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## CHANGKAT CHANGI SECONDARY SCHOOL

28 June 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 3 2021

The school shifted to full Home-Based Learning at the end of Term 2 to safeguard the well-being of all students and staff. This was due to the sharp increase in the number of community and unlinked cases then and a need to reduce interactions and avoid the potential risk of large clusters. During the June Holidays, the Ministry of Health worked with the Ministry of Education to roll out vaccination for students in schools as part of the **National Vaccination Exercise**. I am encouraged that many of you heed the call and have registered your child/ward for the vaccination doses upon receiving the invite to do so. As a result, Changkat has a high take-up rate of the COVID-19 vaccination for students. I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in both the full Home-Based Learning and the National Vaccination Exercise. With your support, we can continue to keep schools safe for learning.

Changkateers, both staff and students, continue to excel in both academic and non-academic areas. I am pleased to report below that our Performing Arts CCAs and groups have done us proud at the recent **Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation 2021**. In particular, both the Modern Dance and Malay Dance have attained the Certificates of Distinction.

Category	Certification
Modern Dance	Distinction
Malay Dance	Distinction
Chinese String Ensemble	Accomplishment
Drama	Accomplishment
Military Band	Commendation

I wish to highlight the achievements of some of our Changkateers. Yen Zhong Zhi (from 4N3) has achieved the **Founder's Award** which is the highest and most prestigious award in the Seniors Programme given out in the Boys' Brigade. Two of our Girl Guides – Parikh Khushi Sachin and Ong Shi Ya, Crystal (both from 4E1) – are awarded the **Baden Powell Award** which is the highest award given out by the Chief Commissioner to a Girl Guide. Our **Badminton 'B' Division girls** have also done the school proud by winning their first round and entering the second round of the National School Games.

Changkateers have also performed well in academic competitions. At the **NUS Bisikan Pena Short Story Writing Competition**, all the top three positions were clinched by our students, namely Nur Aiysyah Binte Abdul Aziz from 5N1, Kalyisah Adlina from 5N1 and Shaneez Elisya Adriyanna from 4E1 respectively. In the **VJC Singapore Model Cabinet**, Muhammed Irshad Fahim and Caliph Bin Bukhari (both from 3E2) have achieved 1<sup>st</sup> Overall and Elijah Tang Yun Fei from 3E2 and Leong Hoi Wai Caz from 3E1 have achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall for the category Outstanding Position Paper for their assigned topic. These achievements are a result of teachers' and students' hard work and effort.

In April, the school celebrated our **55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** with the theme "Celebrate with Gratitude, Learn with Passion". As part of the celebration and to teach Changkateers the value of



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Gratitude, some of your child/ward would have initiated acts of gratitude within the school to show their appreciation for the school cleaners, security guards and canteen stallholders. The rest of the Changkateers would carry out their acts of gratitude in Term 3.

In Term 3, we would focus on settling your child/ward's emotions in adjusting to school after the long period away from school. We will also plan programmes to take care of the overall well-being of your child/ward. As we have issued all secondary one to three students their personal learning devices, we hope to strengthen and deepen the teaching and learning inside and outside the classrooms through the blended learning approach. 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** Singapore has steadily built up our defences against COVID-19 with secured access to vaccines, better testing capacities and procedures and has beefed up our contact tracing capabilities. However, as we enter Phase 3 (Heightened Alert), we must continue to keep our guard up, as the virus is still circulating within our community. The following Safe Management Measures (SMM) will continue to be put in place to ring-fence our school against the risk of in-school transmission:

- strict adherence to wearing masks (surgical masks or reusable masks of equivalent effectiveness) at all times; students and staff should not talk when their masks are off.
- daily temperature-taking and visual symptom screening will be carried out for all students and staff. Students are reminded to have their Oral Digital Thermometer and TraceTogether (TT) token/app with them in school at all times.
- practise social responsibility (e.g. discipline of wiping down of shared surfaces and common items after use, mask-wearing, not coming to school if unwell with any COVID symptoms such as fever, runny nose, cough, loss of smell or if household members are unwell or when awaiting swab test result).
- all staff and visitors will be required to register their details via SafeEntry when entering the school.
- practise good personal hygiene (e.g observance of regular hand-washing with soap in school and at home)
- frequent cleaning of high-touch surfaces.
- observe safe distancing measures at all times both in school and out of school. Intermingling across classes and levels will not be allowed.
- adhere to fixed exam-style seating in classrooms and 1m safe-distance seating arrangement in canteens.
- staggered recess timings by levels to reduce congestion. Snack breaks will still be provided at 1.15pm on Tuesdays to Thursdays and students are to wash their hands with soap and water before and after consumption of their snack.
- students are advised to head straight home once dismissed and not to congregate in groups with their friends at public areas.

### **1.2 Trace Together (TT) Tokens/ Application**

MOE have distributed tokens to all primary, secondary and JCCI students who have not collected their tokens from the community centres/clubs (CCs) earlier during the national distribution exercise. This is part of MOE's support for the national wide contact tracing effort.



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The use of TraceTogether (TT) tokens/apps in schools serves as a complement to existing contact tracing processes and measures. As such, this would not override existing school handphone policies. During all school activities, students should have their TT token/app with them as far as possible, as they may come into contact with a wider range of students. Kindly remind your child/ward to check that his/her TT token is still working, if not, please advise him/her to get it replaced at any Community Centre/Club if the battery is low before school reopens in Term 3.

### **1.3 Building of Sheltered Walkway by Land Transport Authority (LTA)**

We are pleased to inform you that LTA has commenced work to build a sheltered walkway from Simei MRT to our school's front gate and that of Changkat Primary School, including the pathway opposite the school. Do encourage your child/ward to take note of potential safety hazards in their journey to school while construction is taking place.

Work has also commenced to build an internal sheltered walkway from the school's Main Gate to the School Foyer. The project is estimated to be completed by the end of October 2021. During this period, the footpath from the Main Gate to the School Foyer will be closed for safety reasons. All students, staff and visitors are to enter the school from the side gate that is located nearer to the Changkat Primary School. The main gate will still be open for use by vehicles entering and exiting the school.

### **1.4 Road Safety**

Parents/guardians are encouraged to remind your child/ward on the importance of road safety inside and outside of the school. 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 into and out of school.

Due to the construction taking place at the school's Main Gate, parents/ guardians driving into school should slow down and watch out for oncoming vehicles driving out of the school. Vehicles going out of school should also slow down and watch out for vehicles entering 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.

## **2. Developing Self Discipline and Responsibility**

### **2.1 Punctuality to School**

Please encourage your child/ward to plan his/her journey well, and be in the school by 8.25 a.m. on Mondays and 7.30 a.m. on Tuesdays to Fridays. This will inculcate the habit of punctuality and ensure that there is no loss of curriculum time due to late-coming.

### **2.2 Absenteeism**

The school places great emphasis on student learning and hence strongly discourages frequent absenteeism as such behaviour disrupts your child/ward'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.



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We seek your support to monitor your child/ward's attendance closely, and ensure he/she does not stay away from school. Absenteeism should be substantiated with **medical certificates only**. Students who are absent without valid reasons will face disciplinary consequences.

### 2.3 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. 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.

### 3. Enhancing Quality School Experience

#### 3.1 Co-Curriculum Activities (CCA)

In line with MOE guidelines for school reopening, the school will not conduct CCA in Term 3 Week 1 but will conduct e-CCA in Term 3 Week 2. CCA Teachers will inform your child/ward of the plans for e-CCA.

We hope to resume in-person CCA in Term 3 Week 3 and will update you once there is confirmation from MOE.

#### 3.2 House Olympics

The school will be organizing our House Meetings on the following days. The events which comprise online games and competitions will be held via Zoom in the classrooms. The details are as follows:

Event	Date
House Meeting #4	2 July (Friday) 11.30am to 12.35pm (during school hours)
House Meeting #5	19 August (Thursday) 3.00pm to 4.00pm (after school hours)

Please note that the House Meeting is a **compulsory** school event. Students will be dismissed on Friday, 2 July from 12.20pm and Thursday, 19 August from 3.50pm. We seek your support in emphasizing to your child/ward the importance of participating actively in the event.

#### 3.3 Youth Day

This year, Youth Day falls on Sunday, 4 July. The following day, Monday, 5 July, will therefore be a school holiday. Your child/ward need not report to school.

#### 3.4 Racial Harmony Day

The school will commemorate Racial Harmony Day on Tuesday, 27 July to celebrate the ethnic diversity in Singapore as well as to emphasise the unity the nation needs to establish through our diversity. With globalisation and technology closing the distance



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between people and places, our youths will increasingly be exposed to different life experiences and reference points that shape their views on issues of race and religion. By reflecting on their experiences and engaging in respectful conversations, both online and offline, our youths can play a part to protect the common space, strengthen trust and friendships among the communities, in order to emerge stronger as a more caring, cohesive and resilient nation. Lessons will proceed as usual, and there will be activities throughout the week to help our students appreciate Singapore's racial and religious diversity.

### 3.5 National Day Celebrations

To commemorate National Day, our staff and students will be celebrating the completion of their "55 Acts of Gratitude" projects as part of Changkat Challenge 2021. They will also be coming together virtually for our National Day Celebration. More details will follow nearer the date. Students will be dismissed by 11am on Friday, 6 August, and need not report to school on Monday, 9 August (public holiday) and Tuesday, 10 August (school holiday).

### 3.6 Teachers' Day Celebration and School Holiday

We will be celebrating Teachers' Day on Thursday, 2 September. Your child/ward will be dismissed at 11.00am. The following day, Friday, 3 September, will therefore be a school holiday. Your child/ward need not report to school.

*(The school will review the conduct of Term 3 programmes per MOE guidelines as the COVID-19 situation evolves and will keep parents updated.)*

## 4. Important Examination Matters and Term 3 Events

### 4.1 Schedule of Examination Dates for 2021

Test & Exam	Dates
Weighted Assessment 3	26 July to 20 August
Sec 4NA Preliminary Exams	26 July to 28 July, 3 August to 5 August
Sec 4E and 5NA Preliminary Exams	20 August (Science Practical) 30 August to 1 September 13 September to 17 September
End-of-Year Exams (Sec 1 to 3)	28 September to 8 October
GCE N Level Exams (Written)	15 September to 22 September 4 October to 13 October
GCE O Level Exams (Written)	18 October to 15 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 Tuesday, 6 Jul 21 at 1500h – 1530h and 1700h – 1730h.



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Candidates will be dismissed from lessons at 1325h 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.

### 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 that particular subject. 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)	3 Aug, 5pm
	4EXP/5NA(6123)	21 Sep, 5pm
F&N	4NA(6072)	12 Jul, 5pm
	5NA(6087)	2 Aug, 5pm
D&T	4NA(7055)	16 Jul, 5pm
	4EXP/5NA(7059)	30 Jul, 5pm

### 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)	07 Jul – 23 Jul (S4NA) 07 Jul – 31 Aug (S4E/5NA)
Gear-Up Programme	17 Aug – 31 Aug (S4NA)

### 4.5 Home-based Learning (HBL) Days

HBL days in term 3 will be scheduled on Wednesdays, 4 Aug and 1 Sep. Other than graduating students taking their Preliminary Examinations and other intensive lessons on these two days, all other students will stay at home for their self-directed learning as per lesson packages prepared by their subject teachers. HBL schedule will be provided at a later date.

## 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 in Semester 1. This is especially so when we went into full



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Home-Based Learning during Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) in the last week of Term 2. As the saying goes, 'It takes a village to raise a child', this 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.***

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 four Zoom Yoga Sessions! Do look out for our next PSG bonding events from our school website!

All in all, we aim to provide a quality 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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