

24 March 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

# **INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 2 2025**

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

Changkateers continue to strive for excellence. Four of our Changkateers (Mariyah Bano binte Munawar from 4C, Qairyn Qasrina binte Zailan from 4D, Muhammad Aiman bin Salman from 4D and Nor Fazil Kurniawan bin Nor Azman from 4D) recently took part in the National Malay Scrabble Competition and achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> position in East Zone. On 13 March, our Sepak Takraw boys took the initiative to volunteer their time and efforts at Masjid Darul Ghufran mosque to distribute food and give back to the community. Our alumni, Chow Tsz Ching and Yu Chen Hao (both from 2022 batch) who had progressed to Hwa Chong Institution and Raffles Institution respectively, had done well for their 'A' Levels. Tsz Ching was highlighted by Hwa Chong Institution for her outstanding holistic achievements and Chen Hao earned an admission to Oxford University to pursue his undergraduate studies! At the recent 'O' Level results release, 100% of our students are eligible for studies in post-secondary institutions (Junior College/Millennia Institute/Polytechnic/Institute of Technical Education)! For our efforts in building a clean and green community through our Learning for Life Programme (LLP) in Leadership in Sustainability, Changkat is awarded the Excellence Award for Green Schools @ Southeast Awards 2025. We are proud of all our students' achievements and contributions! This is also an affirmation of the hard work our teachers have put in to support our students' learning.

We are proud to share that our staff are selected to lead in various national initiatives. Ms Joyce Leung, Physics Teacher is selected to participate in the first run of the Smart Nation Educator Fellowship (SNEF) Programme. The SNEF was announced by Prime Minister Lawrence Wong at the launch of Smart Nation 2.0 on 1 October 2024. Jointly organised by MOE and the Ministry of Digital Development and Information (MDDI), it aims to grow a critical group of MOE digital technology advocates who will lead and inspire fellow educators to develop students' digital literacy and technological skills through the enactment of the total curriculum. Mdm Anadhagiri Kasthuri, Tamil Language Teacher is also invited to share on 26 March in the National level session sharing her experience as immersion participants to Madurai and Kodaikanal, South India. For his depth of experience and good work, our Operations Manager, Mr George Goh, is also invited to share his knowledge on school administration and operations with the new School Administration Team members on 20 March. To recognise the many years of service our staff had dedicated to the teaching service, fifteen of our staff are awarded the Civil Service Long Service Award. Most notably, Mr Abdul Nasir Bin Abdul Razzak, Head of Department (Educational Support) and Mr Samuel Ong Khim Ghee, Head of Department (Craft & Technology) had served the service for 35 and 25 years respectively!

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 selfdirected learners.

Changkat Changi Secondary School will be celebrating our 59th Anniversary this year. Our 59th Anniversary theme is "Upholding Integrity, Engaging Minds". We hope that staff and students can uphold ethical principles and have the moral courage to stand up for what is right. We also hope to further customise the curriculum and opportunities and sustaining strong partnerships with stakeholders and industries to cater to the different interests, abilities and needs of our students.

To further consolidate our strengths in Partnerships, CCSS will be conducting two overseas recce trips in May – one to Shanghai and Hongkong, China for our Applied Learning Programme in Aviation & Aerospace and another to Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam for our Learning for Life Programme in Leadership in Sustainability and Humanities programme. We hope to establish new sustained partnerships in these two countries so that more Changkateers can benefit from a well-rounded, holistic education that prepares them to be future-ready.

Term 2 promises to be an exciting term as the pursuit of excellence and the holistic development of Changkateers remain 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**

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 March 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.



# 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. Students are encouraged to ensure PLDs are fully charged from home for use in school.

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 Responsible and Positive Behaviour

The school ensures a safe and conducive environment by reminding all students to show care and concern towards one another, school staff and members of the public. Students must not upload any materials (e.g. pictures, videos) onto social media or any public domain that will be harmful or disrespectful towards themselves, fellow school mates, staff or school.

#### 2.3 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.

#### 2.4 Absenteeism

The school places great emphasis on student learning and hence strongly discourages frequent absenteeism as such behaviour disrupts the 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.

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.



# 2.5 Attire and Grooming

Students are expected to wear the prescribed uniform and no modification to the uniform is allowed. Long pants are not allowed to be tapered or shortened above the ankles. Similarly, the length of school skirts must be just above the knees. All school uniform including PE and House T-shirts must be worn with the student's nametag sewn on the right side in line with the school crest/logo.

For all students, hair must be of its natural colour. For girls, hair longer than shoulder length must be tied up. For boys, hair must be kept short and neat. Hair length must not touch the ears and the collar of the school shirt. All male students must be clean shaven and neat in appearance i.e. no wearing of beards and moustaches.

# 2.6 CCA Stand Down for Sec 4 and Sec 5

All Sec 4 and Sec 5 students will stand down from their CCAs from 11 April 2025. Students who are participating in the National School Games (NSG) competition, Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation (SYF AP) or other competitions will stand down from their CCA after the event or 11 April 2025, whichever comes later.

#### 3 Term 2 Events and Important Examination Matters

# 3.1 Home-Based Learning (HBL) Days in Term 2

The Term 2 HBL dates are reflected in the table below.

Term 2	HBL Dates:
Week 2	4 April (Friday)
Week 8	16 May (Friday)
Week 10	30 May (Friday)

On the following non-HBL Fridays, students will be in school following the schedule as indicated below:

Date:	Time-table to follow:
2 May 2025 (Friday)	Even week Thursday
	Period 1 to 7 (Following Friday's timing)

Form Teachers will remind students of the above arrangements. Please note that Fridays' lessons will still end by 12.30pm.



# 3.2 Schedule of Examination Dates for 2025

Test & Exam	Dates
Weighted Assessment 2	21 April to 16 May
Sec 4E/5NA/NA(O) Mother Tongue Preliminary	8 May
Exams	9 May (MT Oral Examination)
GCE O Level Written Mother Tongue Exam	2 June
GCE O Level Written Mother Tongue B Exam	
Weighted Assessment 3	28 July to 22 August
Sec 4NA Preliminary Exams	6 May (EL Oral Examination)*
	28 July to 1 August
	4 August
Sec 4E and 5NA Preliminary Exams	14 May, 15 May (EL Oral Examination)
	15 August (Science Practical)
	21 August
	25 August to 29 August
	1 September to 3 September
End-of-Year Exams (Sec 1 to 3)	29 September to 3 October
	6 October to 8 October
GCE N Level Exams (Written)	15 September to 25 September
	6 October to 14 October
GCE O Science Practical Exams	1 October to 14 October
GCE O Level Exams (Written)	16 October to 10 November

\*Please note that this is an updated date.

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

#### 3.3 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 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:



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Subject	Stream	Date
	4NA(6125)	1 August, 5pm
Art	4EXP/5NA(6123)	22 September, 5pm
	4NT(6128)	13 May, 5pm
NFS	4NA(6073)	14 July, 5pm
INF 3	4EXP(6097)	4 August, 5pm
	4NA(7055)	18 July, 5pm
D&T	4EXP/5NA(7059)	31 July, 5pm
	4NT(7062)	18 July, 5pm

# 3.4 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	26 May	PM
	All	Performance Arts Based Learning (PABL) Performance	23 May	РМ
	All	Wellness Days	28 – 29 May	
	All	Meet the Parents	29 – 30 May	
Sec 2	All	House Meeting #2	26 May	PM
	All	Applied Learning Module (ApLM)	27 - 29 May	Curriculum Time/ PM
	All	NAPFA 2.4km Run Test	16 Apr	PM
	All	Meet the Parents	29 – 30 May	
Sec 3	All	House Meeting #2	26 May	PM
	All	Wellness Days	28 – 29 May	
	All	Meet the Parents	29 – 30 May	
Sec	All	House Meeting #2	26 May	PM
4/5	All	Meet the Parents	29 – 30 May	
	4NA	Wellness Days	28 – 29 May	
	4E and 5NA	MT Intensive Lessons	27 - 30 May	Curriculum Time
	All	NAPFA 2.4km Run Test	14 Apr	PM

\* More details on Wellness Days 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	59th Annual Speech & Prize Giving Day and Student	11 April
	Leaders' Investiture	
2	Sec 1–5 Meet-the-Parents' Session/Briefing	29 and 30 May

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 positive 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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