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21 March 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 2 2022

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

Changkateers continue to strive for excellence. Four of our Changkateers (Rita Ng Ki Wing, Leung Hoi Wai Caz from 4E1 and Caliph Bin Bukhari, Elijah Tang Yun Fei from 4E2) recently took part in the annual NUS Geography Challenge. This is a flagship geography competition for secondary schools in Singapore. Out of the 476 students from 119 schools, Leung Hoi Wai Caz has done well and obtained a Silver medal. At the recent Singapore Raffles International Music Festival Viola Competition, Lauren Loh (from 4E1) was awarded the Gold Award winner in the Youth Category. We are proud of our students' achievements!

The recently released '**O' Level results** show that our efforts in prioritizing your child's/ward's well-being paid off. The school has attained value-added performance. 100% of our students are eligible for studies in post-secondary institutions (Junior College/Millennia Institute/Polytechnic/Institute of Technical Education). Many subjects have performed better than last year's percentage passes, including subjects such as English Language, Science, Chemistry and Humanities. In particular, the Sec 4 Express cohort had achieved 100% passes in Biology, Chinese Language, Higher Chinese Language, Literature in English, Physics and Tamil Language, while the Sec 5 Normal (Academic) cohort had achieved 100% passes in Art, Chinese Language, Design & Technology, Food & Nutrition, Malay Language, Principles of Accounts 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 equipped most classrooms with an additional ceiling fan to improve air circulation. Two more canteen stalls have been added to provide a greater variety of food for staff and students. The school buildings, classrooms and special rooms have recently been given a fresh coat of paint. We have also just finished recoating the parade square with a new surface. 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 **56th Anniversary** this year. Our 56th Anniversary theme is "**Caring Community, Empowering Lives**". In this Caring Community, we value each other, put ourselves in the shoes of others and seek to bring out the best in everyone.



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We hope to build a safe and supportive community filled with care and gratitude. We want to support our staff and students and give them the confidence to learn and excel. We also hope to empower the lives of staff and students through taking in their voices and re-imagining the possibilities.

As part of this Caring 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.

I wish to take this opportunity to update you that one of our Vice-Principals, Ms Loh Sein Ling, will be moving on to participate in the Leaders in Education Programme (LEP) at National Institute of Education. Her last day in school was 18 March 2022. We are deeply appreciative of her contributions to the school especially in the area of Student Development work and would like to wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

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)

The following Safe Management Measures (SMM) will continue to be put in place to minimize the risk of confirmed cases from entering the school and to prevent any potential spread in all aspects of school life:

- practicing social responsibility (e.g. wiping down of common items after use, importance of mask-wearing, not coming to school if unwell or if household members are unwell with flu-like symptoms).
- all staff and visitors will be required to register their details via SafeEntry when entering the school.
- practising good personal hygiene (e.g. observance of regular hand-washing)
- high-touch surfaces will be cleaned more frequently and our premises will be disinfected daily.
- observing safe distancing measures at all times both in school and out of school. Intermingling across classes and levels will be minimised.
- fixed exam-style seating in classrooms and spaced seating in canteens or alternative venues will be implemented. For group work in class, seating in groups of up to 5 is allowed.
- recess timings will be staggered by levels to reduce congestion and students are encouraged to pack food from home. Snack breaks are scheduled at 9.15am on Mondays to Thursdays and students are to wash their hands with soap and water before and after consumption of their snack.



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- dismissal timings will be staggered to reduce congestion. Students are advised to head straight home once dismissed and not to congregate in groups at public areas.

From Term 2, temperature-taking will be carried out on the first day of each term for all students and staff. Students are reminded to have their Oral Digital Thermometer with them in school.

For students who self-exit with a negative self-administered ART result after 72 hours but before their time-based discharge, the school would need to have sight of the returning students' Ag- test results.

In line with the shift of Health Risk Notice (HRN) from an order to an advisory, students who receive HRN during school hours are not required to take the ART in school and can perform the self-test at home after school dismissal. If the student receives the HRN SMS within 90 days of his/her C+/Ag+ result, he/she can disregard the HRN.

Unvaccinated students who are eligible to receive their COVID-19 vaccinations are encouraged to protect themselves from infection, especially for the Sec 1 students who have turned 12 years in November/December 2021 but have yet made vaccination appointments.

As announced on 21 January, 12-17 year-olds will have to take a COVID-19 booster shot to keep their fully-vaccinated status with effect from 14 March 2022. Invitations for booster shots will be rolled out progressively. Eligible students are encouraged to have their booster shots upon receiving the SMS invitation.

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 is projected for completion by June 2022. During this period, the footpath from the Main Gate to the School Foyer will remain closed for safety reasons. Do encourage your child/ward to take note of potential safety hazards in their journey to school while construction is taking place.

All students, staff and visitors are to enter the school from the side gate that is located nearer to Changkat Primary School. The main gate will still be open for use by vehicles entering and exiting the school.

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. 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



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gate to the school building. Students who are walking from the MRT station are also encouraged to use the covered walkway across the school. Please encourage your child/ward to avoid crossing our school main gate during the peak period from 7.00 am to 7.40 am.

1.4 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 4 April to 8 April 2022. Selected students from Secondary 3 may also be identified for checks. There is no need for students to bring their Health Booklet unless requested for. The Papillomavirus Vaccination Programme (Sec 1 & 2 girls only) will be conducted from 13 April to 14 April 2022. 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 and PLDs are to be kept in the school bag when not in use during lesson time. Handphones and PLDs 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 above 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 their respective reporting venues 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.

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



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reasons or documents. Students who are absent without valid reasons will face disciplinary consequences.

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.

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/5N/4NA

All Sec 4E/5N/4NA students will stand down from their CCAs from 16 April. Students who are participating in the National School Games (NSG) competition will stand down from their CCA after the event or 16 April, whichever comes later.

3 Important Examination Matters and Term 2 Events

3.1 Schedule of Examination Dates for 2022

Test & Exam	Dates
Weighted Assessment 2 (Sec 1 to 3)	18 April to 13 May
Mid-Year Exams (Sec 4 and 5)	28 Apr, 5 May to 13 May 18 May (Tentative)*
GCE O Level Written Mother Tongue Exam	30 May
GCE O Level Written Mother Tongue B Exam	31 May
Weighted Assessment 3	25 July to 19 August
Sec 4NA Preliminary Exams	26 July to 2 August
Sec 4E and 5NA Preliminary Exams	24 August (Sc Practical) 25 August to 30 August 12 September to 15 September
End-of-Year Exams (Sec 1 to 3)	30 September to 12 October
GCE N Level Exams (Written)	12 September to 22 September 3 October to 13 October
GCE O Level Exams (Written)	17 October to 14 November

* Your child/ward will be informed of the specific dates soon.



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Kindly note that Weighted Assessments will be conducted in place of Mid-year Examinations for Secondary One to Three students. 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:

Subject	Stream	Date
Art	4NA(6125)	2 August, 5pm
	4EXP/5NA(6123)	20 September, 5pm
F&N	4NA(6072)	12 July, 5pm
D&T	4NA(7055)	15 July, 5pm
	4EXP/5NA(7059)	29 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	20 April	
	All	Wellness Week*	23 – 26 May	
	All	Meet the Parents	27 May	
Sec 2	All	House Meeting #2	20 April	
	NA	Elective Modules	Term 2 Week 1	Full Day
	All	Wellness Week*	23 – 26 May	
	All	Learning Journey to National Museum	23 – 26 May	One class per day
	All	Meet the Parents	27 May	
Sec 3	All	House Meeting #2	20 April	
	All	Wellness Week*	23 – 26 May	
	All	Meet the Parents	27 May	
Sec 4/5	All	House Meeting #2	20 April	
	All	Sec 4/5 Marking Day	19 May	Tentative^
	All	Meet the Parents	27 May	
	4E and 5NA	MT intensive lessons	23 – 26 May	Curriculum Time



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Level	Stream	Programmes	Dates	Remarks
	Selected 4E,4N,5N students	June Study & Coursework classes	1 – 3, 22 – 24 June	AM

[^] Your child/ward will be informed of the specific date soon.

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

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	56 th Annual Speech and Prize Giving Day	8 April 2022
2	Student Leaders' Investiture	25 April 2022
3	Sec 1–5 Meet-the-Parents' Session	27 May 2022

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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