

22 March 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 2 2021

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope your child/ward has had an enjoyable March Holidays and you are as excited as we are to start the new term.

Changkateers continue to do our school proud. I would like to mention two of our **Changkateers' achievements**. Tan Yu Jie (from 4E1) finished top three in Girl Guides Singapore "She Solves" poster competition and was awarded an opportunity to meet the British High Commissioner to Singapore, Her Excellency Kara Owen, over a tea session. He Ya Ti (from 4E1) won the Merit Award for her literary piece submitted for the Third Nanyang Youth Chinese Literature award. Changkat's Talent Development Programme continues to groom your child/ward to excel in various subjects at external competitions.

The recently released **'O'-Level results** show that our efforts in prioritising your child's/ward's well-being especially in the COVID-19 year paid off. The school has attained value-added performance. Many subjects have performed better than last year's percentage passes, including subjects such as Mother Tongue, Science, Humanities, and Principles of Accounts. In particular, the Sec 4 Express cohort had achieved 100% passes in Chinese, Malay and Higher Chinese languages, while the Sec 5 Normal (Academic) cohort had achieved 100% passes in Additional Mathematics, Principles of Accounts, Tamil and Malay languages. This is an affirmation of the hard work our teachers have put in to support our students in Education and Career Guidance.

In Term 2, your child/ward from Secondary One to Three 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 self-directed learners. Blended Learning will also enhance and deepen the teaching and learning inside and outside the classrooms.

Changkateers Secondary School will be celebrating our **55th Anniversary** this year. This also marks 20 years since our relocation from the old campus at Jalan Tiga Ratus to the current premises at 23 Simei Street 3 in 2001. Our 55th Anniversary theme is "***Celebrate with Gratitude, Learn with Passion***". As we celebrate Changkat's every achievement past and future, we will be thankful for what we have and show appreciation to others for who they are and what they have done. Moving forward, we want to promote a positive deep learning culture in which staff and students would strive to excel. Intentional development for both staff and students leads to high engagement and promotes passion to learn. In celebration of Changkat's 55th Anniversary and in alignment of the Anniversary Theme "***Celebrate with Gratitude, Learn with Passion***", the whole school commits to enacting at least 55 Acts of Gratitude this year. This is a platform for staff and students to practise the value of Gratitude which is one of the values in Changkat's revised school values iCAR²E.



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Term 2 promises to be an equally exciting and fruitful term as the pursuit of excellence and the holistic development of our children remains our priority. We look forward to your active engagement, and the key information under the following areas are for your attention:

1. Ensuring Safety and Security of Students

1.1 We would like to emphasize the importance of continued vigilance by all to prevent a second wave of COVID-19 infections. The following Safe Management Measures (SMM) will continue to be put in place to minimize the risk of confirmed cases from entering the school and to prevent any potential spread in all aspects of school life:

- daily temperature-taking and visual screening will be carried out for all students and staff. Students are reminded to have their Oral Digital Thermometer with them in school.
- practicing social responsibility (e.g. wiping down of common items after use, importance of mask-wearing, not coming to school if unwell or if household members are unwell with flu-like symptoms).
- all staff and visitors will be required to register their details via SafeEntry when entering the school.
- practising good personal hygiene (e.g observance of regular hand-washing)
- high-touch surfaces will be cleaned more frequently and our premises will be disinfected daily.
- observing safe distancing measures at all times both in school and out of school. Intermingling across classes and levels will be minimised.
- fixed exam-style seating in classrooms and spaced seating in canteens or alternative venues will be implemented.
- recess timings will be staggered by levels to reduce congestion and students are encouraged to pack food from home. Snack breaks will still be provided at 1.15pm on Tuesdays to Thursdays and students are to wash their hands with soap and water before and after consumption of their snack.
- dismissal timings will be staggered to reduce congestion. Students are advised to head straight home once dismissed and not to congregate in groups at public areas.

1.2 Trace Together (TT) Tokens/ Application

The TraceTogether (TT) tokens/application will be an essential component of the national contact tracing effort. This will be critical especially when we resume more activities both within and across schools as the TT tokens/app will help us identify close contacts quickly and efficiently. MOE will distribute tokens to all primary, secondary and JCCI students who have not collected their tokens from the community centres/clubs (CCs) earlier during the national distribution exercise. This is part of MOE's support for the national wide contract tracing effort.

As of 22 Feb 2021, the school has received the list of students who have not collected the token from the CC. The school distribution would be carried out in phases and students who have not collected their tokens will be issued one by the end of March 2021.



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1.3 Building of Sheltered Walkway by Land Transport Authority (LTA)

Please be informed that the building of the sheltered walkway from Simei MRT to our school's front gate and that of Changkat Primary School, including the pathway opposite of the school, has been delayed and is projected for completion in March 2022. Do encourage your child/ward to take note of potential safety hazards in their journey to school while construction is taking place.

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. 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. 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.

1.5 Annual Health Check

The Annual Health Check by the School Health Service, Health Promotion Board, will be conducted for all Secondary 1 and 2 students from 22 March to 31 March. Selected students from Secondary 3 and Secondary 4 may also be identified for checks. Students should bring their Health Booklet, together with its attached documents for medical conditions if any. Further details will be given to your child/ward nearer the date.

2. Developing Self Discipline and Responsibility

2.1 Punctuality to School

Please encourage your child/ward to plan his/her journey well, and be in the school by 8.25 a.m. on Mondays and 7.30 a.m. on Tuesdays to Fridays. This will inculcate the habit of punctuality and ensure that there is no loss of curriculum time due to late-coming.

2.2 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. Absenteeism should be substantiated with **medical**



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certificates only. Students who are absent without valid reasons will face disciplinary consequences.

2.3 Attire and Grooming

In response to students' requests to wear the school's House T-shirt for school due to the hot weather, the school has given permission for students to do so from Monday to Friday. However all students are 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.

2.4 CCA Stand Down for 4E/5N/4NA

All Sec 4E/5N/4NA students will stand down from their CCAs from 1 April. Students who are participating in the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentation or National School Games (NSG) competition will stand down from their CCA after the event or 1 April, whichever comes later.

3. Important Examination Matters and Term 2 Events

3.1 Schedule of Examination Dates for 2021

Test & Exam	Dates
Weighted Assessment 2 (Sec 1 to 3)	19 April to 12 May
Mid-Year Exams (Sec 4 and 5)	30 April (English Language) 4 May to 12 May (Remaining subjects)
GCE O Level Written Mother Tongue Exam	31 May
GCE O Level Written Mother Tongue B Exam	1 June
Weighted Assessment 3	26 July to 20 August
Sec 4NA Preliminary Exams	27 July to 3 August
Sec 4E and 5NA Preliminary Exams	30 August to 1 September 13 September to 17 September
End-of-Year Exams (Sec 1 to 3)	28 September to 8 October
GCE N Level Exams (Written)	15 September to 22 September 4 October to 14 October
GCE O Level Exams (Written)	18 October to 15 November

Kindly note that Weighted Assessments will be conducted in place of Mid-year Examinations for Secondary One to Three students. The schedule for Weighted Assessments for the respective subjects and levels will be given out separately.

3.2 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 that particular subject. The completion of the coursework relies heavily on the students' self-discipline, perseverance in ensuring consistent effort and



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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)	3 Aug, 5pm
	4EXP/5NA(6123)	21 Sep, 5pm
F&N	4NA(6072)	12 Jul, 5pm
	5NA(6087)	2 Aug, 5pm
D&T	4NA(7055)	16 Jul, 5pm
	4EXP/5NA(7059)	30 Jul, 5pm

3.3 Please also find the upcoming school events and important dates for the respective levels in Term 2 in the tables below for your information.

Level	Stream	Programmes	Dates	Remarks
Sec 1	All	House Meeting #2	1 Apr	
	All	Home-Based Learning Day	14 May	
	All	Sports Fiesta	24 May	Curriculum Time
	All	Study Skills Workshop	25 May	Curriculum Time
	All	House Meeting #3	25 May	Curriculum Time
	All	Town Hall Discussion	27 May	Curriculum Time
	All	Meet the Parents	28 May	
Sec 2	All	House Meeting #2	1 Apr	
	All	NAPFA Test	Term 2 Week 3 onwards	PE curriculum time
	All	Home-Based Learning Day	14 May	
	All	Sports Fiesta	25 May	Curriculum Time
	All	House Meeting #3	25 May	Curriculum Time
	All	Study Skills Workshop	27 May	Curriculum Time
	All	Town Hall Discussion	27 May	Curriculum Time
Sec 3	All	House Meeting #2	1 Apr	
	All	Home-Based Learning Day	14 May	
	All	House Meeting #3	25 May	Curriculum Time
	All	Study Skills Workshop	24 May	Curriculum Time
	All	Sports Fiesta	27 May	Curriculum Time
	All	Town Hall Discussion	27 May	Curriculum Time
	All	Meet the Parents	28 May	
Sec 4/5	All	House Meeting #2	1 Apr	
	All	NAPFA Test	Term 2 Week 3 onwards	PE curriculum time



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	All	Sec 4/5 Marking Day	14 May	
	All	House Meeting #3	25 May	Curriculum Time
	All	Town Hall Discussion	27 May	Curriculum Time
	All	Meet the Parents	28 May	
	4E and 5NA	MT intensive lessons	20 - 21, 24 - 25, 27May	Curriculum Time
	Selected 4E, 4N, 5N students	June Study & Coursework classes	1 - 4, 21-23 Jun	AM

4. Partnerships and Collaboration

4.1 Deepening our Partnership with Parents/ Guardians

As the saying goes, 'It takes a village to raise a child'. The partnership between school and parents/guardians are important to the learning and development of the child. 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	55 th Annual Speech and Prize Giving Day	16 April 2021
2	Student Leaders' Investiture	20 April 2021
3	Sec 1-5 Meet-the-Parents' Session	28 May 2021


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.

All in all, we aim to provide a quality school experience for your child/ward and look forward to your support and partnership 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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