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CHANGKAT CHANGI SECONDARY SCHOOL

20 March 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 2 2023

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope your child/ward has had a restful March Holidays and is ready to learn and thrive in the new term.

Changkateers continue to strive for excellence. Four of our Changkateers (Kaelyn, Naveen, Jewel from 4A and Brighton Brahm from 4D) recently took part in the annual NUS Geography Challenge. This is a flagship Geography competition for secondary schools in Singapore. Kaelyn and Naveen have done well and obtained a Silver and Bronze medal respectively. At the National School Games 2023, our 'B' Division Netball girls played with resilience to enter the quarter finals and did our school proud. This is the first time in the history of Changkat. We are proud of our students' achievements!

At the recent 'O' Level results release, 99.2% of our students are eligible for studies in post-secondary institutions (Junior College/Millennia Institute/Polytechnic/Institute of Technical Education). Some subjects have performed better than last year's percentage passes. In particular, the Sec 4 Express cohort had achieved 100% passes in Chemistry, Malay Language and Higher Chinese Language, while the Sec 5 Normal (Academic) cohort had achieved 100% passes in Principles of Accounts, Malay Language and Tamil Language. This is an affirmation of the hard work our teachers have put in to support our students.

As part of our efforts to look after the well-being of teachers and students, we have taken efforts in the past year to upgrade the school's facilities and infrastructure to ensure that the learning environment is conducive for your child/ward. We have created three additional classroom spaces, re-designed the Happy Hub space meant for our Changkateers' out-of-classroom activities and re-furbished the Dream Lab. We are committed to ensure that Changkat continues to provide a conducive and vibrant learning environment for your child/ward.

In Term 2, our Secondary One Changkateers will receive their Personal Learning Devices (PLD). The school has chosen the iPad to be the PLD as it is a powerful tool to inspire learning and it is light and portable. We believe, that through the use of the iPad and a Blended Learning approach, this will support the development of digital literacies and develop your child/ward to be self-directed learners.

Changkat Changi Secondary School will be celebrating our 57th Anniversary this year. Our 57th Anniversary theme is "Growing Resilience, Enriching Character". We hope that staff and students are able to grow their resilience so that they can recover from challenges and changes, and respond with commitment and optimism. We learn to bounce forward and persevere when faced with challenges and be adaptable to changes.



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As part of this Changkateer Community, I seek your partnership to place your trust with the school as we work with your child/ward. I hope you can help me take care of my teachers and staff too so that we can do our best to help your child/ward to learn and thrive. If you wish to contact the teachers/staff, you can do so between 7.30 am to 6 pm during office hours. This allows for our teachers/staff to have sufficient time for lesson preparations and rest as they get ready for the next school day. We also hope to partner you to ensure that your child/ward completes all the homework assigned to him/her including the work assigned on Home-based Learning days.

Term 2 promises to be an equally exciting and fruitful term as the pursuit of excellence and the holistic development of Changkateers remains our priority. We look forward to your partnership, and the key information under the following areas are for your attention:

1. **Ensuring Safety and Security of Students**

1.1 **Health Precautions and Safe Management Measures (SMM)**

Since 9 February 2023, Singapore has reverted to Dorscon Green after more than three years of living with heightened health alerts about COVID-19. Mask-wearing is not needed on public transport and some indoor healthcare and residential-care settings, but mask-wearing is still required when there is interaction with patients. Within the school's context, kindly note the following pointers:

a) **Mask-Wearing**

While mask-wearing is not required in schools, students who prefer to wear a mask may continue to do so, particularly when your child/ward does not feel well when he/she is in school.

b) **Attendance Matters**

If your child/ward is tested positive i.e PCR+ or Ag+, you are to send photo evidence of the PCT+/Ag+ test result to your child's/ward's Form Teacher. With that, your child's/ward's absence from school will be valid. Your child/ward should return to school if he/she no longer tests positive. However, if your child/ward does not feel well after he/she tests negative and feels that he/she is not able to come to school, please be advised to consult a doctor and get a medical certificate (MC).

c) **School-based Exam Matters**

If your child/ward is absent from any Weighted Assessment or End-of-Year examination, you are to submit either of the following two documents: (a) photo evidence of the PCR+/Ag+ test result; or (b) produce a MC to support your child's/ward's absence from school.

d) **Safe Resumption of Strenuous Activities Participation**

i. **Post COVID-19 Vaccination**

Students who have gone for any COVID-19 vaccination dose will continue to be **excused from participation in strenuous activities for two weeks.**



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- ii. Post COVID-19 Infection
Students would be able to resume physical activities as tolerated when recovered from mild or asymptomatic COVID-19 infection. They should **follow their doctor's advice (i.e. medical certificate)** on taking part in specific strenuous physical activities.
- iii. National School Games (NSG) Participation Status
Students' participation in the NSG will be managed accordingly, i.e. students who have recovered from COVID-19 infection can resume their participation in NSG after their medical leave period or as advised by their doctor. There will **no longer be a compulsory 14-day layoff period for post-infection imposed** on these students.

Notwithstanding the above guidelines, if your child/ward is to experience chest pain, severe shortness of breath or fainting spells as they resume physical activities, please advise them to inform their teacher promptly.

As a country, we have established a new endemic COVID-19 norm, where the virus is still present in our community but it is contained and not spreading out of control. The virus will continue to evolve and we could expect new infection waves. As such, whenever necessary, SMM may be adjusted and re-introduced.

We have emerged stronger together as a fraternity and as a nation. Let us continue to play our part to keep ourselves and the school safe.

1.2 Building of Sheltered Walkway by Land Transport Authority (LTA)

Please be informed that the construction of the internal sheltered walkway within the school has been completed and the walkway is open for public use.

1.3 Road Safety

Parents/guardians are encouraged to remind your child/ward on the importance of road safety inside and outside of the school. We seek your understanding to follow the correct traffic flow within the school compound and drop your child/ward only at the designated drop-off point at the foyer. Please also adhere to the speed limit (15 km/hr) in school especially when negotiating the right turn to the school drop-off point at the foyer. To reduce congestion during wet weather, parents/guardians are to proceed toward the furthest end of the drop-off point so that more cars can be accommodated under the shelter. Parents/guardians are also reminded that right turns at the school gate is prohibited from 6.30 am to 8.00 am. If your child/ward is taking public transport, please also remind him/her to use the zebra crossings and designated footpaths when they are walking from the gate to the school building. Please encourage your child/ward to avoid crossing our school main gate during the peak period from 7.00 am to 7.40 am.



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1.4 Annual Health Check

The Annual Health Check by the School Health Service, Health Promotion Board, will be conducted for all Secondary 1 and 2 students from 3 April to 5 April 2023 and 10 April to 13 April 2023. Further details will be given to your child/ward nearer the date.

2. Developing Self Discipline and Responsibility

2.1 Handphone and Personal Learning Device (PLD) Policy

To nurture an environment conducive for teaching and learning, students are strongly discouraged from bringing expensive handphones or smartwatches. Should students decide to bring these devices to school, they must take personal responsibility to care for their own belongings and valuables.

To encourage focus on learning, all handphones are to be kept and securely locked in your child's/ward's personal locker during lesson time. Handphones may only be used at designated times and zones, namely the classrooms, the canteen and the foyer, during recess and before/after school.

The school takes a firm stand towards the misuse of handphones and PLDs in the school premises. Kindly remind your child/ward that handphones and PLDs will be confiscated by teachers should they be used in contravention of the school's guidelines.

2.2 Punctuality to School

Please encourage your child/ward to plan his/her journey well. Your child/ward must be present and seated at the respective reporting venue by 7.50 am. This will inculcate the habit of punctuality and ensure that there is no loss of curriculum time due to late-coming. Students who are frequently late (6x or more) without valid reasons acceptable by the school will face disciplinary consequences such as suspension from school and/or a Fair conduct grade.

2.3 Absenteeism

The school places great emphasis on student learning and hence strongly discourages frequent absenteeism as such behaviour disrupts the child's learning and affects his/her performance. Together with your support, we can develop and inculcate in your child/ward the right attitude towards school and learning, which he/she will carry with him/her in his/her future work and endeavours.

We seek your support to monitor your child's/ward's attendance closely and ensure he/she does not stay away from school wilfully. Absenteeism should be substantiated with valid reasons or documents. Students who are absent without valid reasons will face disciplinary consequences such as suspension from school and/or a Fair conduct grade.



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2.4 Attire and Grooming

All students must have proper grooming and attire. Hairstyle, hair colour and hair length must adhere to the school expectations as stated in the Students' Handbook.

All students are reminded that school shirts/blouses and House T-shirts must have nametags sewn on as stated in our Student's Handbook. Failure to do so may result in the need for disciplinary action. Students are also reminded to arrive in school in their proper school skirts/shorts/pants. Students must not wear PE shorts when coming to school. PE shorts are only to be worn during PE lessons and/or CCA.

2.5 CCA Stand Down for 4E/5NA/4NA

All Sec 4E/5N/4NA students will stand down from their CCAs from 6 April 2023. Students who are participating in the National School Games (NSG) competition or Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) arts presentation will stand down from their CCA after the event or 6 April 2023, whichever comes later.

3 Important Examination Matters and Term 2 Events

3.1 Schedule of Examination Dates for 2023

Test & Exam	Dates
Weighted Assessment 2	17 April to 18 May
GCE O Level Written Mother Tongue Exam	29 May
GCE O Level Written Mother Tongue B Exam	30 May
Weighted Assessment 3	31 July to 25 August
Sec 4NA Preliminary Exams	21 July to 2 August
Sec 4E and 5NA Preliminary Exams	17 August (Science Practical) 21 August to 30 August
End-of-Year Exams (Sec 1 to 3)	25 September to 5 October
GCE N Level Exams (Written)	11 September to 18 September 2 October to 10 October
GCE O Level Exams (Written)	4 October to 10 November

The schedule for Weighted Assessments for the respective subjects and levels will be given out separately.

3.2 Progress and Completion of Coursework for GCE 'N' and 'O' Level

The coursework component for the GCE 'N' and 'O' Level Examination subjects is key to the overall performance for the relevant subjects. The completion of the coursework relies heavily on the students' self-discipline, perseverance in ensuring consistent effort and monitoring of their own progress. We seek your continued involvement in ensuring that your child/ward completes his/her coursework according to the deadlines. We also seek your understanding and cooperation if we need your child/ward to stay back after school for his/her coursework. The deadlines for the coursework subjects are as follows:



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Subject	Stream	Date
Art	4NA(6125)	1 August, 5pm
	4EXP/5NA(6123)	18 September, 5pm
F&N	4NA(6073)	10 July, 5pm
	4EXP(6097)	31 July, 5 pm
D&T	4NA(7055)	11 July, 5pm
	4EXP/5NA(7059)	25 July, 5pm

3.3 Upcoming School Events and Important Dates

Please find the upcoming school events and important dates for the respective levels in Term 2 in the table below for your information.

Level	Stream	Programmes	Dates	Remarks
Sec 1	All	House Meeting #2	27 April	Curriculum Time
	All	House Olympics	19 May	Curriculum Time
	All	Wellness Week*	22 – 25 May	
	All	Meet the Parents	26 May	
Sec 2	All	House Meeting #2	27 April	Curriculum Time
	NA/NT	Applied Learning Modules	20 – 22 March	Full Day
	All	House Olympics	19 May	Curriculum Time
	All	Wellness Week*	22 – 25 May	
	All	NAPFA 2.4km Run Test	24 May	PM
	All	Meet the Parents	26 May	
Sec 3	All	House Meeting #2	27 April	Curriculum Time
	All	House Olympics	19 May	Curriculum Time
	All	Wellness Week*	22 – 25 May	
	All	Meet the Parents	26 May	
Sec 4/5	All	House Meeting #2	27 April	Curriculum Time
	All	House Olympics	19 May	Curriculum Time
	All	Meet the Parents	26 May	
	4E and 5NA	MT Intensive Lessons	19 – 25 May	Curriculum Time
	All	NAPFA 2.4km Run Test	25 May	PM

* More details on Wellness Week will be provided in a separate letter.



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4 Partnerships and Collaboration

Deepening our Partnership with Parents/Guardians

The partnership between school and parents/guardians is important to the learning and development of your child/ward. We hope to continue to work closely with parents/guardians to forge a deep partnership so as to achieve the vision of helping our students to ***Learn with Passion, Serve with Humility and Succeed with Integrity***. The following are key events in our calendar for Term 2, and we look forward to your active partnership:

S/N	Name of Event	Date
1	57 th Annual Speech & Prize Giving Day and Student Leaders' Investiture	6 April
2	Sec 1–5 Meet-the-Parents' Session/Briefing	26 May

Parents/guardians are encouraged to join the Changkat Changi Parents Support Group (CCSS PSG) and continue to play an active part in our school activities.

All in all, we aim to provide a quality school experience for your child/ward and look forward to your support to develop your child/ward holistically.

This term letter can be downloaded from the school's website.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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