

**INFORMATION
FOR NEW STUDENTS
2009 ENTRY**

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INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on gaining the offer of a place at Li Po Chun United World College of Hong Kong. This document is intended to make your move to the College and Hong Kong as easy as possible. You may find further information about the College on the College's web site <http://www.lpcuwc.edu.hk>.

It is probably fair to say that the UWC experience at Li Po Chun UWC falls into four broad areas:

1. Academic Formation: This is important because it is the means of giving students opportunities for leadership to make the world a better place, and for breaking chains of poverty and disempowerment. The academic area is taken quite seriously by students at LPCUWC, perhaps reflecting the traditional Chinese respect for the scholar that stems from Confucian ideals.
2. Quan Cai: This is the Chinese term for "the fully formed person", and it is the term used at LPCUWC for the expanded CAS programme that helps to define our identity as a UWC. The Quan Cai programme requires students to be involved in at least one area of each of the following five areas:
 - creativity
 - action (including outdoor pursuits)
 - service
 - campus support
 - global concerns
3. Projects: Those are major, life-changing experiences like China Week and Project Week where a deep commitment is made to learning from people of other cultures, building bridges of understanding between China and the rest of the world for a new generation.
4. Residential life: LPCUWC is a 100% residential community. Living together on the same campus enables students to learn how to share, to trust, to get on with others, to learn from one another, and to form friendships for life.

The document is split into 2 parts:

- this 1st part is for you to keep and contains advice and information along with instructions for tasks to be completed in the coming months
- the other 2nd part contains forms for you to complete and return to the College

Please read through the whole document now and be sure to return the required forms to us as soon as possible.

You are welcome to contact the College at any time by e-mail, fax or phone if you have queries. Contacts:

E-mail: OFFICE@LPCUWC.EDU.HK

Tel: (852) 2640 0441

Fax: (852) 2643 4088

I look forward to meeting you in September. Welcome to the LPCUWC community! In the meantime, you can keep in touch with what is happening at the College through my weekly web blog if you wish. It can be accessed through my website, which is <http://web.mac.com/scodrington>.



(Dr) Stephen Codrington
Principal

20 May 2008

THINGS TO DO

The information given below should enable you to do everything that is necessary in the correct order. If you have any questions at any time, you are of course welcome to e-mail, telephone, fax or write to the College. Please also visit the College website (<http://www.lpcuwc.edu.hk>) for any late changes or last minute details.

What do you have to do immediately?

Visa Application for Overseas Students

You need a student visa to study in Hong Kong.

[Please ignore the Visa Application Section if you are a Hong Kong student - turn to page 3]

Send **IMMEDIATELY** to the College:

1. the completed Entry Visa Application Form;
2. 1 passport size photo;
3. the completed Consent Form;
4. a photocopy of the cover and personal details page of your own passport; (*your passport should be valid for at least one year*);
5. a photocopy of the cover and personal details page of your parent's passport (*if your parent does not have a passport, please send a copy of any official document e.g. driver's licence or bank book etc with his/her name and signature on it.*)

You should send this to us as soon as possible. We **strongly advise** you to send it by courier/express mail if delays are common in your national postal service. The College applies to the Hong Kong Immigration Department on your behalf for a visa label which we will send to you by courier/registered mail to put in your passport. This process can take 10 weeks so do it early! You will be asked to reimburse the College for the costs of visa application/postage when you arrive in Hong Kong. **Do not approach the Chinese Embassy/Consulate General in your country, but follow the above procedure and act promptly.**

Travel Bookings

For overseas students: Hong Kong airport is extremely busy and air travel should always be booked well in advance. Book now for your travel to Hong Kong and make provisional bookings for December and May. We require you to plan to leave on 19th December 2009 for the Christmas vacation or 24th May 2010* at the end of the academic year. Once you have confirmed your flight to Hong Kong let the College know your flight number and arrival time so you can be met at the airport.

** Provisional date, subject to revision when the I.B. examination schedule is released. Please do not book air tickets based on these dates until dates are confirmed.*

Important Dates

Dates shown in [square brackets] should be avoided except in extreme circumstances.

Student arrival September [4th], 5th, 6th, 2009

Hong Kong students should arrive on campus on Sunday 6th September 2009, any time between 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. You can find out your room allocation at the Guard House when you arrive at the main gate.

Departure for December break December [18th], 19th, 20th, 2009

Return for second semester January [8th], 9th, 10th, 2010

Departure for Summer break* May [21st], 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 2010

In the second year (2010-2011), students return in mid-August and should arrive on August [20th], 21st, 22nd, 2010. The teaching year is short, and therefore students should adhere strictly to published term dates. Any variation will require Academic Leave and you should therefore approach the Director of Studies at least a month in advance.

** Provisional date, subject to revision when the I.B. examination schedule is released. Please do not book air tickets based on these dates until dates are confirmed.*

Medical Examination

Official acceptance by the College depends on completion of the medical form. Take it to your local doctor, and send the completed form together with written reports on your laboratory blood test and x-ray to the College as soon as possible and **NO LATER THAN 31st JULY** (Only the reports are required, you need NOT forward the x-ray film to the College).

It is very important that all medical and psychiatric conditions are reported fully to us before you arrive at the College. Failure to do so will normally result in your immediate expulsion from the College.

Money

A total of HK\$5,000 is recommended to cover pocket money for the first year, including the cost of China Week in November and the cost of Project Week in March. These additional expenses are itemised on pages 13 – 14. This does not include expenses during the December break and may not cover the full cost of university applications which vary from student to student. It is recommended that this is brought in the form of US\$ travellers cheques or a bankdraft drawn on a Hong Kong bank in Hong Kong dollars rather than in cash or as a foreign currency cheque. The College assists students to open a bank account in the first few days after arrival.

While we hope this will not apply to you, the College does charge students for items of College property which they have lost or damaged.

For convenience, a small amount of hard currency (US\$50 or equivalent) should be converted to Hong Kong dollars on arrival at the airport.

INFORMATION

General Information

What do you have to bring?

CLOTHING AND PERSONAL ITEMS

We strongly advise that you bring only the luggage you can carry. Increasing numbers of students have their own personal computer, and you should be aware that prices for all computer hardware are very competitive in Hong Kong if you want to buy when you get here. The College's computers all run Windows, but students (and staff) have a mix of Windows and Mac computers.

If you are studying mathematics at Methods or Higher Level you need a graphic display calculator. These cost about HK\$1,000 in Hong Kong. If you wish to buy one in advance, the brands approved by the IB for examination purposes are listed in the Mathematics section of the course selection notes.

Normal every day dress is relaxed on campus though you will need at least one smart outfit for special occasions. A "smart casual" or more formal outfit is also nice for going off campus, for social events, or when representing College. For those who come from very different climates, don't worry - all purchases can be made easily here. Warm clothes are needed for about eight weeks during January to March when the temperature may drop below 10°C. Your normal everyday wear from home will be fine most of the time if it is suitable for warm weather.

For sport, you will need sports shoes with non-marking soles, shorts, T-shirt, and a swim suit. You may be involved in hiking and camping at some time, so stronger shoes, socks and rainwear are recommended. A sleeping bag is useful for holidays, Project Week or visits to families who may host you while you are in Hong Kong, though these may also be borrowed from the College Camp Store. Bring your rucksack if you have one.

If you have special skills or interests in music, the performing arts, sport or other hobbies, you should bring your equipment/instrument if you can.

You need to bring your own towels, face cloth and an initial supply of toiletries.

You will want to personalise your area of the dormitory, so personal items, photographs, posters and so on all help to make your own space colourful and homely.

As College life can be hectic, a diary is essential to keep track of your many commitments. This you can bring, or you may take advantage of a diary generated by the College.

NATIONAL DRESS, FLAG, POSTERS AND INFORMATION ON YOUR COUNTRY

You are representing your country at the College. You should bring your national dress wherever possible for wearing on international evenings, open days, and special occasions. Please bring if possible some posters of your country. Anything else you can bring that is representative of your country, or that is relevant to your national or special commemorative days, adds to the richness of the cultural exchange on campus. Learn at least one authentic folk dance and song from your country that you can teach to other students. The more the better. If you are the first student from your country to attend Li Po Chun United World College, please bring your national flag.

Factual information about the current political, economic and environmental situation in your country will help you to contribute constructively to discussion and debate. Most useful would be a list of websites, if they exist, that have key information about your country and which you think are "readable" by students of your age. Do some surfing on the net before you come. We may ask you to help to construct a simple webpage for your country while you are at College as part of the UWC network of information.

BOOKS AND STATIONERY

All textbooks are loaned by the College and a basic supply of stationery is provided.

If your first language has not been examined before at the College, you may be contacted by the Head of Languages to ask you to bring with you a number of works of literature in your own language. The cost of these books will be refunded by the College on arrival if you bring the receipts.

What will happen when you arrive?

AT THE AIRPORT

On arrival at the airport, there may be a long queue at the immigration desk. Don't worry - this is normal and you will move quite quickly. After you have collected your luggage and cleared customs, follow the signs to the Arrivals Hall. A group of friendly second year students will be there to greet you! Look for the big sign "**LI PO CHUN UNITED WORLD COLLEGE**". A student will accompany you to College by public transport or the College bus.

AT COLLEGE

You will be assigned to a four-bed room in one of the residences, each of which accommodates house tutors, their families and about 60 students. In your room there will be at least one student from Hong Kong or Mainland China and a second year from another country. Our second year students usually prepare a special guidebook for new arrivals that will tell you lots of useful information about the College and Hong Kong.

THE FIRST WEEK: ORIENTATION WEEK

September 7th to September 12th will be a busy schedule of activities which enable you to get to know staff and students - particularly those in your house and tutor group - and to be introduced to Hong Kong and the countryside near the College. In past years it has included a tour of the city, an overnight camp, social activities on campus and a visit to the Immigration Department to obtain your Hong Kong Identity Card. There will be some writing tasks in English and Chinese to enable us to recommend initial language placement.

Classes start on September 14th, and before that you will meet with your tutor to discuss your initial subject choices. Information on the courses offered is attached. You have some flexibility particularly in the first semester to change courses, in order to find the best combination of subjects for you.

ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

During Orientation Week, staff and second year students run an information fair to advertise the many activities and services available. Over the two years you are expected to seek a balance between the components involving action, creativity and service to both the local community and to the College. You are also encouraged to start or contribute to new student initiatives.

Some issues you may have been wondering about

FOOD

The College dining room provides a choice of Chinese, European, and Vegetarian food at all meals. The College cannot undertake to cater for highly specialised diets, except for medical reasons e.g. allergies, and if you have very particular dietary preferences, you may need to budget extra money for supplementary items.

RELIGION

Because of the diversity of religions represented at the College, there are many opportunities for interfaith discussion and dialogue. Students are encouraged and helped to establish contact with people of their faith in the local community, and there are a number of fellowship groups on campus. The College has built a Spiritual Centre as a place of quiet retreat and reflection as well as providing a focus for some religious celebrations. College staff include teachers from most of the larger religious traditions.

HEALTH CARE

There is a full time non-resident nurse on campus who attends to routine minor ailments, and who offers advice on health care, diet and life style. There is a government clinic close to College and a major public hospital is situated only 15 minutes away. An ambulance service arrives in a few minutes in cases of emergency. A visiting counsellor is available according to demand.

The above services are covered by the College, but **private** medical care if required would be the responsibility of the student's family.

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

The College remains open during short breaks in October, Chinese New Year and Easter. During the December break the College is closed from 20th December (p.m.) to 9th January (p.m.). Students are encouraged to register with their local consulate or embassy who can be very helpful in this regard.

VISITORS TO THE CAMPUS

The College currently has no facilities for the accommodation of adult visitors. It is requested that friends and graduates make their own arrangements if they plan to visit a student at the College. The General Office can advise on the cost of hotels in the area.

Student visitors of ages similar to our own students may be accommodated in the dormitories, for up to five nights, if advance permission is obtained from the Head of House, and is subject to a modest charge.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH HOME

Email is available free to all students and is by far the cheapest way of keeping in touch. Many students also use Skype, MSN and iChat. There are computers in all dormitories and a small suite of computers in each residence. There are telephones in the residences and phone cards for international calls can be purchased.

Overseas students may send and receive messages from home via the College fax: **(852) 2643 4088**. Incoming mail is delivered to students at 2:30pm each week day and there is a post office in the local shopping centre.

Like other United World Colleges, LPCUWC insists that students remain on campus overnight during weekends in order to build a closer sense of community. Overnight leave is not granted except in exceptional circumstances, and this includes students from Hong Kong as we do not want to foster a division between local students and those from overseas. When Hong Kong students are granted overnight leave, such as during special holidays and festivals, it is expected that they will host one or more overseas friends if at all possible.

PERSONAL SUPPORT

Your first lines of support are the students who share your room, your tutor and your tutor group. In addition you will soon make other friends on campus. There is a student support system (S³) which includes talks and discussions during the year to help you manage your time, balance your activities, and to enable you to meet the various challenges of College life. Many students make social contacts in the community through religious affiliation, their consulate, or other expatriates from their country.

SUBSTANCE USE AND ABUSE

This is important – you must understand that drug use, including marijuana, is viewed VERY seriously in Hong Kong, as it is strictly illegal. Under no circumstances may any student at LPCUWC possess or use drugs, and non-compliance on this matter will usually result in a student's visa to study in Hong Kong being withdrawn, and it could result in a criminal record. Purchase of alcohol by people under 18 is also prohibited.

Possession and use of alcohol on campus is strictly prohibited. The College retains the right to search students' living areas if possession of alcohol and / or drugs is reasonably suspected or reported.

Under Hong Kong Law, LPCUWC is a smoke-free campus.

AND IN CONCLUSION.....

The most important expectation we have of our students is that you make the very best of the opportunities which attending a United World College offers. The two years go very quickly, and it is vital that you get fully engaged in all aspects of College life. Do not miss an opportunity to share ideas and experiences with students from other countries. Inform yourself about key environmental and political issues. Try new activities. Follow through your good ideas and turn them into action. Be fully committed to your service programme. Aim for excellence in everything you do, especially your academic work. The more you give the more you will get out of the experience.

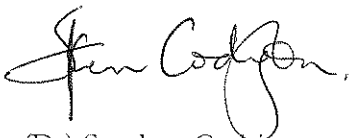
It is the hope of everyone concerned with the United World Colleges, that the attitudes and values which underpin College life will stay with you beyond the two year UWC experience. In your life at university and beyond we hope you will seek to promote international understanding, to resolve conflict and to be an active, responsible and informed international citizen. The enormous amount of voluntary effort and fundraising by generous benefactors which support the College is given in the hope that you will, in your lifetime, help to make the world a better place.

We also hope that you will value the UWC experience and seek to enable others to have the same opportunity that you have had, through involvement in the UWC network of graduates, in support of the UWC National Committee in your country of residence, and in due course by donation to the scholarship endowment of the College.

As a UWC student, you are accepting a place which has been awarded on merit often from a wide field of applicants. You are being offered a unique educational opportunity, but one that brings with it responsibilities. The great majority of students are receiving scholarships or financial assistance from the College, and continued funding in the second year is dependent on satisfactory participation and involvement in the programme in the first year.

It is hard to imagine a more stimulating environment for education than Hong Kong. Our College is situated in a beautiful setting that is a cultural crossroad, a major world city, and a great place to be! However, to get the most from your experience in Hong Kong, it is necessary to understand and fit in with the traditions and culture of the place. Please take the time to read the enclosed booklet "What Makes Li Po Chun United World College Special?", especially page 6.

Good luck, and I look forward to welcoming you to the College. You have two very exciting years ahead of you.



(Dr) Stephen Codrington

Principal

13 May 2009

Rules for the Student Community

One of the key aims of Li Po Chun United World College is to encourage honesty, integrity and high personal standards among the student body. Formal rules are kept to a minimum, but a certain number are necessary to ensure the smooth-running of the institution and to conform with the framework of Hong Kong Law. College rules are organised as follows:

1. Expellable

For actions such as the following, students should expect to be immediately expelled from the College:

- Theft.
- Possession or use of illegal drugs (see Substance Abuse Policy).
- Physical/sexual harassment, including assault.

2. Very Serious

For actions such as the following, students should expect to receive a strongly worded letter home stating their suspension*, with any repetition resulting in expulsion.

- sexual or inappropriate intimacy on campus
- intentionally deceptive speaking or action likely to result in potential harm to self, others or the College

3. Serious

For actions such as the following, students should expect to receive a strongly worded letter home, with any repetition within this category resulting in suspension*. A third offence within this category would result in expulsion.

- Drunkenness or possession of alcohol on campus.
- Leaving campus at unauthorized times.
- Creating a fire hazard through tampering with fire safety equipment.
- Smoking on campus.
- Using the swimming pool when no lifeguards are on duty (will be considered very serious if under the influence of alcohol).
- Major anti-social behavior (including, but not limited to, harassment (non-sexual) and discriminatory behavior).
- Academic malpractice (see Policy on Academic Malpractice).
- Destruction of College property or the property of members of the community.
- Repeatedly missing scheduled College activities (including, but not limited to, classes and service).
- Non-compliance with a reasonable instruction from an employee of the College.
- Intentional deceptive speech or action.

4. Other

In the case of other less serious infringements, such as the following, students should expect to receive a letter home for repeated infringements:

- Visiting the dormitories of another student at unauthorized times
- Minor anti-social behaviour.

Also see Policy on Consideration in the Residences.

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* Depending on the circumstances, suspension can range from a symbolic one (e.g. a disciplinary letter stating suspension with no further action) to being sent home for up to a month.

NATURE OF OFFENCE	WHO DEALS WITH THE INFRINGEMENT?			ACTION TO BE TAKEN
	Academic Rules	Residence Rules		
Minor infringements	In initial stages by the teacher and tutor	In the initial stages by the tutor and Head of House.		To be determined by these individuals.
Repetition of minor infringements/failure to modify behaviour/more serious infringements	Tutor/Head of Department / Director of Studies (e.g. repeated absence from class, repeated failure to meet deadlines for assignments)	Head of House/Head of Residences. (e.g. off campus without permission after check-in; returning to campus intoxicated, entering another dormitory outside permitted hours.)		Warning letter Home. c.c. student, file. Counselling from tutor/Head of Residences/Professional counsellor.
Repetition/failure to modify behaviour/very serious infringement	Principal/Director of Studies/Head of Department/Tutor and/or teacher. (e.g. cheating, plagiarism)	Principal/Head of Residences/Head of House/Tutor. (e.g. sexual or inappropriate intimacy on campus)		Severe/final warning home (variable wording) c.c. students, national committees, file and transcripts where required. There will be variable wording of this warning depending on the severity of the individual case. e.g. 'reserve the right to expel' 'will be expelled' 'for repetition of this sort of behaviour' 'for any further infringement of College rules'
Repetition/breaches of Hong Kong law/assault/theft/possession of drugs or fire arms.	Principal/Head of Residences/Director of Studies/Head of House/Tutor.			PLUS the option of suspension. Counselling from tutor/Head of Residences/Professional counsellor. Expulsion

Advice From Previous Students

Dear First Years: Getting used to a new school life is always an exciting experience. Most of you will settle right in! From over ten years here at Li Po Chun United World College, our students have come up with a list of suggestions to make it easier for you. This is a list of what they wish they had brought when they first arrived:

Things from home:

National songs, dances, and simple recipes (with any special ingredients you need) will all be of help for planning international evenings.

A picture book showing the landscape of your country would be of great interest to other students.

Snacks you are used to will help you miss home a bit less, especially as these are not always found in Hong Kong.

A loud and reliable alarm clock.

Outlet converters. Hong Kong uses the British three-pinned rectangular blade plug (220 V).

DVDs can be played on laptops, so bring them along for Friday night movie sessions.

Your national flag.

Photos of family and friends.

Traditional items from your country that will come in handy for cultural evenings.

Toiletries and medicines that you like, as you may not find recognizable brands here.

Souvenirs from home to give as gifts to friends for Birthdays, host families during China Week, your roommate's family, etc.

Your old school uniform to wear on special uniform dress-up days.

Things to wear:

Clothing on campus is very casual. Students usually wear jeans, shorts and T-shirts, which can all be bought here in Hong Kong.

Shoes suitable for camping/hiking are very useful. So are walking/running shoes, and shoes for sports such as soccer and basketball.

Due to the climate, the temperature will go from about 30°C in September to about 5°C in December. It is necessary to bring a lot of warm clothes, in addition to summer wear. A rain jacket is also important. It is important to note that there is no central heating on campus.

A national costume unique to your culture would be most useful. There will be several international evenings and other occasions where everyone wears costumes representing where they are from. These are great photo opportunities you wouldn't want to miss out on

For important meals, events, or nights out, you will need a semi-formal outfit such a suit for boys and equivalent for girls.

There is also a school pool on campus so remember to bring your swimming costume and goggles. If you are unable to swim, or would like to improve your skills, the lifeguard and fellow students will be very happy to teach you.

Things to decorate your corner with:

Your favourite pictures and posters, especially those from your country are great for decorating your room and the residences.

Dolls, childhood toys; anything that you love in your room back home will make your corner here seem more like your own.

Things to keep you occupied:

A few books about your country or literature in your own language may be donated to the College library for other students to enjoy. Your favourite books are always good reading material too.

A simple English to mother tongue translating dictionary could be vital, especially as you can use it in exams.

A few textbooks in your own language might also be helpful, especially for getting used to the new terminologies used in subjects taught in English, an unfamiliar language for some.

Other Tips:

As a guide to the spending money you may want to budget, those full scholars who receive pocket money from the College get HK\$125 per week. Access to money well above this level can cause tensions and inequities.

Expect to spend more money during your first month here due to “settling-in” costs (curtains, rugs, adaptors, power strips, etc.).

There is broadband internet access in the rooms and in the Computer Room in each block.

The schools lessons are conducted in English. Even if your English is not very strong it becomes better very quickly so do not be afraid to use it from the beginning.

Native English speakers are asked to try to cut as much slang out of their vocabulary as possible in order to make it easier for those studying English as a second/new language to understand them easily.

You may notice that in your corner you have a paper-recycling bin and you as an LPC student are expected to recycle your paper. This is in order to protect the environment.

However the biggest tip we can give you is to pack light, as you will find your belongings accumulate very quickly. Most items may be purchased upon your arrival in Hong Kong.

LPCUWC students 1992-2008

Costs and Budgeting

Li Po Chun United World College of Hong Kong

Basic Scholarship Costs	2009-2010	HK\$192,000*	~USD24,680
	2010-2011	HK\$200,000*	~USD25,710

The great majority of students are in receipt of scholarships or financial assistance.

Please note that students whose 1st year fees are not fully paid by the end of 1st year are **not** eligible to return to 2nd year.

** Subject to the approval of the Education Bureau of Hong Kong.*

Additional Miscellaneous Costs

- Visa:** The cost of the student visa for year one is US\$21.
- It must be renewed at the beginning of year two at a cost of US\$21.
- To expedite the obtaining of the initial visa, it is couriered to students before they depart for Hong Kong. Costs vary depending on the destination, and range from US\$20 to US\$120.
- Travel:** Parents or the UWC National Committee are required to meet the costs of return travel to and from Hong Kong at the beginning and end of each academic year. Families are encouraged to explore the most economic options which often are obtained by booking well in advance. The College meets travel costs for a small number of full scholarship students each year.
- Pocket Money:** Although Hong Kong is not an expensive city by world standards, it is easy for students to spend money on clothes and entertainment. However it is recommended that students are not given excessive pocket money, in part to be sensitive to the economic circumstances of others, in part because it is not absolutely needed. We recommend a maximum of less than US\$20 per week, no more than US\$650 for the year.
- China Week:** In November of their first year, all students are taken on a staff led trip into Mainland China. The cost per student is in the range US\$300-US\$350 and subsidies are available to students of modest means.
- Project Week:** Students have the opportunity to travel independently into Mainland China or neighbouring countries during Project Week in March. There is a small subsidy available from the College to support particularly worthwhile or challenging projects. It is possible to find interesting

projects in Hong Kong for US\$50 to US\$60, in Mainland China for US\$230 to US\$250, in South or South East Asia for approximately US\$400. Those wishing to travel further afield are encouraged to find sponsorship, so that students of modest means are not excluded.

Winter Break:

All students must vacate the campus during the winter break. For many students it can be cheaper to travel to a neighbouring country than returning home, and for many students it is an opportunity to explore South-east Asia or China.

SAT/TOEFL and University Applications

Students applying to University in the USA, Canada or UK should budget for:

SAT I+II tests

- SAT reasoning US\$71
 - SAT subject test (two subjects) US\$64
- TOEFL US\$180
University Application fees (average) US\$55 – 75 (per application)
UK "UCAS" general application GBP7 / GBP17

This is mostly incurred in the second year.

The College will cover reasonable costs for full scholars in receipt of pocket money.


Dental Care

This is not covered by the College medical scheme. In cases of hardship the College pays for emergency treatment.

Insurance

The College insurance will not be able to cover the loss or damage of their personal belongings e.g. personal computer, musical instrument or any other valuable/money during term times (including participation in college-related activities) and non-term times. Students are advised to obtain their own personal insurance cover for their personal belongings or to seek advice from their home country's insurance adviser to extend their home contents' insurance to cover their property during their stay at LPCUWC.

This comes to a total of some US\$1,150 per annum excluding travel and expenses over the winter break.



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Principal
13 May 2009

Health

To: Parent/Guardian/Student,

Please read carefully the information provided below. You are requested to take the attached Medical Report form to your local doctor for completion and forward it together with written reports on the laboratory blood test and X-Ray to the College as soon as possible (**NO LATER THAN 31 JULY**). Official acceptance by the College depends on receipt of this form.

Local Medical Expenses

(A) Public Hospital / Clinic

The cost of medical services including hospitalization (general ward only) provided by the nearest Government clinic or hospital as appropriate will be covered by the College except for any pre-existing medical condition. However, if private medical care is required, this is the responsibility of the student's family.

(B) OPTIONAL Private Medical Care

Students may join the private medical insurance scheme, which is optional, but the cost of this is not included in the basic fee. We have obtained a medical insurance plan for your reference. Please note that it is possible that the current indicated premium rate is going to be revised by the insurance company in September 2009. If you opt for the private medical insurance scheme please ask your son/daughter/ward to bring the premium payment (approx. HK\$3,000 to HK\$9,000 per annum depending on choices of coverage) to the College General Office on arrival for registration. Pre-existing medical conditions will not be covered by this optional medical insurance policy.

For further details on the student medical insurance scheme, please refer to the supplementary document attached or contact Ms Flora Hui, Head of Administration. If you already have medical coverage for Hong Kong, make sure that you notify us of this with full details. Please note that the cost of dental and eye care are the responsibility of the student/parent.

Medical / Travel for Trips Out of Hong Kong

- (i) For trips outside Hong Kong, the College insurance policy only covers College approved excursions during China Week and Project Week. This sets the limits of the College's responsibility in case of any accident. Details of these policies are available on request.

For holiday / personal travels out of Hong Kong at any time, parents and students should take out travel insurance. Students, if necessary, can obtain the travel insurance in the General Office at least three working days prior to their departure.

- (ii) Students who travel outside Hong Kong should prepare against travel related illnesses. During their travel, students are strongly advised not to drink water (unless bottled purified water) and to avoid ice, and to protect against mosquitoes by wearing long sleeves, light coloured clothing and using insect repellent. It is the responsibility of the student/parents to follow the necessary vaccinations, prophylactic medication, health advice and precautionary measures for the country(ies) they are going to visit.

Dental Costs

Students should have had a recent dental examination and any necessary dental work completed before arrival at the College. Students requiring dental treatment while at the College may make their own arrangements locally, and at their own expense.

Eyeglasses

It is recommended that students who wear glasses or contact lens bring a second pair or a prescription of eye correction with them. The College medical plan for students does not cover the purchase of eyeglasses or ophthalmic examinations.

Physical/Mental Illness

Because of the full and rigorous life at the College, we must insist that any physical or emotional problems or mental illnesses be brought to our attention in writing by you, the parent or guardian of the student, before enrolment. The information is held in strict confidence by our medical staff and only released to others on a “need to know” basis. **Failure to inform the College medical staff of previous physical, emotional or mental illness may result in dismissal of the student.** Except for specific medical conditions, e.g. asthma, diabetes, **students are not to bring medications or pills with them.** All medications should be prescribed by local doctors and should be dispensed from the local pharmacies. In all cases of students bringing medication to the College, the nurse must be informed.

It is important to note that medical insurance in Hong Kong does not cover most mental, psychological and emotional conditions. Treatment for these is very expensive in Hong Kong, and if needed, they will be at the student’s expense.

Diet

Students may choose to follow a Vegetarian, European or Oriental diet, or a combination of them. Fresh salad is available at lunch and dinner and fresh fruit is served regularly. The College however cannot undertake to cater for highly specialised diets except for medical reasons.

A student committee meets when necessary with the Caterer to monitor and provide feedback on the standard of catering. The College Caterer is currently Sodexho, one of the largest institutional caterers in the world, who cater for many of the tertiary institutes and international schools in Hong Kong, as well as overseas. They also cater for our sister Colleges, UWC-USA in the United States and UWCSEA in Singapore.

Medical Treatment

It must be made clear that treatment of any illness which has occurred BEFORE a student's arrival at Li Po Chun United World College is NOT the College's responsibility, and if continuing treatment, consultation, investigation of laboratory and/or X-ray tests are needed for such an illness, parents must pay for the cost.

The College only takes financial responsibility in a government clinic for treatment of illnesses or other medical problems arising after a student arrives, and during their stay, at the College.

Flu Vaccination

Because of the distinctive nature of the College, with students from many different countries living in close proximity to one another, the College provides free flu vaccinations for all students, residential staff and families and non-residential staff every year. This free flu vaccination is optional and a parental consent for each student has been included with the "Consent Form".

Immunisation

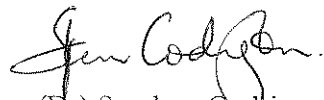
Before arrival at the College, students should be properly immunised against Meningococcus, Tetanus, Rubella, Typhoid, and Hepatitis A and B. If the College has to arrange for immunisation of any student, a charge will be made. It is strongly recommended that all female students be immunised against Rubella (German Measles). Immunisation for Typhoid and Meningococcus may be required before students travel from Hong Kong into South-east Asia, and students may wish to consider getting these before arrival in Hong Kong. Please refer to the Medical Form for the minimum acceptable level of immunisation.

Safety

The College takes every precaution and maintains sound safety standards for all activities. Students and their families should be aware that there are inherent risks involved in some activities such as mountain walking, climbing, rural expeditions and water activities. The College works with staff and students to ensure that safe procedures are followed in all activities. A separate indemnity form is required for students engaged in diving.

When undertaking College approved activities during term times, students are covered by a group personal accident insurance policy taken out by the College (i.e. Accidental Death and Accidental Permanent Disablement = HK\$200,000). Details of these policies are available on request. Parents should take out more insurance cover, if deemed necessary, for the students' stay in Hong Kong or their travels outside Hong Kong.

As a precaution against any eventuality, we ask you to give your permission for us to act 'in loco parentis' should the occasion arise when your child requires urgent medical treatment.



(Dr) Stephen Codrington
Principal
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