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CHANGKAT CHANGI SECONDARY SCHOOL

14 Sep 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 4 2020

Since the safe opening of schools in Term 3, we are delighted that Changkateers have successfully reintegrated to school life, returned to the normal rhythm of teaching and learning, and re-connected with their peers and teachers. The school continued to emphasize holistic development with the resumption of CCAs and went virtual to celebrate the talent and achievements of Changkateers with events such as Changkat's Got Talent and Speech and Prize-Giving Presentations. For our graduating students, teachers supported them in their completion of their O-Level and N-Level D&T, F&N and Art coursework and prepared them for their GCE O-Level mid-year Mother Tongue Language (MTL) examinations. The Academic Afterschool Enrichment Programme (AAEP) and GEAR-UP programme kicked in to ensure that students were well-supported in the lead up to their national examinations at the end of the year.

In Term 4, students must step up their preparations for the End of Year examinations for Secondary 1 to 3 students and the national examinations for the graduating cohort. We urge all students to make use of their time effectively to consult their teachers and revise their school work. We seek your continual support to work closely with our teachers to provide the much needed monitoring and guidance for your child/ward during this critical period as he/she prepares for the upcoming examinations.

In striving for academic excellence, students must take ownership of their learning through the maintenance of their learning materials, consistent planned efforts and practice, coupled with regular monitoring of targets. In the recent Weighted Assessment and Preliminary examinations, the students were required to reflect on their results through the target and monitoring section in their Student Handbook. We do hope you find this useful as a point of reference as we continue to work together to monitor the progress of our Changkateers. The school wishes them all the best for the examinations and may their hard work be rewarded.

1. Ensuring Safety and Security of Students

1.1 Safe Management Measures

The school will continue to put in place the following measures to minimize the risk of confirmed cases from entering schools and to prevent any potential spread in all aspects of school life:

- daily temperature-taking and visual and question screening will be carried out for all students and staff. Students are reminded to have their Oral Digital Thermometer with them in school.
- students and staff who are unwell, or who have adult household members on Home Quarantine Order / Stay Home Notice or have flu-like symptoms such as fever and cough, will be required to stay away from school.
- all staff and visitors will be required to register their details via SafeEntry when entering the school.
- students, staff and visitors are required to wear their masks.



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- students will practice frequent hand-washing throughout the school day and practice wipe down of tables and shared equipment after use.
- high-touch surfaces will be cleaned more frequently and our premises will be disinfected daily.
- 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.

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

We are pleased to inform you that LTA has resumed work to build a sheltered walkway from Simei MRT to our school's front gate and that of Changkat Primary School, including the pathway opposite of the school. It is estimated that the walkway will be fully operational by the second quarter of 2021. Do encourage your child/ward to take note of potential safety hazards in their journey to school while construction is taking place.

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. 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 6.30am to 8.00am. 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.

2. Important Dates in the Term 4 Calendar

2.1 School Examinations, CCA Stand Down and Marking Days

All students are reminded to work hard to prepare for their respective examinations.

Test & Exam	Dates
End-of-Year Exams (Sec 1 to 3 students)	25 Sep, 29 Sep to 8 Oct

In light of the examinations, CCAs will stand down from the **14 September to 12 October**. Students should focus on revision, and resume CCA activities only after their exams are over.

Take note that **9 and 12 October (Friday and Monday)** are Marking Days. Students need not report to school, and lessons will resume as usual on **Tuesday, 13 October**.



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2.2 GCE O-Level and N-Level National Examinations

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

2020 GCE N-Level Listening Comprehension Examination	Date
English Language Syllabus A	18 Sep
CL / ML / TL	21 Sep
2020 GCE O-Level Listening Comprehension Examination	Date
English Language	22 Oct
2020 GCE N-Level Written Examinations	Date
Various Subjects	14 Sep – 23 Sep, 5 Oct – 16 Oct
2020 GCE O-Level Examinations	Date
Science (Biology/ Chemistry/Physics) Practical	1 Oct
Pure Physics Practical	5 Oct
Pure Chemistry Practical	8 Oct
Various Subjects (Written Examinations)	19 Oct – 12 Nov

For the national year-end written examinations, the Ministry of Education (MOE) and the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) will make special arrangements for candidates who require them. This is to safeguard the well-being of candidates and staff amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, and to ensure that affected candidates are assessed fairly. Safe management measures (SMMs) will continue to be implemented in schools and examination venues for the safe conduct of national examinations.

A summary of the arrangements for the year-end written examinations is found below:

Category	Examination Arrangements
Confirmed case of COVID-19 infection Quarantine Order (QO) Stay Home Notice (SHN) Leave of Absence, due to close contact with COVID-19 confirmed case(s)	Candidates are not allowed to sit for examinations.
Leave of Absence, as a result of staying in the same household with individuals on Home Quarantine Order (HQO) Medical leave due to acute respiratory infection (ARI)	Candidates are allowed to sit for examinations if they test negative for COVID-19.
Approved Absence (AA), as a result of staying in the same household with adults (aged 18 and above) who have flu-like symptoms	Candidates are allowed to sit for examinations.



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Candidates who miss the national examinations with valid reasons can apply for special consideration. In awarding a grade for these affected candidates, SEAB will consider evidences of these candidates' performance from multiple sources, such as the candidate's performance in the other papers for that affected subject in the national and school-based examinations, as well as the school cohort's performance in the national and school-based examinations. All special consideration applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis and subjected to a rigorous review process.

Please visit SEAB's website (www.seab.gov.sg) should you need more information.

2.3 Graduation Ceremony for 4NA / 4E / 5NA

We will be hosting our Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2020 on **25 September (Friday), from 1.00pm – 4.00pm**. 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 Class of 2020 will also be the first batch to have the honour of donning graduation gowns as part of the Graduation Ceremony. In view of safe management measures, the Graduation Ceremony will be held in their respective classrooms. We warmly welcome all parents of Sec 4 and 5 students to be part of the Graduation Ceremony via zoom and will be sending out a separate invitation letter for you to indicate your attendance.

2.4 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 week 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
19 Oct (Monday)	Sec 1: 1.00pm Sec 2: 1.20pm Sec 3: 1.30pm
20 Oct (Tuesday)	Sec 1: 12.05pm Sec 2: 12.20pm Sec 3: 12.30pm
21 – 22 Oct (Wednesday – Thursday)	Sec 1: 1.05pm Sec 2: 1.15pm Sec 3: 1.25pm
23 Oct (Friday)	Sec 1: 9.10am Sec 2: 9.20am Sec 3: 9.30am



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2.5 Other Important Dates

Beyond the dates detailed above, please note the following summary of other important dates in Term 4 2020.

Event / Programme	Dates
Graduation Ceremony (4NA / 4E / 5NA students)	25 Sep
Marking Days (students need not report to school)	9 and 12 Oct
2021 Sec 3 Subject Combination Exercise (Sec 2 students)	13 – 20 Oct
Service Leadership Day (Sec 1 – 3 students)	20 Oct
Aviation Day (Sec 1 – 2 students)	21 Oct
Deepavali Concert	22 Oct
Last Day of School / Meet the Parents Session	23 Oct
e-Open House	21 Nov (pending confirmation of release of PSLE results)

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

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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