

Living Tips in Hong Kong

(For reference only, please visit the official websites of the information/service providers for the latest updates.)

1. Weather



June-October: range from 28°C to 35°C, rainy, typhoon season

November-February: range from 10°C to 20°C in average, slightly dry



March-May: range from 20°C to 28°C, very humid

Visit the Hong Kong Observatory for the weather forecast: <https://www.hko.gov.hk/en/index.html>

Remember to bring a jacket/cardigan to class as the air-conditioning can get quite chilly!

2. Medication



Hong Kong's pharmacies are well-stocked, but if you require prescription medication or prefer specific brands, you may consider bringing it along with you. Insect repellent could be useful in the summer months.

3. Hong Kong Identity (HKID) Card

If a person is a new arrival aged 11 or over and has been permitted to stay in Hong Kong for more than 180 days, he/she must register for a Hong Kong identity card within 30 days of arrival. No fee is charged for identity cards issued to new arrivals.

Appointment Booking	2598 0888 https://www.gov.hk/en/residents/immigration/idcard/hkic/bookregidcard.htm
Website	https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/index.html
Address	8/F, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai (MTR Wan Chai Station – Exit A5)

4. Academy Campuses

Wanchai Campus: 1 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong






Bethanie Campus: 139 Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong



The Academy provides free shuttle bus service for students to commute between Wanchai Campus and Bethanie Campus from Monday to Friday (except public holidays or non-teaching periods).

Departure Time	Routing
1315	Bethanie Building -> Wanchai Campus
1400	Wanchai Campus -> Bethanie Building
1745	Bethanie Building -> Wanchai Campus
1845	Bethanie Building -> Wanchai Campus

5. Local Transportation

<p>MTR Corporation Limited</p> 	<p>The Academy is located roughly mid-way between the Admiralty and Wanchai MTR stations, although it is slightly closer to Admiralty.</p> <p>Train Trip Planner: http://www.mtr.com.hk/en/customer/jp/index.php</p>
<p>Citybus Limited</p> 	<p>Buses stop outside the Academy: 18, 18P, 18X, 40M, 590, 720, 720A, 720P, 722, 780, 788, A12</p> <p>Route Search: https://mobile.citybus.com.hk/nwp3/?f=1&ds=&dsmode=1&l=1</p>
<p>The Kowloon Motor Bus Co.(1933) Ltd. / Long Win Bus Company Ltd.</p> 	<p>Buses stop outside the Academy: 936, 936A</p> <p>Route Search: http://search.kmb.hk/KMBWebSite/index.aspx?lang=en</p>

6. Octopus Card



Octopus card is a contactless stored value card that provides customers a simple, safe and secure way to pay. From a simple way to pay fares on public transport, Octopus has extended its reach into small-value payments in the retail sector as well as many other applications, including government tolled tunnel, parking, access control for residential and commercial building, support for various facilities in schools and self-service kiosks.

Octopus Card Website:
<https://www.octopus.com.hk/en/consumer/index.html>

7. Banking Service

The following documents may be required if you are going to open a bank account in Hong Kong. Remember to check with the respective banks for more details:

- Offer letter issued from the Academy
- Passport
- Identify card issued by origin country
- HKID Card
- Academy student ID card
- Proof of address in Hong Kong

8. Mobile Phone Service

Major mobile phone service providers in Hong Kong:

3	https://www.three.com.hk/en/home.html
Birdie	https://www.birdie.com.hk/mobile/mobile-plan-details/?lang=en
China Mobile	https://www.hk.chinamobile.com/en/new_promotion/postpaid-customers.html
csl.	https://www.hkcsll.com/en/tariff-plans/
SmarTone	https://www.smartone.com/en/mobile-service-plans/plans/
Sun Mobile	https://www.sunmobile.com.hk/eng/plan/187.jhtml

Raise awareness of different forms of Deception!

In recent years, students have been cheated by bogus phone calls, phishing attack and you should dial Anti-Scam Helpline 18222 to contact the Anti-Deception Coordination Centre of the Hong Kong Police Force (ADCC) officers for assistance in response to suspicious deception cases.

The latest deception alerts announced by the Hong Kong Police Force are available here:

<https://www.adcc.gov.hk/en-hk/alerts.html>



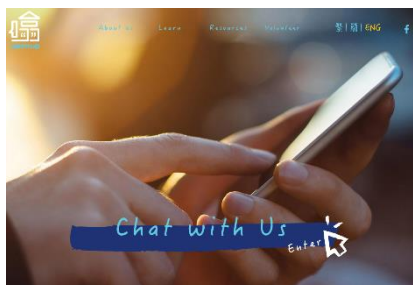
The one-stop scam and pitfall search engine "Scameter" helps the public identify frauds and online pitfalls:

<https://cyberdefender.hk/en-us/scameter/>

The app version "Scameter+" is available for download on the App Store, Google Play, and Huawei AppGallery.

9. Feeling Homesick?

Counselling can help you to seek emotional release and to cope with personal difficulties. It can also help you to explore and understand yourself better. If you think you need help, take a look at the websites of the below organisations or simply talk to Saro or Koen, our Student Counsellors.



Open Up

An online text platform designed specifically to cater the needs of youngsters experiencing emotional distress from different aspects such as family issues, interpersonal relationships and academic stress.

Website: <https://www.openup.hk/en-us>

Hotline: 9101 2012

24-Hour Service Counselling Hotline	Telephone Number
Mental Health Support Hotline	18111
Hospital Authority Mental Health Direct Hotline	2466 7350
The Samaritans Multi-Lingual Suicide Prevention Hotline	2896 0000
The Samaritan Befrienders Hong Kong Hotline	2389 2222
Suicide Prevention Services Hotline	2382 0000

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