

15 Sep 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 4 2025

We welcome your child/ward back to school! We hope you and your child/ward had a restful and fulfilling September break.

I am pleased to share with you that Changkateers continue to excel in both academic and cocurricular areas. Our students have performed well at the recent **Mid-Year O Levels Mother Tongue (MT) examinations**. We achieved 100% passes in 4E Tamil Language, 4N Chinese Language, 4N Malay Language, 4N Tamil Language and 5N Tamil Language. For MT Language 'B' syllabus, our students also achieved 100% passes for 4N Malay Language.

Individual Changkateers have strived hard to become the best in their respective fields. I wish to highlight some of their achievements. Noor Sarahfina Binte Mohamed Amir (from 4B) from Girl Guides achieved the **Baden Powell Award**. This is the highest award given out by the Chief Commissioner to a Girl Guide. We are also one of the six finalists (secondary school category) in the recently held **Katapella 2025** – the first national-level Malay choral recitation competition which is organized by Malay Language Learning and Promotion Committee in partnership with Mediacorp. You can catch our Changkateers in action in the finals on meWATCH! https://www.mewatch.sg/watch/Katapella-E2-Secondary-Schools-554268. Five of our Sepak Takraw boys (Mohamed Zhameer Khan S/O Mohamed Amir Khan from 3G, Muhammad Ashraf Bin Abdullah from 3H, Muhammad Asyrll Shah Bin Mohammad Shahlihin from 3F, Muhammad Farell Bin Muhamad Azhari from 3E and Nur Al Muhaimin Bin Mohd Helmi from 3H) were awarded the **Singapore Olympic Foundation – Peter Lim Scholarships** 2025!

In the **23rd National Chinese Creative Writing Competition** organised by the Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan, Yang Zhiyue (from 1D) was awarded the 2nd Prize (Lower Sec) and Huang Zichen (from 4A) was awarded Merit Prize (Upper Sec). At the **Chinese Language National Text Recital Competition**, Lee Xin Hui (from 4E) achieved 3rd position. It is very inspiring to see our Changkateers from our **Talent Development Programme** gaining top honours in the various competitions they had participated in. This is made possible through the hard work of teachers too. Well done Changkateers!

Our staff constantly hones their craft and strives for excellence. Our STEM Instructor (Workshop) Mr Unais Bin Yusof was recently awarded The Efficiency Medal during the National Day Awards 2025. The Efficiency Medal is awarded to an individual for exceptional efficiency or exceptional devotion to duty or for work of special significance. Our Tamil Language Teachers Dr Perema Ramalingam and Dr Thirunavukarasu Duarisamy were invited to publish their teaching innovations in the SG60 eBook titled: 'Teaching Tamil Creatively: A Resource Book of Innovative Practices'. Our Girl Guides teacher, Ms Siti Zubaidah, achieved the Long Service Award (20 years) in Girl Guides Singapore! The teachers from the Malay Language Unit launched the boardgame 'SABOTAJ' in August in collaboration with the publisher Mini Monsters and the support of the Malay Language Learning and Promotion Committee. This innovative boardgame created entirely by our team injects a fun element of gaming or gamification into Malay language learning and 800 sets of the game

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were produced and had been distributed to all primary, secondary and madrasah schools in Singapore! For this innovation, we are featured on Berita Mediacorp:

https://berita.mediacorp.sg/singapura/permainan-sabotaj-suntik-elemen-gamifikasi-dalam-pembelajaran-bahasa-dan-budaya-melayu-964756?cid=internal sharetool web 20082025 berita

We appreciate your partnership, and the key information under the following areas are for your attention:

1. Ensuring Safety and Security of Students

1.1 Health Matters

In school, students are periodically reminded to continue to exercise personal and social responsibility. This includes maintaining good personal hygiene; reducing social interactions when feeling unwell; and wearing masks if medically vulnerable, in crowded areas, or when symptomatic. With many of our students and families having travelled overseas during the September holiday season, kindly check that your child/ward is well before sending them to school. We thank you for your kind cooperation to ensure that the school remains a safe place for all children to learn together.

1.2 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.

1.3 Exercise RHINOS

In alignment with our emergency preparedness initiatives, our school will be carrying out an Exercise RHINOS-fire drill on 23 October 2025. During this exercise, the presence of the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) and the Singapore Police Force (SPF) is anticipated at our school. Additionally, banners will be placed outside the main gate of the school two weeks in advance to notify the public about this event.



2. Enhancing Positive School Experience

2.1 Graduation Ceremony for 4NA / 4E / 5NA

We will be hosting the Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2025 on **26 September**, **Friday from 3:00pm to 6:00pm**. During the ceremony, we will celebrate the achievements of our graduating Changkateers and relive the memorable experiences they have shared since Secondary One. The event will take place in the school hall. We warmly welcome all parents and guardians of Sec 4 and 5 students to join us for this special occasion. A separate invitation letter was sent via Parents Gateway on 26 August, where you can indicate your attendance.

2.2 Post-Graduation Day Timetable

All 4NA/4NT and 4B,4C,4D and 5A students will resume lessons from 26 September to 3 October. 4A students will return for their regular curriculum lessons on 26 September and 29 September only as they will be having their O-levels Practical paper starting 1 October.

From 6 to 14 October, the students will be on study leave until the start of their national written examinations. However, some selected students will be required to attend Graduating Classes Consultations as notified by their subject teachers. Parents of these students will receive information through the Parents Gateway.

2.3 Other Important School Events

Please note the following summary of other important school events in Term 4 2025.

Event / Programme	Dates
Graduation Ceremony (Sec 4NA / 4E / 5NA students)	26 Sep
Lessons resume for graduating cohort	26 Sep to 3 Oct
(4A will resume lessons on 26 Sep and 29 Sep only)	
Graduating Classes Consultations	6,10,13,14 Oct
(Selected students will be informed by subject teachers via PG)	
Sec 3 Subject Combination Exercise (Sec 2 students)	23 – 28 Oct
Release of Subject Combination Outcomes (Sec 2 students)	13 Nov
Code for Fun (Sec 1 students)	15 – 17 Oct
Al for Fun (Sec 2 students)	15 – 17 Oct
Exercise RHINOS (Rehearsal)	21 Oct
STEM/ALP Day (Sec 1 – 3 students)	22 Oct
Exercise RHINOS	23 Oct
Deepavali Concert (Sec 1 – 3 students)	24 Oct
House Meeting (Sec 1 – 3 students)	
Meet the Parents Session (Sec 1 – 3 students)	
Conditional Advancement Programme/ Bridging for selected	29,30,31 Oct
Secondary 1 to 3 students	3 Nov
Open House	15 Nov (face-to-face
	session)
	28 Nov (online session)



You may wish to note that STEM/ALP Day in Changkat aims to promote passion in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education as well as to enhance our Applied Learning Programme (ALP) through engaging workshops beyond the curriculum. STEM professionals from our industry partners and tertiary institutions such as Rolls-Royce, ANA Japan and Republic Polytechnic will be conducting the workshops. It will be structured within curriculum time during the post-exam week. All students from Sec 1 to 3 will be attending these workshops by the STEM professionals and the sharing will be conducted in different modes for the different levels.

2.4 Home-Based Learning (HBL) Days in Term 4

There will be no scheduled HBL day in Term 4.

2.5 Student Absence feature on Parents Gateway

We are excited to share that the new Student Absence feature on Parents Gateway (PG) will be made available to our school in Term 4 2025. With this feature, you will be able to submit reasons for your child/ward's absence, and attach medical certificates and documents – all on the PG app. Please refer to the PG letter sent out separately on this.

3. Important Academic Matters

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3.1 School Examinations, CCA Stand Down and Marking Days

All students are reminded to work hard to prepare for their respective examinations.

Test & Exam	Dates
End-of-Year Written Exams (Sec 1 to 3 students)	29 Sep to 8 Oct
Mother Tongue Oral examination for Sec 3	19 Sep

The schedule for the End-of-Year Exams will be issued separately. In light of the examinations, CCAs will stand down from 8 September (Monday) to 10 October (Friday). Students should focus on their revision, and resume CCA activities on 14 October (Thursday), after their exams are over.

Please take note that **9 October (Thursday) and 10 October (Friday)** are Marking Days. Students need not report to school, and lessons will resume as usual on **13 October (Monday)**.



3.2 2025 GCE O-Level and N-Level National Examinations

Please ensure that your child/ward comes prepared and is punctual for all papers.

2025 GCE N-Level Lis	stening Comprehension	Dates		
Examination				
English Language Syllabu	s A	16 September		
Basic Chinese / Malay / Ta	amil	16 September		
English Language Syllabus T		17 September		
CL / ML / TL Syllabus A		17 September		
	stening Comprehension	Dates		
Examination				
English Language / MT 'B	,	8 October		
2025 GCE N-Level Writte	n Examinations	Dates		
GCE N Level Exams	4 Normal Academic	15 September to 22 September		
(Written)		6 October to 14 October		
	4 Normal Technical	15 September to 25 September		
		6 October to 14 October		
2025 GCE O-Level Exam	inations	Dates		
Pure Chemistry Practical		1 October		
Pure Physics Practical		6 October		
Science (Biology/Chemistr	ry/Physics) Practical	9 October		
Pure Biology Practical		14 October		
Various Subjects (Written Examinations)		16 October – 10 November		

3.3 GCE N Level Listening Comprehension (EL/MT/BMT LC) and Early Dismissal for All Students on Tuesday, 16 Sep 2025 and Wednesday, 17 Sep 2025

The graduating students will be having their various GCE N Level LC national examinations on Tuesday, 16 Sep 2025 and Wednesday, 17 Sep 2025. The starting time of the LC on each day is 1400h. Students from other levels should leave the school immediately after dismissal at 1335h. This is to ensure that our graduating students have a conducive environment for the examination. No unstructured play is allowed at all venues within the school premise during the LC session.

Note: ALL students not taking the respective LC will be dismissed from school at 1335h on Tuesday, 16 Sep 2025 and Wednesday, 17 Sep 2025.

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3.4 Early Dismissal for Sec 1 – 3 Students During GCE O Level Exams

Due to the commencement of GCE O-Level written exam papers, take note that Sec 1-3 students will be dismissed at an earlier timeslot for certain days in the last two weeks of Term 4. This is to ensure a conducive environment for students taking the exams, as well as allow staff with national exam duties to report on time.

Day	Dismissal Time
16 Oct (Thursday)	Sec 1 & 2: 12.00pm
	Sec 3: 11.40am
17 Oct (Friday)	Sec 1 – 3: 12.30pm
21 Oct (Tuesday)	Sec 1 – 3: 2.45pm
22 Oct (Wednesday)	Sec 1 – 3: 12.30pm
23 Oct (Thursday)	Sec 1 – 3: 12.00pm
24 Oct (Friday)	Sec 1 – 3: 10.30am

As we are nearing the end of academic year 2025, I would like to thank you for your continuous support. Changkat has done well this year in many aspects. This is possible because you have placed trust in Changkat and our teachers to develop your child/ward to their fullest potential and given us the time and space to do so. Some of you have written to me in appreciation of Changkat's efforts in caring for your child's/ward's well-being and holistic development. We are thankful for your feedback and aspire to strengthen home-school partnership to take good care of the well-being of both staff and students.

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

Please stay safe and keep well. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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