

30 June 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 3 2025

Welcome back to the new term! We hope you and your child/ward had a restful June holidays.

In Changkat, we commit to using Positive Education as our key approach. We hence prioritise the positive well-being and learning of staff and students by strengthening our focus areas in Thinking and Emotions through our lesson design, programmes and activities.

In May, CCSS successfully led two **Overseas Recce Trips** — one to **Shanghai and Hong Kong, 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. In Shanghai, we have established partnerships with the **Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (COMAC)** and **Shanghai Xuhui High School** and in Hong Kong, we have established partnership with the **Pan Asia Pacific Aviation Services Limited (PAPAS)**. These newly established partnerships will provide more Changkateers the opportunities to benefit from a future-ready and holistic education. We will provide more updates on these overseas exchange opportunities soon.

This year, for the third year running, our Changkateers collaborated with their peers from Victoria School to jointly organise the **Fly High Aviation Carnival** (on 27 May). This Carnival serves as a platform for the young charges from both schools to share their skills and passion in Aviation with Primary 5 and Primary 6 students from the East Zone Primary Schools. Through this collaboration, our Changkateers learn new skills, grow in their confidence and forge new friendships. We received positive feedback last year and this year the event continued to be a huge success!

Changkateers, both staff and students, continue to strive for excellence. I am pleased to report that Changkat is awarded the **CCA Excellence Award** for the Singapore Youth Flying Club!

In **Boys' Brigade**, five of our boys (Seth Ngin Zhi Heng from 4A, Hew Zi Feng from 4D, Ng Zhi Rong from 4D, Tan Wei Hong from 4D and Julian Cedrick Santiago Andaya from 4F) are awarded the **Founder's Award**! This award is the highest and most prestigious award in the Seniors Programme. At the recently concluded Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation, our Performing Arts CCAs have done us proud and continue to achieve Distinction and Accomplishment awards.

| Performing Arts | Certificate |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Chinese String Ensemble | Distinction |
| Modern Dance | Distinction |
| Concert Band | Accomplishment |
| Malay Dance | Accomplishment |

Our Track & Field Boys kept the Changkat flag flying high at the recently concluded National School Games representing the school in five finals – this is the best track performance in more than a decade for Changkat! Rico Tan Jun Hong (from 4B) achieved 5th and 6th positions respectively in the 400 m Finals (B Boys) and 400 m Hurdles Finals (B Boys). Our C Boys, Muhammad Irfan Danish (from 1G), Molina John David Naputo, Hazwan Bin Hazman (both from 2A) and Magbitang Cale Timothy Acuna



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(from 2G) came in 7th in the 4 by 400 m Relay Finals. Molina John David Naputo also achieved 8th position in the 200 m Finals (C Boys). Tan Zi An Brandon (from 2G) came in 14th in the 1500 m Race Walk Finals (C Boys).

Our Netball C Division Girls won all their matches in the classification games to top the Table and qualify for National School Games League 3. This is a remarkable achievement and the best performance from the Netball C Division Girls so far!

Our Malay Language Talent Development Programme (TDP) students took part in the annual National NUS Poetry Recital competition and our team clinched the top spot! The team comprised Abdul Matin Bin Abdullah (from 2C), Naila Khalisya Binte Abdul Samad (from 3G), Nur Iqmal Yaqin Bin Shaerul Nizam (from 4D) and Hanan Falisha Binte Fakhruddin (from 5A). This result makes Changkat the defending Champions for three years in a row (2023, 2024 and 2025)! Nur Iqmal Yaqin Bin Shaerul Nizam (from 4D) also achieved the Best Poet Award for the second time (his first time in 2023).

In addition, six of our Secondary 2 Humanities TDP students participated in the Ngee Ann Secondary Model United Nations (MUN) conference that took place on 2 and 3 June. There were altogether 10 participating schools this year. I am pleased to share that Rico Alexiah Marie Peralta (from 2A) and Nunez Marius Andru Vidal (from 2D) received the Honourable Mention for Best Position Paper of their respective councils. Alexiah was also chosen to present her Council's Resolution Paper at the closing ceremony.

Our Changkateers also participated in the SISTEMIC Explorer Challenge organised by National Junior College competition and obtained the Silver Medal. The students are Rico Alexiah Marie Peralta (from 2A), Harita Chandrasekar (from 2B), Yashaswini Nannapaneni (from 2B), Harshit Kumar (from 2E) and Lim Kai Yang, Stanley (from 2G). Rayden Soliano (from 3C) took home Bronze Medal for the Youth Innovation Award in the Voyager Challenge in the same competition.

We are very proud of all their achievements!

In April, the school celebrated our **59th Anniversary** with the theme '**Upholding Integrity, Engaging Minds**' combining both the Speech Day celebrations and Student Leaders Investiture. Our Guest of Honour was our Chairperson of School Advisory Committee and Alumni, Mr Cameron Ong. He graduated from Changkat Changi Secondary School in the 1970s, did well and went on to pursue an illustrious career in the hospitality industry. He was appointed by International Enterprise Singapore as the tourism consultant for Vietnam and Philippines, served as the professional consultant to the Beijing International Investment Promotion Council, Chief Executive Officer of the Ascott Group and last held the position of Managing Director of Chip Eng Seng Group. Even though he is very busy with his successful career, Cameron still managed to find time to regularly come back to Changkat and serve. His exemplary service to the hotel industry and Changkat sets a high standard for us all.

For the first time, our **Learning for Life Programme** team and Science Department partnered with Metta School and Changkat Primary School to organise a biodiversity trail and microgreens workshop for the Metta School students on 26 May (Mon). Our students have learnt a lot from this meaningful collaboration. Our LLP students had also set up a sustainability booth at Viasta! – the Changi Simei Viaduct Festival. Throughout the day, our students contributed meaningfully to the event with activities centered around green living, vibrancy, and care. This truly exemplifies the spirit of serving with humility!

We 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 Health Matters

In schools, 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 June 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 Attendance & Temperature-taking Exercise (ATTEEx)

The ATTEEx is conducted twice yearly and aims to:

- a) Maintain schools' preparedness to re-activate the attendance and temperature-taking regime should the need arise; and
- b) Educate students on personal responsibility for their own health and social responsibility.

The ATTEEx for Term 3 will be conducted on **9 July 2025 (Wednesday)**. Please ensure your child/ward continues to have a working oral digital thermometer in his/her school bag. Kindly note that students with fever and/or flu-like symptoms will be sent home. The trigger temperature is 38°C.

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, 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



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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

Students are 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.

All students are also 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.

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.

In response to students' requests to wear the school's House T-shirt for school due to the hot weather, the school will continue to monitor the weather conditions and provide an update should there be changes.

2.5 Vaping

As announced in April 2024 in a joint press release by the Ministry of Health and the Health Sciences Authority, students caught for vaping offences for the first time may be fined up to S\$2,000, in line with penalties for people convicted of buying, possessing and using e-vaporisers.



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The Singapore Police Force may subsequently conduct a random spot-check on student offenders' homes. Schools will also take appropriate disciplinary actions such as suspension or caning for boys. Students caught vaping will also be placed on cessation support programmes where counsellors will guide them through their cessation journey.

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.

3. Enhancing Positive School Experience

3.1 House Olympics

The school will be holding our House Olympics on 4 July, Friday. It is a mini-Olympics event comprising sports and games tournaments, indoor board games and a cheer competition. It will be conducted during school curriculum hours and is a compulsory school event. Students will be dismissed from school at 12.30pm.

3.2 Youth Day

This year, Youth Day falls on Sunday, 6 July. The following day, Monday, 7 July, will therefore be a school holiday. Your child/ward need not report to school.

3.3 Racial Harmony Day

The school will commemorate Racial Harmony Week from Monday 21 July to Thursday 24 July, with the theme of "Our People, Our Tapestry". The theme reflects how our various cultural threads – each representing the unique identities, traditions, beliefs, and practices of our diverse communities – are often intertwined with and complement one another. While we recognise that these intertwined threads may sometimes fray, whether from friction among communities or the pull of external forces, it is our responsibility to work together to mend or reinforce them.

By always seeking to understand and being respectful of our ethnic and religious communities, we can ensure that our multicultural tapestry remains strong and unified, exemplifying the strength and beauty of our shared heritage and commitment to harmony.

Regular lessons will continue, but there will be activities throughout the week to help our students appreciate Singapore's racial diversity.

3.4 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 10.30am on Friday, 8 Aug.



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3.5 Teachers' Day Celebration and School Holiday

We will be celebrating Teachers' Day on Thursday, 4 September. Your child/ward will be dismissed at 10.30am. The following day, Friday, 5 September, will therefore be a school holiday. Your child/ward need not report to school.

4. Important Examination Matters and Term 3 Events

4.1 Schedule of Examination Dates for 2025

| Test & Exam | | Dates |
|---|--------------------|---|
| Weighted Assessment 3 | | 28 July to 21 August |
| Sec 4NA Preliminary Exams | | 28 July to 5 August |
| Sec 4E and 5NA Preliminary Exams | | 21 August (Science Practical) 25 August to 3 September |
| End-of-Year Exams (Sec 1 to 3) | | 29 September to 8 October |
| GCE N Level and O Level Oral Examinations | | 14 July to 18 July |
| GCE N Level Exams (Written) | 4 Normal Academic | 15 September to 22 September 6 October to 14 October |
| | 4 Normal Technical | 15 September to 25 September 6 October to 14 October |
| GCE O Science Practical Exams | | 1 October, 6 October 9 October, 14 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 Home-Based Learning (HBL) Days in Term 3

The Term 3 HBL dates are reflected in the table below.

| Term 3 | HBL Dates: |
|---------|--|
| Week 3* | 15 July (Tuesday), 16 July (Wednesday), 17 July (Thursday) |
| Week 4 | 25 July (Friday) |
| Week 8 | 22 August (Friday) |

* The school will have the following 3 days of HBL in lieu of the GCE N(A) / N(T) / O-LEVEL Oral Examinations taking place during the period.

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

| Date: | Time-table to follow: |
|------------------------|--|
| Week 2 11 July 2025 | Odd week Friday 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.



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4.3 GCE O Level Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension (MT LC) and Early Dismissal for All Students on Tuesday, 8 July 2025

The graduating students will be having their MT LC national examination on Tuesday, 8 July 2025 at 1400h – 1430h (Subject Codes: 1160, 1151 and 1152) and 1600h – 1630h (Subject Codes: 1153, 1148 and 1157). Candidates scheduled to take the LC at 1400h will be dismissed from lessons at 1300h and are to report to their respective examination venues at 1330h. Candidates scheduled to take the LC at 1600h will be dismissed at 1335h together with the other levels and are to report to their respective examination venues at 1530h. Students from other levels are not to stay back in school on this day after dismissal at 1335h. No unstructured play is allowed at all venues within the school premise during the LC sessions.

Note: ALL Sec 1 to 3 students will be dismissed from school at 1335h on Tuesday, 8 July 2025. Sec 4/5 students taking MT LC (Subject Codes 1153, 1148 and 1157) will be also be dismissed at 1335h.

4.4 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) | 22 September, 5pm |
| NFS | 4NA (6073) | 14 July, 5pm |
| | 4EXP/5NA (6097) | 4 August, 5 pm |
| D&T | 4NT (7062) | 18 July, 5pm |
| | 4NA (7055) | 18 July, 5pm |
| | 4EXP/5NA (7059) | 31 July, 5pm |

4.5 Support for Graduating Cohort

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

| Academic Support | Date |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Academic Afterschool Enrichment Programme (AAEP) | 30 June – 19 August |
| Timed Practices (After school) | (S4E/5NA) 30 June – 14 August |
| Consultation during study break (selected students) | 29 September – 10 October |



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More details on the schedule will be provided to your child/ward nearer to the commencement of the programmes in Term 3.

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 positive development of your child/ward in Semester 1. You all have been very supportive of the school and I am grateful for your encouragement and kind words.

We strongly believe this partnership between school and parents/guardians is beneficial for 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 well.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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