

# Visiting Island School

Island School's Senior School has moved to two campuses in Sha Tin. The senior school is on the Sha Tin Wai site. This relocation is projected until July 2021 when the school will return to its original site (and new school buildings) on Borrett Road.

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## Best time to visit us:

10:20 – 11:40AM - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

12:55 – 1:20PM - Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

11:40AM -12:20PM - Wednesdays

## Address:

Island School Sha Tin Wai  
Area 5A, Pok Hong Estate,  
Sha Tin, New Territories

## Getting here:

Taxi: A taxi from Central (HK\$160) will take between 30 to 40 minutes and from schools on Kowloon side (HK\$40-100) around 10 to 30 minutes. If you are coming from Hong Kong side, it is often hard to get a taxi to take you to Shatin. Make sure that you ask if the taxi is a 'Cross-Harbour' taxi. A red taxi will be able to take you to any parts of Hong Kong that you wish to go to with the exception of Lantau and Discovery Bay.

Show this to your taxi driver:



5A 沙田圍博康邨

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MTR: The nearest stop to our school is Sha Tin Wai on the Brown Line. It is a 5 minute walk (Exit B) to the Pok Hong Estate.

When you get here, please go straight up the stairs to reception and ask them to call the Higher Education Office to let us know you are here.

## Who is nearby:

The nearest shopping mall, which has a lot of restaurants where you can stop for lunch, is New Town Plaza (Shatin MTR station, Exit A). This mall is about 20 minutes away from campus by taxi. You can take either red or green taxis to get to campus.



We know it can be helpful to plan to meet with a number of schools in the same area. The table below shows other schools on Kowloon side and the approximate travel distances by car.

School	Counsellor	Contact email	Time to travel to/from Island School by car
American International School	Heather Hendrickx Kris Bumpus	hhendrickx@ais.edu.hk kbumpus@ais.edu.hk	20 minutes AIS is based in Kowloon Tong
Creative Secondary School	Barbara Cooper	msbarbaracooper@gmail.com	25 minutes Creative Secondary School is based in Clearwater Bay
Diocesan Girls' School (DGS)	Josephine Tsoi	Josephine.tyc@gmail.com	20 minutes DGS is in Jordan
Diocesan Boys' School (DBS)	Jennifer Chong	jenniferchong@db.edu.hk	20 minutes DBS is in Mong Kok
ESF King George V School	Terence Yau, Cecilia Lau	Terence.yau@kgv.edu.hk Cecilia.lau@kgv.edu.hk	20 minutes KGV is in Ho Man Tin
ESF Renaissance College	Suman Sachdev Martha Devries	ssachdev@rchk.edu.hk devrim1@rchk.edu.hk	12 minutes
ESF Sha Tin College	Patrick Campbell David Stott	pbcc@shatincollege.edu.hk dzs@shatincollege.edu.hk	10 minutes
Harrow International School	Jo Morris	jmorris@harrowschool.hk	35 minutes Harrow is in Tuen Mun
Hong Kong Academy	Amy Cofelt	amy.cofelt@hkacademy.edu.hk	30 minutes HKA is in Sai Kung
Hong Lok Yuen International School	Principal	Twentieth Street, Hong Lok Yuen, Tai Po, NT, HK	30 minutes HLYIS is based in Tai Po
International Christian School	Sue Farley, Jon Widdifield	farleys@ics.edu.hk widdifieldj@ics.edu.hk	12 minutes
Kellett School	Mary Ann Lee	maryannlee@kellettschool.com	20 minutes Kellett School Secondary campus is in Kowloon Bay
Li Po Chun United World College	Ariel Lau	ariel@lpcuwc.edu.hk	15 minutes
Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School	Helen Cheung	helen.cheung@cky.edu.hk	10 minutes

# Useful information on Hong Kong

## Where to stay:

Most people find that it is easier to stay on Hong Kong Island but there are great options on both sides of the Harbour for accommodation and things to do and see.

Ovolo hotels are very popular and well located for places to eat in the evening. There are two very near to the south side of Hong Kong Island but there are also two centrally located in Central and Sheung Wan. They also have free drinks and snacks.

The Holiday Inn in Soho offers a very affordable option in a good location for the MTR, taxis and restaurants.

Many visitors stay in the Courtyard by Marriott in the Western District as it is reasonable and has a good points programme. Taxis can sometimes be hard to get from there in the mornings, so best to allow more time just in case.

Jplus by Yoo is an award winning boutique hotel which offers free evening drinks and smart phones to guests. Located in the bustling Causeway Bay area with good transport links.

Eco Tree Hotel and IBIS Sheung Wan offer well located and reasonable European budget style accommodation. Both are located near the MTR, bus route as well as the ferry terminals.

Hotel Jen is very well located for getting around as it is next to HKU MTR station, a taxi rank and also not right in the centre. So it is easy to get to schools on the Island and Kowloon side. It has a delicious Malaysian restaurant.

OZO on Hennessey Road (between Admiralty station and Wan Chai MTR station) has also been given the thumbs up from other visitors to Island School. Of particular note is the coffee shop next door (Coco Espresso) which reportedly serves 'gold standard' coffee!

## Where to eat:

Cheap eats for those of you on a per diem:

### Wanchai

Hay Hay cooked meats in Wanchai

Happy Veggies in Wanchai is a very cheap social enterprise and provides huge portions

Sabah - delicious Malaysian food

### Causeway Bay

Din Tai Fung, Delicious Thai

**Sheung Wan/Sai Ying Pun Cooked Food Centres (basically street food with air-con)** You can bring your own drinks in from 7-11 making it a bargain! Sit by the restaurant you wish to eat at.

Sheung Wan Cooked Food Centre (great Thai food in the back)

Queen Street Cooked Food Centre (great noodles, Nepalese and Vietnamese food)

Also try Dim Sum Square

**Tsim Sha Tsui /Kowloon:** Branto (Indian curry), Hing Fat Roast Restaurant (local roasted meats and noodles)

**Central:** Tsim Chai Kee (wanton noodles and roast meats), Wang Fu (great noodle soups)

Ding Dim (well located - most dim sum is reasonable in Hong Kong), Seoul Bros - (Korean fusion)

**North Point:** Tung Po (Java road wet market), Of Anthony Bourdain Fame (tasty food and beer from bowls)

### **Multiple Locations**

Crystal Jade (dumplings & noodles), Din Tai Fung (Great Taiwanese dumplings), Genki Sushi

### **Some of our favourite delicious food options of various prices:**

Loads of options on Elgin St in **Central** - Enoteca (tapas), Cicada (Asian tapas), Linguini Fini (pasta delights), Chong King (delicious Chinese food though service can sometimes be an "experience")

Little Bao (trendy Asian inspired deliciousness), BEP (great Vietnamese), Maison Libanaise (pricey but wonderful Middle Eastern with great roof terrace)

**Kennedy Town:** Little Creatures (brewery with tasty eclectic menu), Cafe Siam (great Thai right by the MTR), Chino (Mexican/Japanese - amazing!), Shoreditch ('Best of British' food)

**Wanchai:** WooLooMooLoo (great view!)

**Causeway Bay:** Red Pepper, Sweet Basil

**Kowloon Side:** Craft beer at Kowloon Tap Room, Old School Cantonese and delicious duck at Spring Deer and Michelin starred dimsum at Tim Ho Wan

## **Top tips:**

Taxi change-over happens 3:45pm - 4:30pm, so finding a taxi during these times can be difficult.

Buy an Octopus card at the airport - you can use it for Airport Express (\$100) to get you straight into the city - faster and cheaper than a taxi. You can also use it to buy drinks and snacks from 7-11/supermarkets, starbucks etc as well as for riding MTR, buses, ferries and trams.

If you have some free time, take a ferry to outlying islands – Lamma and Cheung Chau are good ones to start with. Simply take a ferry from the central ferry piers for around HK\$30. You can also bring your own drinks and snacks for the 45 minute trip.

If you are here over a weekend, there are some great convenient hikes you can do with excellent views, such as the one over Mount Butler and the one from Mui Wo to Pui O.

A treat to give yourself after a long day on your feet would be to get a foot massage or a pedicure - our favourite is Happy Foot as you don't need to book and it's reasonable, but there are lots of options.

Take the Star Ferry across the harbour or the tram along the north of the Island (if it's not too hot!) - both are very cheap and a fun way to see more of the city.

Victoria Peak is a great place to visit but VERY busy on weekends. Escape the hustle and bustle at Nan Lian Garden next to the Chi Lin Nunnery.

## **Any other questions, please do contact us!**