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## CHANGKAT CHANGI SECONDARY SCHOOL

12 Sep 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

### **INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 4 2022**

A warm welcome back to the last school term for 2022! We hope you and your child/ward had a restful September break.

As we near the end of the academic year with one more term to go, our teachers are already preparing ahead for 2023. The school has started conversations and is planning for **Full Subject-based Banding (FSBB)** to be implemented in Changkat in 2023. The 2023 Secondary One batch will be the first to be on board FSBB. With FSBB, students will learn each subject at the level that best caters to their overall strengths, interests and learning needs. Under FSBB, there will no longer be separate Express, N(A) and N(T) courses, and students will be in mixed form classes where they can interact with peers of different strengths and interests. In these mixed form classes, they will be taking common subjects such as Art, Design and Technology, Music, Food and Consumer Education, and Physical Education together. In 2024, we will also allow the Secondary Two eligible students to offer Humanities subjects at a more demanding level under FSBB. More details on FSBB will be shared later.

With the implementation of regular fortnight **Home-Based Learning (HBL)** since the start of 2022, we hope to partner you to strengthen and deepen the teaching and learning inside and outside the classrooms through the blended learning approach. On HBL Fridays, your child/ward will have lesson materials to go through and homework to complete and submit. Your child/ward is expected to **submit their homework on HBL days by 5 pm**. Through partnering parents/guardians, we hope you can help us to monitor their learning progress at home and completion of the assigned work on HBL Fridays.

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

At the **National School Games (NSG)** in Term 3, our Sepak Takraw boys won the fourth place in the National 'C' Division competition. In addition, our 'C' Division Netball girls entered the quarter-finals of their competition. These results are the best our 'C' Division boys and girls have attained in recent years and we are proud of their achievements!

Individual Changkateers have worked hard to become the best in their respective fields. I wish to highlight some of their achievements. Megan Leong Shu Ling (4E1), Nayima Raze (4E2), Gonugunta Raga Swarupa (4E2) and Siti Fatimah Binte Abdul Jalil (4E3) are conferred the **Girl Guides Baden-Powell Award**. This award is given to Girl Guides who have demonstrated leadership qualities and proficiency programme planning. It is the highest badge awarded by the Chief Commissioner of Girl Guides Singapore which represents the Girl Guide's commitment to the Guide Promise and Law.



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Changkateers have also performed well in competitions. At the recent **43<sup>rd</sup> International C.B. Paul Science Quiz** organised by Anglo-Chinese Junior College, Felicia Lim (3E1) achieved the Gold Award, Kok Yuan Ze (4E1) achieved the Silver Award and both Kara Chow (4E1) and Chong Chiao En (4E1) achieved the Merit Award. At the annual **ignITE Skills Challenge** organised by ITE, our students Tristan Jorell (3N1) and Sri Krishna (3N2) took part in the Cyber Warrior Challenge and emerged as the Top 9 finalists. These achievements are a result of teachers' and students' hard work and effort.

Our staff constantly hones their craft and strives for excellence. Our Head of Department (Character and Citizenship Education), Ms Lee Li'Neng Marie, and our Operations Manager, Mr George Goh Chee Chong, were recently awarded **The Commendation Medal** during the National Day Awards 2022. The Commendation Medal is awarded to an individual who has distinguished himself through commendable performance and conduct or significant efficiency, competence and devotion to duty. Our Tamil Language teachers, Dr Perema D/O Ramasamy and Dr Thirunavukarasu Duarisamy, have also shared their best practices in formative assessment at the recent **Teacher-led Workshop**. Our Lead Teacher, Mr Lee Chin Teck, has also shared at the **Physics Chapter East Zone Workshop** on his experience and insight on enhancing students' learning through the use of technology.

In celebration of our **56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** with the theme "*Caring Community, Empowering Lives*", I am proud to share with you that various groups of staff and students had extended their care to others beyond the school community. Our students had shared their Learning for Life projects on sustainability efforts with their family members and friends. Our STAR (Striving towards Aspiration and Resilience) students and teachers went to the seniors' homes in August to clean their living spaces and interact with the seniors. Our Administrative team had packed fifty bags of snacks and drinks and delivered them to Lions Befrienders Tampines. Our Mother Tongue Department had collaborated with the National Library Board to conduct conversational language workshops to the general public on 3 Sep. Through these acts of kindness, we hope to teach Changkateers the value of care and how they can extend their care to those in their community.

To help your child/ward experience a positive Term 4, we have prepared the following key information for your attention:

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

#### **1.1 Safe Management Measures**

In line with the updates to national SMMs announced on 24 Aug 2022, please take note of the following changes with effect from 29 Aug 2022:

- Mask wearing is not required in all school settings, including national examinations. However, students who prefer to continue wearing masks are allowed to do so;
- Mask wearing is still mandatory on public transport and healthcare settings. As such, please remind your child/ward to continue to put on his/her mask if he/she takes the public transport;
- Continue to practise good personal hygiene such as washing of hands before and after meals;
- Continue to exercise social responsibility such as wipe-down of common spaces after use (e.g. in the school canteen) and remind your child/ward not to come to school if



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he/she is unwell, especially if he/she displays respiratory symptoms such as runny nose, cough or sore throat; please seek medical attention if necessary;

- If your child/ward becomes unwell or develops respiratory symptoms during school time, he/she is to put on a mask immediately and report to the General Office to seek permission to go home; no ART testing will be carried out in school;
- If your child/ward is tested COVID-positive, he/she is not allowed to come to school for the first 72 hours after testing ART positive. Your child/ward is allowed to come to school if:
  - a) Tested ART negative after 72 hours; or
  - b) On Day 7 (if fully vaccinated) or Day 14 (if not fully vaccinated), after 12pm
- Mask-off singing is allowed during assembly.

As we strive towards living with COVID, let us continue to practice good personal hygiene and exercise social responsibility. Together, we can make the school a safer place for all students.

### 1.2 2022 Updated Arrangements for the Year-End GCE N(A) and O-Level Written Examinations

The following are updated information on Safe Management Measures for adherence:

- On the day of the examination, if your child/ward is not well, e.g having a fever (38.0°C and above) or exhibiting flu-like symptoms, your child/ward should inform his/her teacher and **NOT** report for examination.
- Similarly, if your child/ward is a confirmed COVID-19 case, he/she should **NOT** report for examination and should inform his/her teacher. Your child/ward should follow MOH's Health Protocols to self-isolate for 72 hours or see a doctor if he/she is unwell.
- Your child/ward will be allowed to sit for the examination if he/she is visibly well (no fever, not showing ARI symptoms)
- During the conduct of the national examination, if your child/ward is unwell, your child/ward is to put on his/her face mask and inform the examination personnel immediately.
- In exam centres, there is no requirement for candidates and exam personnel to wear face masks. However, those who wish to wear face masks inside exam venues may continue to do so.

### 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. As it is still a work in progress, do continue to encourage your child/ward to take note of potential safety hazards in their journey to school while construction is taking place.

Work for the school internal sheltered walkway from the school's Main Gate to the School Foyer has been completed. We will update you again when the sheltered walkway is ready for use after receiving the safety clearance from authorities.

During this period, the footpath from the Main Gate to the School Foyer will still be closed for safety reasons. 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.



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### 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.

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.

Parents/guardians who are waiting to pick up their child/ward should wait at the vacant parking lots available instead of at the foyer to reduce traffic congestion at the foyer.

## 2. Enhancing Positive School Experience

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

We will be hosting our Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2022 on **23 September (Friday), from 4.30pm-7pm**. At the Graduation Ceremony, we will be celebrating the achievements of our graduating Changkateers and reliving memorable experiences they have had together since Secondary One. In view of the easing of SMMs, the Graduation Ceremony will be held in the school hall. We warmly welcome all parents of Sec 4 and 5 students to be part of the Graduation Ceremony and will be sending out a separate invitation letter for you to indicate your attendance.

### 2.2 Other Important School Events

Please note the following summary of other important school events in Term 4 2022.

Event / Programme	Dates
Graduation Ceremony (Sec 4NA / 4E / 5NA students)	23 Sep
Sec 3 Subject Combination Exercise (Sec 2 students)	25 – 27 Oct
Release of Subject Combination Outcomes (Sec 2 students)	7 Nov
Deepavali Concert (Sec 1 – 3 students)	21 Oct
Bridging Programme (Sec 3 students)	17, 19, 20, 26 Oct (PM)
Code for Fun (Sec 1 students)	18 – 19 Oct
Learning Journey to Science Centre (Selected Sec 2 and 3 students)	18 Oct (PM)
Learning Journey to Science Centre (Sec 2E students)	19 Oct (PM)
CCE Day (Sec 1 – 3 students)	25 Oct
Service Leadership Day (Sec 1 – 3 students)	
Aviation Day (Sec 1 – 3 students)	26 Oct



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Lockdown Drill (Sec 1 – 3 students)	27 Oct
House Meeting (Sec 1 – 3 students)	
Meet the Parents Session (Zoom) (Sec 1 – 3 students) HBL Day (Sec 1 – 3 students)	28 Oct
e-Open House	26 Nov (pending confirmation of release of PSLE results)

You may wish to note that Aviation 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 curriculum. STEM professionals from our industry partners and tertiary institutions such as Rolls-Royce and Singapore 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.

### 3. Important Academic Matters

#### 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 Exams (Sec 1 to 3 students)	30 Sep to 12 Oct

The schedule for the End-of-Year Exams will be issued separately. In light of the examinations, CCAs will stand down from **12 September (Monday) to 21 October (Friday) 2022**, with the exception of selected students from Malay Dance CCA who will be participating in a competition on 17 September. Students should focus on their revision, and resume CCA activities on **25 October (Tuesday) 2022**, after their exams are over.

Please take note that **13 October (Thursday) and 14 October (Friday) 2022** are Marking Days. Students need not report to school, and lessons will resume as usual on **17 October (Monday) 2022**.

#### 3.2 Home-Based Learning (HBL) Days

There will be two HBL days in Term 4.

HBL Days	Dates
HBL #14	23 Sep
HBL #15	28 Oct



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On HBL Days, Form teachers will be checking the attendance with students at 8.00am. Students are reminded to access the HBL instructions on the school website or use the following QR Code by 8.00am, and complete all the assignments by 5.00pm on the same day.



<https://go.gov.sg/ccsshbladays>

### 3.3 2022 GCE O-Level and N-Level National Examinations

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

<b>2022 GCE N-Level Listening Comprehension Examination</b>	<b>Dates</b>
English Language Syllabus A / MT 'B'	12 Sep
CL / ML / TL	13 Sep
<b>2022 GCE O-Level Listening Comprehension Examination</b>	<b>Dates</b>
English Language / MT 'B'	14 Oct
<b>2022 GCE N-Level Written Examinations</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Various Subjects	12 Sep – 21 Sep, 3 Oct – 12 Oct
<b>2022 GCE O-Level Examinations</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Pure Physics Practical	3 Oct
Science (Biology/Chemistry/Physics) Practical	6 Oct
Pure Biology Practical	11 Oct
Pure Chemistry Practical	13 Oct
Various Subjects (Written Examinations)	17 Oct – 11 Nov



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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 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
17 Oct (Monday)	Sec 1 – 2: 12.50pm Sec 3: 3.45pm
18 Oct (Tuesday)	Sec 1 – 3: 12.15pm
19 – 20 Oct (Wednesday – Thursday)	Sec 1 – 2: 12.50pm Sec 3: 3.45pm
21 Oct (Friday)	Sec 1 – 3: 12.45pm
25 Oct (Tuesday)	Sec 1 – 3: 2.10pm
26 Oct (Wednesday)	Sec 1 – 2: 12.50pm Sec 3: 3.45pm
27 Oct (Thursday)	Sec 1 – 3: 12.50pm

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

As we come to the end of academic year 2022, I would like to thank you for your continuous support. 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 looking after 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.

Please stay safe and keep well. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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