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CHANGKAT CHANGI SECONDARY SCHOOL

26 June 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 3 2023

A warm welcome back to the new term and second semester! We hope you and your child/ward had a restful June break.

In Changkat, we commit our work to prioritising the positive well-being and learning of staff and students. We do so by strengthening our focus areas in Thinking and Emotions through our lesson design, programmes and activities. Through this focus, we hope to develop attitudes and dispositions that will promote the acquisition of knowledge and skills and a positive school experience. In providing Changkateers with opportunities to enrich their learning experiences, we have just successfully organized our **Virtual Overseas Exchange with our partner school, Le Lycée Saint-Exupery** from Toulouse, France. Students from both countries collaborated on projects related to sustainability and aviation issues in areas such as sustainable buildings, plane designs, transport, carbon emissions, water management, plastic usage and biofuels. We are also into the third year of partnership with **Advanced Micro Devices (AMD)** to organize coding workshops for our Changkateers and the support from AMD and Changkateers has been encouraging. To foster a greater sense of belonging and peer relationships, the school had successfully organized a **Wellness Week** at the end of Term 2. The Wellness Week comprised exciting activities such as sports fiesta, learning journeys, bonding games, theatre plays, townhall discussions and motivation workshops. We had also implemented our **first hybrid Meet-the-Parents session** during the last two days of Term 2 where parents/guardians had the option to meet face-to-face or on zoom according to your preference.

Changkateers, both staff and students, continue to strive for excellence. I am pleased to report that four of our staff members are recognised for their hard work in keeping the school safe during the period of Covid-19 so that teaching and learning can continue. They are hence awarded the national **Covid-19 Resilience Medal** for their commendable efforts.

	Designation	National Awards (Covid-19)
Mr Danny Chew Poh Huat	Vice-Principal	Covid-19 Resilience Medal
Mr George Goh Chee Chong	Operations Manager	
Mr Mustafa Bin Mohamed	Operations Manager	
Miss Poh Shi Hui	Teacher	

In the **Gryphon Youth Programme (GYOP) Competition** for 2022 organised by the Singapore Police Force, Mr Nahar Azmi (Head of Department/Student Management) was awarded the Gold Award and Mr Yap Boon Chien (Master Teacher/Physics) was awarded the Bronze Award for the Honorary Volunteer Special Constabulary Award. Changkat Changi was awarded the Gold Award in the school category. We are proud of the achievements of our staff in Changkat!

Our Uniformed Groups and CCAs have done us proud and continue to achieve Gold and Distinction awards in their respective unit competitions.



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Uniformed Group	Award
Girl Guides	Gold (Puan Noor Aishah Award)
Boys' Brigade	High Distinction (JM Fraser Award)
NCC (Air) Boys	Distinction
NCC (Air) Girls	Distinction

At the recent **National School Games (NSG)**, our 'B' Division Netball girls qualified for the quarter finals for the first time in Changkat's history. In addition, our 'B' Division Track & Field Boys and Girls and 'C' Division Track & Field Boys and Girls entered the semi-finals of the 4 by 100 metres relays. Aidil Arifin Bin Muhammad Sufiyan (from 4B) and Rico Tan Jun Hong (from 2B) had also qualified for the semi-finals of their events in 400 metres and 100 metres respectively. Our Badminton boys and girls and Sepak Takraw boys also gave off their very best in their respective NSG competitions. We are proud of all their achievements.

Our Changkateers also did very well at the recent **Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation**. Our Performing Arts groups have achieved either the Distinction or Commendation awards in their respective performances.

Performing Arts Group	Award
Modern Dance	Distinction
Malay Dance	Distinction
Chinese String Ensemble	Distinction
Concert Band	Commendation

Changkateers have also performed well in academic competitions. At the **EPIC-STEM Programme Hackathon** competition organized by NIE, both teams from Changkat achieved the Top 5 positions amongst 32 teams from seven secondary schools. In addition, our Changkateers came in first place at the **Malay Language Poetry Recital Competition 2023** and Nur Iqmal Yaqin Bin Shaerul Nizam (from 2C) was also awarded the Best Poetry Recitation (Cat A). In the Gryphon Youth Outreach Programme (GYOP) Competition for 2022, our Changkateers achieved the 2nd Runner up position for the **Top Crime Prevention Video Competition**. These achievements are a result of teachers' and students' hard work and effort.

In April, the school celebrated our **57th Anniversary** with the theme 'Growing Resilience, Enriching Character' and it is the first time that we combined both the Speech Day celebrations and Student Leaders Investiture. We are thankful to receive encouraging messages for successfully organizing this in celebration of your child's/ward's achievements.

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



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1. Ensuring Safety and Security of Students

1.1 Living with COVID-19

Singapore's COVID-19 situation has remained stable in recent months and we are now living in an endemic COVID-19 new normal. We have been reminded that we must be prepared to adjust our safe management measures if we encounter new infection waves from time to time. In school, we are prepared to re-activate emergency protocols when the need arises. Students are constantly reminded to take personal responsibility for their own health and practise social responsibility as such:

- to have their oral digital thermometer with them in school at all times.
- to practise social responsibility (e.g. discipline of wiping down of shared surfaces and common items after use, not coming to school if unwell with COVID symptoms such as fever, runny nose, cough, loss of smell)
- to practise good personal hygiene (e.g. observance of regular hand washing with soap in school and at home, before and after consumption of food)

The school continues to put in place the following measures:

- frequent cleaning of high-touch surfaces.
- staggered recess timings by levels to reduce congestion.
- conduct of temperature-taking exercise every Semester (Semester 2 temperature-taking exercise is scheduled on **5 July, Wednesday**)

1.2 Updated Responses to Confirmed Cases

The responses to confirmed cases have been updated to align to national protocols, and to reinforce the national message on social responsibility. For COVID-19 cases:

- a. **If unwell:** seek medical attention and/or stay home to rest (regardless of ART result).
- b. **If well:** return to school (regardless of ART result). If your child/ward has mild symptoms or tests Ag+ but has no symptoms, he/she should exercise social responsibility – minimise close physical contact with others in large group settings, and wear masks.

If your child is tested COVID-19 positive, his/her attendance in school will be recorded as '**Absent with MC**' without the need for MC or doctor's memo if he/she chooses to self-medicate and rest at home. However, please send to your child/ward's Form Teacher the photo evidence of the PCR+/Ag+ test result with the name of student, class and date clearly written on the test kit. Please note that the same applies for school-based Weighted Assessments or End-of-Year Examinations. Parent's letter will not be accepted.

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,



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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.

2. Developing Self Discipline and Responsibility

2.1 Handphone and Personal Learning Device (PLD)

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/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.

2.4 Attire and Grooming

In response to students' requests to wear the school's House T-shirt for school due to the hot weather, the school has given permission for students to do so from Monday to Friday. This policy may change in the future and students may be required to wear normal school attire with school tie when the school deems necessary. However, all students are reminded that school tops and House T-shirts must have nametags sewn on as stated in our student handbook. Failure to do so may result in the need for disciplinary action.



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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. Students have also been reminded about proper haircut and grooming when reporting back to school in Term 3. Failure to do so may result in the need for disciplinary action.

Male students are not allowed to have any body piercings and girls are only allowed 1 pair of small ear studs. Any unapproved or excess earrings will be confiscated and returned to the students' parent/guardian.

2.5 Vaping

Under section 16(2A) of the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act (TCASA), it is illegal to possess, purchase and use vaporisers in Singapore as of 1 February 2018. This includes e-cigarettes, e-pipes or devices that is capable of being smoked or may be used in such a way as to mimic the act of smoking; or the packaging of which resembles, or is designed to resemble, the packaging commonly associated with tobacco products. Students caught in possession or using vapes will face consequences (i.e. a warning letter leading up to a fine of up to \$2000 and/or suspension).

3. Enhancing Positive School Experience

3.1 Youth Day

This year, Youth Day falls on Sunday, 2 July. The following day, Monday, 3 July, will therefore be a school holiday. Your child/ward need not report to school.

3.2 Racial Harmony Day

The school will commemorate Racial Harmony Week from Monday, 17 July to Thursday 20 July, with the theme of "Singapore: Our Multicultural Mosaic". The theme reflects how each ethnic community is unique and has the space to express its own identity, while also interacting with one another to construct the cultural diversity that is an integral part of life in Singapore. This echoes Singapore's approach towards multiculturalism. Regular lessons will continue, but there will be activities throughout the week to help our students appreciate Singapore's racial diversity.

3.3 National Day Celebrations

To celebrate National Day, the school has planned an array of activities for students throughout the week. The school will also be coming together for our National Day Celebrations. More details will follow nearer to the date. Students will be dismissed from school at 11.00am on Tuesday, 8 Aug. Students need not report to school on Wednesday, 9 August (public holiday) and Thursday, 10 August (school holiday).

3.4 Teachers' Day Celebration and School Holiday

We will be celebrating Teachers' Day on Thursday, 31 August. Your child/ward will be dismissed at 11.00am. The following day, Friday, 1 September, will therefore be a school holiday. Your child/ward need not report to school.



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4. Important Examination Matters and Term 3 Events

4.1 Schedule of Examination Dates for 2023

Test & Exam	Dates
Weighted Assessment 3	24 July to 25 August
Sec 4NA Preliminary Exams	21 July to 3 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 21 September 2 October to 10 October
GCE O Level Exams (Written)	16 October to 10 November

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

4.2 GCE O Level Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension

The graduating students will be having their Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension (LC) national examination on Monday, 4 July 2023 at 1500h – 1530h and 1700h – 1730h. Candidates will be dismissed from lessons at 1335h for their lunch and are to report to their respective examination venues at 1430h and 1630h for the two LC sessions. Students from other levels will be dismissed from school as per normal timetable and are not to stay back in school on this day. No unstructured play is allowed at all venues within the school premise during the LC sessions.

4.3 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 respective 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:

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



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4.4 Support for Graduating Cohort

The following support for our graduating students will be provided to ensure that they are fully prepared for their upcoming national examinations:

Academic Support	Date
Academic Afterschool Enrichment Programme (AAEP)	04 July – 21 July, 14 August– 30 August (S4NA) 04 July – 30 August (S4E/5NA)

More details will be provided to your child/ward nearer to the commencement of the programmes.

5. Partnerships and Collaboration

5.1 Deepening our Partnership with Parents/Guardians

We would like to thank all parents/guardians for playing an essential role in the holistic development of your child/ward in Semester 1. At the Parents Support Group meetings held in Term 2, I am happy to meet and talk to some of you. You all have been very supportive of the school and I am grateful for your encouragement and kind words. We hope to organize more of such interactions in future now that the situation allows for them.

We strongly believe this partnership between school and parents/guardians is important for the learning and development of your child/ward. We hope to continue to work closely with parents/guardians to strengthen the school culture of **Care, Learn and Excel**.

Parents/guardians are warmly encouraged to join the Changkat Changi Parents Support Group (CCSS PSG) and continue to play an active part in our school activities. We have had two informative Parenting Talks and Bonding Sessions for you and your child/ward. Do look out for our next PSG bonding event on our school website.

All in all, we aim to continue to provide a positive school experience for your child/ward and are appreciative of your continuous support and partnership to develop your child/ward holistically.

This term letter can be downloaded from the school's website. Please take care and keep safe.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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