**British Council Hong Kong - UK summer school competition 2016 - 2017**

Application form and information notes

(Please type information. Hand-written forms will not be accepted)

**Part I – Personal details:**

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| Full name (as in passport): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Date of birth: (DD/MM/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Contact telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Are you a permanent Hong Kong resident?  Yes  No |
| Do you already hold a valid passport for travel in the summer 2017?  Yes  No |
| If yes, passport type, number and expiry date:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| If no, are you willing to apply for one if you are selected for this competition?  Yes  No |
| Name of your secondary school/ pre-university college:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Current year of study: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Expected year of graduation from secondary school/ pre-university college: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Where did you hear about this competition?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**Part II - Requirements of the sponsored institutions:**

**I confirm that I can fulfil all the requirements of the sponsored institutions, as outlined in Part VII. If no, please state reason(s).**

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| Chelsea Independent College | Yes |
| No, please state reason(s): |
| Concord College | Yes |
| No, please state reason(s): |
| University of East Anglia | Yes |
| No, please state reason(s): |
| University of Edinburgh | Yes |
| No, please state reason(s): |
| SOAS, University of London | Yes |
| No, please state reason(s): |

**Part III – Creative work:**

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| I confirm that my entry is my original work. Any act of dishonesty or plagiarism found will result in instant disqualification. |
| For entries uploaded to the internet (such as blogs or videos), please provide the web link(s):  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| For entries in text or other formats, please provide an attachment or link via email. |

**Part IV - Checklist:**

Please check the box if you **AGREE** to the below sentences.

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| I have read the notes of application and the terms and conditions of  the competition and agree to be bound by those terms and conditions. |
| I confirm that I have attached my latest school report with this application. |
| I confirm that I have attached my competition essay or video link (not  the actual file to avoid large file sizes) with this application. |
| I confirm that I have attached a copy of the back of my HKID card. |
| I confirm that, should I be selected as one of the winners, I will allow  the British Council and its partner(s) in the competition to publish my  competition entry. |

**Part V – Signature and consent:**

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| Signature of applicant:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **For applicant under the age of 18:**  Name of parent / guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Relationship: Contact telephone number:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| I hereby give my consent for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (name of applicant) to participate in the competition. I have read the notes of application and the terms and conditions of the competition and agree to be bound by those terms and conditions.  Signature of parent / guardian:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Date: ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**Part VI - Information note:**

1. **Background:**

British Council, (“the Organiser”), works with UK institutions to position the UK as a top study destination. To this end, the UK Summer School competition, (“the Competition”), has been launched for the third time in 2016 to support this ambition.

The Competition will allow five Hong Kong senior high school or pre-university college students aged 16 or above to attend a participating summer school in the UK in 2017. The Competition will take the form of an essay-writing contest, or creative media selected by internal and external judges.

The objective of the Competition is to enable Hong Kong students to better understand the UK’s advantages as a place to find knowledge and inspiration, and to consider pursing further education in the UK.

1. **Theme:**

*“What would you do if you could spend a day in the life of your favourite UK celebrity, icon, historical figure or fictional character?”*

Entries can be in the form of a written essay or other creative forms (website, blogs, digital videos, etc.). Essays must be written in English and must be no longer than 500 words. Digital videos must be recorded in English and must be no longer than 2 minutes.

1. **Prizes:**

The best five entries, (“the Winners”), will be sponsored to travel to the UK and study one of the summer schools courses available at a participating UK institution. (The duration of the courses varies depending on the institution’s programme).

Upon their return to Hong Kong, the Winners will be required to submit a report (in a photo album or blog format with short reflections) to the Organiser, and to share their experience at appropriate occasions at the Organiser’s request including, but not limited to, media interviews, sharing sessions at selected seminars in Hong Kong, as well as writing articles with photos with the sponsoring airline and institutions to be published in education journals, and so on.

Entries from the Winners will be published on British Council and sponsors’ websites and promotional channels.

The Winners’ sponsorship package includes the following:

1. a return ticket in economy class on Emirates Airline between Hong Kong and the UK (Emirates destinations in UK: London, Birmingham, Manchester, Newcastle and Glasgow);
2. the tuition fee for the summer school course at a UK institution; and
3. accommodation (meals not included) at the sponsored institution residence for the duration of the course, unless otherwise specified.

***Travel insurance, meals, local transportation, and other costs will be borne by the Winners themselves.***

Note: The sponsorship package set out above is applicable to the Winners only. Travelling companions, including their accompanying guardian (if applicable), will not be covered by the sponsorship package.

1. **Eligibility for applicants:**

**To be eligible for the competition, the applicants must be –**

1. a Hong Kong full citizen with Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card and the right of abode in Hong Kong;
2. a full time student at a secondary school or pre-university college in Hong Kong, aged 16 or above (at the time of application);
3. able to speak fluent English;
4. given the consent to participate in the Competition by his/ her parent or legal guardian; and
5. able to support him/ herself financially whilst in the UK.

**Note:**

* The Winners may need to apply for a study visa from the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) section before entering UK for study. Winners who hold a valid Hong Kong SAR or Hong Kong (BNO) passport do not need a visa to study in the UK if the duration of the course is less than six months. Winners who require a visa are responsible for their own visa arrangements and costs. <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration>
* If below 18 years of age, the Winner will also need to acquire a legal guardian (a legal guardian can be the Winner’s relative/ friend in the UK) whilst in the UK.
* If the Winners are not able to confirm their flight details by the deadline given (17 March 2017), they will have to bear any extra charge incurred in respect of the cost for the air-tickets. If winners fail to meet the requirement, the organiser may cancel their eligibility to receive the prize.

**Application:**  
Applicants should submit their entries along with a completed application form, a copy of the back of their HKID card and a copy of their latest transcript or school report by email to [competition@britishcouncil.org.hk](mailto:competition@britishcouncil.org.hk)

**IMPORTANT**:

Applicants should read carefully the information note and the detailed terms and conditions of the competition before submitting their application. 

**Deadline:**  
31 January 2017. Late submissions will not be considered. 

**Timetable of the competition:**

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| **Stage** | **Date** |
| Commencement of applications | 01 November 2016 |
| Deadline of application | 31 January 2017 |
| Assessment by judging panel | February 2017 |
| Announcement of results by email | On or before 28 February 2017 |
| Confirmation of summer school place of study, flight details with the Winners (departure dates for inbound and outbound flights) | **17 March 2017** |
| Confirmation of summer school accommodation with the winners | Before June 2017 |
| Awards ceremony and pre-departure briefing in HK | May/ June 2017 |
| Trip to the UK | June – August 2017 (timing varies between institutions) |
| Post-trip sharing session, writing of articles | August - September 2017 |

1. **Judging criteria:**

The judging panel will consider the entries received and evaluate them in terms of content, creativity and presentation. Their decision will be final.

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| **Criteria** | **Percentage** |
| 1. Originality, creativity and enthusiasm | 30% |
| 1. Style and flair | 30% |
| 1. Language (writing/ speaking/ grammar) | 20% |
| 1. Supporting reasons/ persuasiveness | 20% |

1. **Promotions:**

* British Council, sponsors and supporting organisations’ websites and social media channels
* Posters and postcards to British Council’s network (including Teaching Centre, schools network, education agents, etc.)
* Print and online advertisements
* Media promotions

1. **Enquiries:**

For general enquiries, please email to [competition@britishcouncil.org.hk](mailto:competition@britishcouncil.org.hk)

1. **Organiser:**

British Council Hong Kong

1. **Sponsors:**

* Emirates Airline
* Chelsea Independent College
* Concord College
* University of East Anglia
* University of Edinburgh
* SOAS, University of London

1. **Supporting organisations:**

* Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO) in London
* Hong Kong Association of Careers Masters and Guidance Masters (HKACMGM)

**Part VII - Individual institutions’ terms and conditions:**

Participating universities/ colleges (in alphabetical order):

(1) Chelsea Independent College

(2) Concord College

(3) University of East Anglia

(4) University of Edinburgh

(5) SOAS, University of London

The five institutions, all with highly trusted sponsor status (HTS), are able to:

* provide one full summer course including residential accommodation
* provide academic and residential support for students under 18 years of age
* offer the summer programme for students between June and August 2017

**(1) Chelsea Independent College**

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| Website | http://www.chelseaindependentcollege.com/international/summer-courses/ |
| Duration and dates of summer school | Duration: 2 weeks (two options)   1. 16 July – 29 July 2017 2. 30 July – 12 August 2017   Six options on subject:   1. Art & Design \* 2. Business & Finance 3. Engineering & IT 4. Law, Politics & International Relations 5. Media & Communication 6. Medicine   *\*not available for period 2 (30 July – 12 August)* |
| Age specification | Age of 16 – 17 |
| English language | Require a minimum of IELTS 4.0 or equivalent. If the winner has not sat for the IELTS exam, the college may arrange for the winner to sit for an internal assessment and/or a Skype interview. |
| Full terms and conditions and other criteria | Refer to website above. |
| The winner may be asked to complete forms related to the summer school and submit supporting documents as advised by the institution. | |

**(2) Concord College**

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| Website | <http://www.concordcollegeuk.com/summer-school/> |
| Duration and dates of summer school | Duration: 3-4 weeks (two options)   1. 02 July – 27 July 2017 2. 30 July – 20 August 2017   Two options on subject:   1. English 2. Science, Maths & Economics |
| Age specification | Age of 16 - 17 |
| English language | No specific criteria required for the English programme. If however you wish to apply for the Science, Maths & Economics programme in which case you need to have a minimum English level of Intermediate or B1 or IELTS 4.0 equivalent, or HKDSE English language level 2. |
| Full terms and conditions and other criteria | Refer to website above. |
| The winner may be asked to complete forms related to the summer school and submit supporting documents as advised by the institution. | |

**(3) University of East Anglia**

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| Website | Institution:  [www.uea.ac.uk](http://www.uea.ac.uk)  International Summer School: [www.uea.ac.uk/summerstudyabroad](http://www.uea.ac.uk/summerstudyabroad) |
| Duration and dates of summer school | Duration: 4 weeks, 24 June – 21 July 2017  Subject: TBC\*  *\*Subject options will be released on the UEA International Summer School website in November:* [*www.uea.ac.uk/summerstudyabroad*](http://www.uea.ac.uk/summerstudyabroad) |
| Age specification | Minimum age of 17 |
| English language | Proof of English skill level, if English is not the first or taught language. Level should be at a minimum of IELTS 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in each component, or equivalent (a number of other English language tests are also acceptable). A Skype interview or academic reference may be required for students who do not have this proof, and we would welcome applications from these students. |
| Full terms and conditions and other criteria | Refer to website above. |
| The winner may be asked to complete forms related to the summer school and submit supporting documents as advised by the institution. | |

**(4) University of Edinburgh**

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| Website | Institution website:  [www.ed.ac.uk](http://www.ed.ac.uk)  Summer School website: [www.summerschool.ed.ac.uk](http://www.summerschool.ed.ac.uk) |
| Duration and dates of summer school | Duration: 2 weeks (three options on date, eight options on subject \*)   1. 03 July – 14 July 2017  * Introduction to Entrepreneurship  1. 17 July – 28 July 2017  * Preparing for University: Humanities ^ * Preparing for University: Social Sciences ^ * Introduction to Leadership and Management * Art and Architecture through the Ages: Edinburgh and Beyond  1. 31 July – 11 August 2017  * Culture and Society in the Scottish Enlightenment * Business Communication and Social Media * Introduction to Sociology   *\*The University has the right to decide to run these subjects or not. Winner will be asked to choose a first and a second choice on subject.*  *^Specially-designed courses for high school students who are planning to go to university, with a programme combining academic classes, social and cultural excursions, university preparation advice, wider study skills and personal development sessions* |
| Age specification | Minimum age of 16 |
| English language | You will need to provide a reference to support your application, to ensure that your English level is appropriate for your chosen Summer School course. |
| Full terms and conditions and other criteria | Refer to websites above. |
| The winner may be asked to complete forms related to the summer school and submit supporting documents as advised by the institution. | |

**(5) SOAS University of London**

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| Website | Institution website:  <https://www.soas.ac.uk/>  Summer School website: <http://www.soas.ac.uk/ifcels/summer/> |
| Duration and dates of summer school | Duration: 3 weeks (three options on date, eleven options on subject)   1. 10 July – 28 July 2017  * English Language Skills * Art of the World in London * International Relations * World Literature in London  1. 31 July – 18 August 2017  * English Language Skills * Art of the World in London * Global Business Studies * International Relations * Introduction to Film Studies * Politics and Development  1. 21 August – 08 September 2017  * English Language Skills * Intermediate Reading and Writing * Introduction to the Media * Global Business Strategy * International Relations * Environment and Development |
| Age specification | Minimum age of 17 |
| English language | For subject courses, students should have an upper intermediate level of English.  For English language courses, students should have a pre-intermediate level of English. |
| Academic ability | N/A |
| Full terms and conditions and other criteria | Refer to website above. |
| The winner may be asked to complete forms related to the summer school and submit supporting documents as advised by the institution. | |

**Part VIII - Airline sponsor’s (Emirates Airline) terms and conditions:**

**Winners are required to confirm the flight details by 17 March 2017 (ticket must be issued on/before 30 March 2017).** Winners are also required to take some photos as part of their post-trip report (photo album with short reflections) of their travel experience at airport, on-board flight etc for promotional use.

**Part IX – British Council’s terms and conditions:**

All applicants are required to observe the following terms and conditions -

1. Family members of any member of staff of the Organiser, the Sponsor, the Supporting Organisation or the participating institutions are not allowed to participate in this Competition.
2. The Winner will be assigned to join one of the programmes at a participating institution.
3. Only original and non-published work may be submitted to the Competition. Applicants’ work should be their own writing or media production. Any act of dishonesty or plagiarism found will result in instant disqualification.
4. The final right of awarding the prizes rests with the Organiser. The Organiser is not obliged to award all or any of the five prizes if there are insufficient entries of sufficiently high quality that merit the award of the prizes.
5. If the Winner is under the age of 18, his / her parents will be responsible for identifying a legal guardian for the duration of the Winner’s stay in the UK. The Winner (in case of an adult) or the guardian (for Winners below 18) will be responsible for the personal safety of himself / herself or the Winner (as applicable). All Winners are required to arrange for travel insurance coverage for the whole duration of their stay in the UK. The Organiser and the participating institutions are not responsible for the personal safety of the students whilst they are in the UK.
6. The Winners are expected to participate fully in the courses they enrol in and are required to follow all reasonable instructions given by the participating institutions in the course of their study in the UK.
7. Additional programmes for the Winners may be arranged by the participating institutions or supporting organisations. Winners are strongly encouraged to attend these additional programmes.
8. Upon successful completion of the course in the UK and return to Hong Kong, the Winners are invited to assist the Organiser in promoting the UK as an overseas study destination. No remuneration will be provided, except associated local transport costs.
9. If applicable, the Winners (and the parents / legal guardian) must submit an application to the UKVI for a study visa immediately after the announcement of the results. It is the responsibility of the Winners (and the parents / legal guardian) to ensure that a valid visa (if applicable) is issued before departure. In case the visa application is refused or the application is not approved in time, the prize will be forfeited.
10. The Organiser reserves the right to terminate the award if the Winner fails to complete the summer course or fulfil any one or more of the terms and conditions specified above.