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## CHANGKAT CHANGI SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians

### **INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 4 2023**

We are happy to welcome your child/ward back for the last school term in 2023! We hope you and your child/ward had an enjoyable September break.

As we near the end of the academic year with one more term to go, our teachers are already preparing ahead for 2024. The school has implemented **Full Subject-based Banding (FSBB)** first time starting with our secondary one cohort this year. The 2024 Secondary One batch are the second cohort to be on board FSBB in Changkat but will be the first batch to sit for the **Secondary Education Certificate (SEC)** instead of the 'O' and 'N' Levels examinations. More details on SEC will be shared later. Given our experience with the first cohort of FSBB (our current secondary one students), we are reviewing how some of our policies and structures have benefited Changkateers' experiences. We have observed that with FSBB, our secondary one Changkateers have more opportunities to interact with peers of different strengths and interests. In 2024, we will also allow the Secondary Two eligible students to offer Humanities subjects at a more demanding level under FSBB. This is applicable to students who are in the Secondary 2 Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) courses from 2024. The criteria for taking Humanities at a more demanding level will be based on students' aptitude for and interest in these subjects at Secondary 1. They should also perform well in the Humanities and possess a strong commitment and positive attitude towards learning to be offered Humanities at a more demanding level.

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 4N Malay Language, 4N Tamil Language, 5N Chinese Language, 5N Malay Language and 5N Tamil Language. For MT Language 'B' syllabus, our students also achieved 100% passes for 4E Chinese Language, 4N Malay Language, 4N Tamil Language and 5N Chinese Language.

At the **National School Games (NSG)** in Term 3, our Sepak Takraw boys won the second place in the National 'C' Division competition. This result is the best our 'C' Division boys have attained in recent years. Our Netball girls obtained champion at the **Springfield Netball Carnival** competition. 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. Mohamed Hafeez Bin Mohamed Ali (from 4D and Sepak Takraw) is 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. Tepase Alexis Ingrid Deguangco (from 3C) wrote an original song 'You and I', which entered the finals of the **Singapore Youth Festival Youth Station Project**. Alexis with her schoolmates Tang Yan Jun (3E), Ethan Agustin Teo Guo Hsiang (2F) and Jameel Watson (1C) performed this song and impressed the audience at the Esplanade on 30 Jun.



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In the academic area, Kaelyn Tan Ming Hui (4A) has been shortlisted to join the **2024 Geography Talent Development Programme (TDP)** – a collaborative effort by the Ministry of Education, National University of Singapore, National Institute of Education, and the Geography Teachers' Association of Singapore. As a member of the TDP, Kaelyn will be part of the Geography National Team and may be selected to represent Singapore at the annual International Geography Olympiad (iGEO).

Our staff constantly hones their craft and strives for excellence. Our Head of Department (Information & Communications Technology), Mr Tan Teck Tang Glen, was recently awarded **The Commendation Medal** during the National Day Awards 2023. 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 Mathematics teacher, Mdm Habsa Bte Sulaiman, was also awarded **The Long Service Medal** at the National Day Awards 2023. The Medal may be awarded to any person who is of irreproachable character and whom the President is satisfied has completed at least 25 years service in the public service. Our Principles of Accounts (POA) Teacher, Ms Tay Ai Li Aileen, has also facilitated the **POA e-Pedagogy workshop "Learning through Acquisition"** and enriched the learning experience of the participants. Her suggestions on lesson design were insightful and greatly appreciated by the attendees.

In celebration of our **57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** with the theme "*Growing Resilience, Enriching Character*", I am proud to share with you that Changkat has implemented and presented the '**Academic Resilience Awards**' for the first time in Term 3. This award aims to build the resilience in Changkateers to believe in their own ability to excel and affirm the efforts of Changkateers in their learning and encourage them to work harder for improvement. Through this encouragement, we hope to teach Changkateers the value of resilience and how they can continuously seek improvement in both their academics and character.

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 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.



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### 2. Enhancing Positive School Experience

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

We will be hosting our Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2023 on **22 September (Friday), from 3pm-5.45pm**. 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. The Graduation Ceremony will be held in the school hall. We warmly welcome all parents/guardians of Sec 4 and 5 students to be part of the Graduation Ceremony and have sent a separate invitation letter for you to indicate your attendance via Parent Gateway on 28 August.

#### 2.2 Post-Graduation Day Timetable

As final preparation for the national examination, the Post-Graduation Day timetable for 4N, 4E and 5NA students will extend from 25 to 28 September with normal curriculum and additional consultation slots after school. Students will be on study leave from 29 September until the start of their examinations.

#### 2.3 Other Important School Events

Please note the following summary of other important school events in Term 4 2023.

Event / Programme	Dates
Graduation Ceremony (Sec 4NA / 4E / 5NA students)	22 Sep
Sec 3 Subject Combination Exercise (Sec 2 students)	17 – 25 Oct
Release of Subject Combination Outcomes (Sec 2 students)	7 Nov
Code for Fun (Sec 1 students)	18 – 19 Oct
Bonding Activities (Sec 1 students)	23 Oct
Aesthetics Programme (Sec 2 – 3 students)	
STEM/ALP Day (Sec 1 – 3 students)	24 Oct
CCE Day (Sec 1 – 3 students)	25 Oct
Deepavali Concert (Sec 1 – 3 students)	26 Oct
House Meeting (Sec 1 – 3 students)	
Meet the Parents Session (Sec 1 – 3 students)	27 Oct
HBL Day (Sec 1 – 3 students)	
Open House	25 Nov (pending confirmation of release of PSLE results)

You may wish to note that STEM/ALP Day in Changkat aims to promote passion in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education as well as to



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enhance our Applied Learning Programme (ALP) through engaging workshops beyond the 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.

<b>Test &amp; Exam</b>	<b>Dates</b>
End-of-Year Written Exams (Sec 1 to 3 students)	25 Sep to 5 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 (Tuesday) to 9 October (Monday)**. Students should focus on their revision, and resume CCA activities on **10 October (Tuesday)**, after their exams are over.

Please take note that **6 October (Friday) and 9 October (Monday)** are Marking Days. Students need not report to school (except for Sec 3 students having their MT Oral examinations), and lessons will resume as usual on **10 October (Tuesday)**.

#### **3.2 2023 GCE O-Level and N-Level National Examinations**

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

<b>2023 GCE N-Level Listening Comprehension Examination</b>	<b>Dates</b>
English Language Syllabus A / MT 'B'	12 Sep
CL / ML / TL	20 Sep
<b>2023 GCE O-Level Listening Comprehension Examination</b>	<b>Dates</b>
English Language / MT 'B'	18 Oct
<b>2023 GCE N-Level Written Examinations</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Various Subjects	12 Sep – 20 Sep, 2 Oct – 10 Oct
<b>2023 GCE O-Level Examinations</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Pure Chemistry Practical	4 Oct
Pure Physics Practical	9 Oct
Science (Biology/Chemistry/Physics) Practical	12 Oct
Pure Biology Practical	17 Oct
Various Subjects (Written Examinations)	19 Oct – 10 Nov



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### 3.3 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
18 - 19 Oct (Wednesday – Thursday)	Sec 1: 2.10pm Sec 2 – 3: 12.30pm
20 Oct (Friday)	Sec 1 – 3: 12.40pm
23 – 26 Oct (Monday – Thursday)	Sec 1 – 3: 12.30pm

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

As we come to the end of academic year 2023, 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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Principal,  
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