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CHANGKAT CHANGI SECONDARY SCHOOL

24 June 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 3 2024

Welcome back to the new term and second semester! We hope you and your child/ward had a meaningful June break.

In Changkat, we commit our work to prioritise the positive well-being and learning of staff and students. We do so by strengthening our focus areas in Thinking and Emotions through our lesson design, programmes and activities. Through this focus, we hope to develop attitudes and dispositions that will promote the acquisition of knowledge and skills and a positive school experience. To foster a greater sense of belonging and peer relationships, the school had successfully organized a **Wellness Week** at the end of Term 2. The Wellness Week comprised exciting activities such as sports fiesta, learning journeys, bonding games, watching theatre plays, townhall discussions, motivation workshops and reflections. Due to positive feedback from parents/guardians, we continue to hold hybrid Meet-the-Parents session during the last two days of Term 2 where parents/guardians have the option to meet face-to-face or on zoom according to your preference.

In May, CCSS successfully organised two **Student Exchange Overseas Trips** – one to **Lycée Saint-Exupery in Toulouse, France** (from 14 May to 21 May) and another to **Jinan No. 12 Middle School in Shandong, China** (from 26 May to 1 Jun). Both schools have been our long-term partner schools and we received a very warm welcome from both schools. For the exchange with Lycée Saint-Exupery, students from both countries collaborated on projects related to sustainability, culture and aviation issues in areas such as sustainable buildings, plane designs, transport, carbon emissions, water management, plastic usage and biofuels. In Toulouse, France, our students and teachers had the opportunity to visit the **Aerospopia Museum** to learn the beginnings of aviation and the aeronautical adventure of the people who have contributed to it. In addition, we also had the privilege to visit the **Airbus Final Assembly Lines** where we saw three Airbus A350s being assembled while we were there. We also had a chance to visit **Cite de l'Espace** and discover the secrets of space. These visits were a real eye-opener for all of us!

This year, we celebrated our 20 years of partnership with Jinan No. 12 Middle School in Shandong, China. During the trip, we deepened our knowledge of the "**Er'An Culture**", which refers to the poetry culture of Li Qingzhao (1084-1155) and Xin Qiji (1140-1207) – two famous poets who lived during the Song Dynasty (960-1279). Students and teachers also visited the **Baotu Spring** which is known as the number one spring in Jinan as Jinan is renowned for its numerous springs. In addition, we also visited **Mount Tai, Confucius Temple, Forbidden City** and the **Great Wall of Badaling**. Through these student exchange overseas trips, we hope to develop in Changkateers confidence, deepen their understanding of foreign cultures and broaden their global perspectives.

This year, for the second year running, our Changkateers collaborated with their peers from Victoria School to jointly organise the **Fly High Aviation Carnival** (on 23 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 7 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 our Lead Teacher (Tamil Language), Mdm Perema D/O Ramasamy, is awarded the **Asia Pacific**



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Leadership Award for Unit Leaders 2024 for her work in Girl Guides. This award is conferred on a uniformed member endorsed by the Asia Pacific Region of World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts who has achieved recognition at Girl Guides Singapore level as an outstanding Unit Leader and have made a significant contribution to her Unit in the last five years.

Our Uniformed Groups and CCAs have done us proud and continue to achieve Gold and Distinction awards in their respective unit competitions.

Uniformed Group	Award
Girl Guides	Gold (Puan Noor Aishah Award)
Boys' Brigade	High Distinction (JM Fraser Award)
NCC (Air) Boys	Distinction
NCC (Air) Girls	Distinction

Mohamed Hafeez bin Mohamed Ali (from Class 4D and Sepak Takraw CCA) was awarded the **Singapore Olympic Foundation Peter Lim Scholarship 2023**. He is one of 164 secondary students to be awarded this scholarship. The scheme supports student-athletes who post consistent results in relevant sports competitions.

In April, the school celebrated our **58th Anniversary** with the theme 'Lead with Respect, Serve with Humility' and this was the second time that we combined both the Speech Day celebrations and Student Leaders Investiture. Our Guest of Honour was our Alumni, Mr Lim Guan Yu. He graduated from Changkat Changi Secondary School in 2007, did well and went on to Singapore Polytechnic to pursue his post-secondary education. Throughout his secondary school years in Changkat, he did extremely well. He was instrumental in launching the **Changpreneur Programme** in 2022 which is an entrepreneurship programme for our Secondary Three student leaders. The programme aims to develop in our students problem-solving skills to authentic problems. This year, together with our teachers, he had designed and run 8 sessions spreading over 4 months, benefitting 28 of our Secondary 3 student leaders.

Our House Leaders embarked on a **Values-in-Action activity** in March to collect pre-loved running shoes from staff and students for the annual cross-country run. They washed and disinfected the shoes before putting it up to the whole school for collection on demand, especially those who need the shoes for the annual cross-country run. A total of 48 pairs of shoes were collected and given away to 48 new happy owners! This truly exemplifies the spirit of serving with humility!

We look forward to and appreciate your partnership, and the key information under the following areas are for your attention:

1. Ensuring Safety and Security of Students

1.1 Update on Covid-19

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has reported the recent rise in COVID-19 infections in Singapore. While there is no indication that the circulating variants are more transmissible or cause more severe disease compared to previous variants, immunity in the population has likely waned over time. It is important to stay updated with COVID-19 vaccination to protect ourselves against current and emerging virus strains.



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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 **3 July 2024 (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 times and zones, namely the classrooms, the canteen and the foyer, during recess and before/after school.



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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. 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



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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 28 June, 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, 30 June. The following day, Monday, 1 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, 15 July to Thursday 18 July, with the theme of "Singapore: Our Multicultural Mosaic". The theme reflects how each ethnic community is unique and has the space to express its own identity, while also interacting with one another to construct the cultural diversity that is an integral part of life in Singapore. This echoes Singapore's approach towards multiculturalism. 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 Thursday, 8 Aug. Students need not report to school on Friday, 9 August (public holiday).

3.5 Teachers' Day Celebration and School Holiday

We will be celebrating Teachers' Day on Thursday, 29 August. Your child/ward will be dismissed at 10.30am. The following day, Friday, 30 August, will therefore be a school holiday. Your child/ward need not report to school.



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4. Important Examination Matters and Term 3 Events

4.1 Schedule of Examination Dates for 2024

Test & Exam	Dates
Weighted Assessment 3	22 July to 23 August
Sec 4NA Preliminary Exams	29 July to 6 August
Sec 4E and 5NA Preliminary Exams	15 August (Science Practical) 19 August to 28 August
End-of-Year Exams (Sec 1 to 3)	24 September to 4 October
GCE N Level Exams (Written)	9 September to 19 September 30 September to 8 October
GCE O Science Practical Exams	2 October, 7 October 10 October, 15 October
GCE O Level Exams (Written)	16 October to 11 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 2	5 July (Friday)
Week 5*	23 July (Tuesday), 24 July (Wednesday), 25 July (Thursday)
Week 8	16 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:
19 July 2024	Even week Monday Period 1 to 7 (Following Friday's timing)
2 August 2024	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 Wednesday, 3 July 2024

The graduating students will be having their MT LC national examination on Wednesday, 3 July 2024 at 1400h – 1430h (Subject Codes: 1160 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 Wednesday, 3 July 2024. 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)	16 September, 5pm
NFS	4NA (6073)	8 July, 5pm
	4EXP/5NA (6097)	29 July, 5 pm
D&T	4NA (7055)	12 July, 5pm
	4EXP/5NA (7059)	26 July, 5pm



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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)	(S4E/5NA) 24 June – 12 August (S4NA) 24 June – 14 August
Timed Practices (After school)	(S4E/5NA) 24 June – 06 Aug (Tues) (S4NA) 26 June – 13 Aug (Either Mon/Tues/Wed)
Intensive Programme for 4NA (During curriculum time)	Term 3 Weeks 9-10

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 holistic 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 important for the learning and development of 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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