, ordering and listing

# ESF PRIVATE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

## PRIORITY FOR INTERVIEW

siblings	attend an ESF kindergarten	Other applicants
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# And then?

- Invitation to interview (by late November)
- Interviews to be held between 3<sup>rd</sup> January and 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2012

# Visits to Kindergartens

- Kindergarten visits prior to interview are undertaken if there are at least 12 students applying from one school.
- School-based representatives from Renaissance College visit the kindergartens to meet with the children in a familiar environment, alongside their own teachers.

# The Interview

- We aim to interview groups of children from the same kindergarten class so that they feel at ease in a new environment.
- Kindergarten children are encouraged to wear their uniform (if they have one) at their interview so they are easily identifiable. It also provides conversation starters.
- The students will participate in familiar activities.

## What skills are important? a)

- engage in English
- communicate verbally and non-verbally in routine social and classroom situations
- use acceptable social language (e.g. please, thank you, excuse me)
- use natural, comprehensible pronunciation

## What skills are important? b)

- be prepared to participate in answering questions and give some basic personal information on request
- *extend* answers to questions beyond single word responses - phrases and simple sentences
- follow simple instructions and ask questions to clarify
- indicate when they don't understand and ask for repetition if needed

# Following interview

- Parents informed of outcome

Assuming success -

- Payment of deposit to secure place

## Dual applications

Please note:

- No transfer Primary  $\leftrightarrow$  PIS
- No transfer PIS  $\leftrightarrow$  PIS

# What if My Child Does Not Get an Interview Date?

- Do not panic!
- As the interview process unfolds interview slots do become available so the schools send out more invitations for a range of reasons e.g some families withdraw
- This continues until all the available spaces have been filled.

# What if My Child is Unsuccessful?

- There is open dialogue between school and kindergarten staff
- Reference to reports from ESF kindergartens (forwarded to the school)
- There should be no surprises

# Helping Your Child

- **Play dates**
- **Fun clubs**
- **Sharing a book**
- **Visit museums, places of interest**
- **Watching DVDs together**
- **Any opportunity to encourage conversation**
- **Enhance mother tongue**
- **Praise and encouragement build self-esteem and confidence**

# Key Messages

- Apply on time - we have 162 places in Year 1  
Last year we screened over 600 students
- Consider all options - choose wisely as appropriate placement is very important
- Aim to attend an RCHK tour of the school in order to learn more
- Relax

# A Reminder

- The information outlined in tonight's presentation will be available on the RCHK website.