

9 Sep 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

**INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 4 2024**

We welcome your child/ward back to school! We hope you and your child/ward had a restful and fulfilling September break.

I am pleased to share with you that Changkateers continue to excel in both academic and co-curricular areas. Our students have performed well at the recent **Mid-Year O Levels Mother Tongue (MT) examinations**. We achieved 100% passes in 4E Malay Language, 4N Malay Language, 4N Chinese Language, 5N Chinese Language and 5N Tamil Language. For MT Language 'B' syllabus, our students also achieved 100% passes for 4N Chinese Language and 5N Chinese Language.

At the **National School Games (NSG)** in Term 3, our 'C' Division Netball girls won Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School in the finals to achieve champion in their league. Our 'C' Division Badminton girls also fought hard to win third place in their league. This result is the best our Netball and Badminton girls have attained in recent years. Our Sepak Takraw boys won the third place overall in the National 'C' Division competition. We are so proud of all their achievements!

Individual Changkateers have strived hard to become the best in their respective fields. I wish to highlight some of their achievements. Gardner Sterling John (from 3B), Prisca Roshini D/O Richard Ravi (from 3E) and Nguyen Phuc Khang (from 3F) participated in our first ever collaboration with students from Metta School in **Play Inclusive 2024** and emerged first in their Badminton competition. In the **Schools Digital Media Awards 2024**, Anjana Selva Kumar (from 4C) obtained first in her submission of the 'Digital Safety and Security' video. In the **Better Internet Video Challenge 2024**, Rico Tan Jun Hong (from 3B), Mok Zhong Sheng (from 3C), Chua Zhuo Xuan (from 3C) and Ng Jun Yi Celestina (from 3C) emerged champion with their creative video titled 'Canceled'. At the **Chng San-Anderson Sahibba (Malay Scrabble) Invitational Competition**, our team comprising Mohammad Shafiq Bin Mohammad Shahrizal (from 3A), Mariyah Bano Binte Munawar (from 3C), Nor Fazil Kurniawan Bin Nor Azman (from 3D) and Muhammad Hans Hazriq Bin Ishak (from 3D) won Anderson Team A to emerge champions. For the **National Malay Language Poetry Recital Competition**, Abdul Matin Bin Abdullah (from 1C), Naila Khalisya Bte Abdul Samad (from 2G), Nur Iqmal Yaqin Bin Shaerul Nizam (from 3D) and Herlina Eiliyah Binte Hadi Irwein (from 4C) won the overall champion and also the most creative performance. In the **Drone Odyssey Challenge 2024**, our Singapore Youth Flying Club students swept the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up prizes in the Drone Swarming Category. It is very inspiring to see our Changkateers from our **Talent Development Programme** gaining top honours in the various competitions they had participated in. This is made possible through the hard work of teachers too. Well done Changkateers!

Our staff constantly hones their craft and strives for excellence. Our Year Head (Lower Secondary), Mr Lim Pia Leong, was recently awarded **The Commendation Medal** during the National Day Awards 2024. 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 Head of Department (Craft & Technology),

Mr Samuel Ong Khim Ghee, was awarded **The Long Service Medal** at the National Day Awards 2024. 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 Head of Department (Educational Support), Mr Abdul Nasir Bin Abdul Razzak has also facilitated the **Educational Support workshop “Belonging Actually”** for the fraternity and enriched the learning experience of the participants. His classroom stories and insights were practical and relatable and greatly inspired the attendees.

## **1. Ensuring Safety and Security of Students**

### **1.1 Health Matters**

In school, 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 September 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 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. Enhancing Positive School Experience**

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

We will be hosting the Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2024 on **20 September, Friday from 3:15 PM to 5:45 PM**. During the ceremony, we will celebrate the achievements of our graduating Changkateers and relive the memorable experiences they have shared since Secondary One. The event will take place in the school hall. We warmly welcome all parents and guardians of Sec 4 and 5 students to join us for this special occasion. A separate invitation letter was sent via Parents Gateway on 21 August, where you can indicate your attendance.



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### 2.2 Post-Graduation Day Timetable

With the national examinations approaching, 4NA students will continue with the second phase of their Intensive Programme from 17 to 27 September. Meanwhile, 4E and 5NA students will resume their regular curriculum lessons from 23 to 27 September, and after-school consultations will be conducted for selected students.

From 30 September onwards, the students will be on study leave until the start of their national examinations. However, some selected students will be required to attend a Support Session, as notified by their subject teachers. Parents of these students will receive information through the Parents Gateway.

### 2.3 Other Important School Events

Please note the following summary of other important school events in Term 4 2024.

Event / Programme	Dates
Graduation Ceremony (Sec 4NA / 4E / 5NA students)	20 Sep
Sec 3 Subject Combination Exercise (Sec 2 students)	23 – 30 Oct
Release of Subject Combination Outcomes (Sec 2 students)	7 Nov
Code for Fun (Sec 1 students)	16 – 18 Oct
STEM/ALP Day (Sec 1 – 3 students)	22 Oct
CCE Day (Sec 1 – 3 students)	23 Oct
Deepavali Concert (Sec 1 – 3 students)	24 Oct
House Meeting (Sec 1 – 3 students)	
Meet the Parents Session (Sec 1 – 3 students)	25 Oct
HBL Day (Sec 1 – 3 students)	
Bridging Programme for selected Secondary 3 students	28,29,30 Oct
Conditional Advancement Programme for selected Secondary 1 to 3 students	28, 29, 30 Oct 1 Nov
Open House	23 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 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 Republic 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.

## 2.4 Home-Based Learning (HBL) Days in Term 4

The Term 4 HBL dates are reflected in the table below.

Term 4	HBL Dates:
Week 2	20 Sep (Friday)
Week 7	25 Oct (Friday)

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

Date:	Time-table to follow:
18 Oct 2024	Odd week Friday

Form Teachers will remind students of the above arrangements.

## 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.

Test & Exam	Dates
End-of-Year Written Exams (Sec 1 to 3 students)	24 Sep to 4 Oct
English Oral for Sec 3NA & 3NT	19 Sep

The schedule for the End-of-Year Exams will be issued separately. In light of the examinations, CCAs will stand down from **9 September (Monday) to 8 October (Tuesday)**. Students should focus on their revision, and resume CCA activities on **10 October (Thursday)**, after their exams are over.

Please take note that **7 October (Monday) and 8 October (Tuesday)** 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 **9 October (Wednesday)**.

### 3.2 2024 GCE O-Level and N-Level National Examinations

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

<b>2024 GCE N-Level Listening Comprehension Examination</b>	<b>Dates</b>
English Language Syllabus A	10 Sep
CL / ML / TL	12 Sep
<b>2024 GCE O-Level Listening Comprehension Examination</b>	<b>Dates</b>
English Language / MT 'B'	16 Oct
<b>2024 GCE N-Level Written Examinations</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Various Subjects	9 Sep – 16 Sep, 30 Sept – 8 Oct
<b>2024 GCE O-Level Examinations</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Pure Chemistry Practical	2 Oct
Pure Physics Practical	7 Oct
Science (Biology/Chemistry/Physics) Practical	10 Oct
Pure Biology Practical	15 Oct
Various Subjects (Written Examinations)	16 Oct – 11 Nov

### 3.3 GCE N Level English Language Listening Comprehension (EL LC) and Early Dismissal for All Students on Tuesday, 10 Sep 2024

The graduating students will be having their EL LC national examination on Tuesday, 10 Sep 2024 at 1400h – 1445h. Students from other levels are not to stay back in school on this day after dismissal at 1335h. This is to ensure that our graduating students have a conducive environment for the examination. No unstructured play is allowed at all venues within the school premise during the LC session.

**Note: ALL students not taking the EL LC will be dismissed from school at 1335h on Tuesday, 10 Sep 2024.**

### 3.4 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 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.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Dismissal Time</b>
16 Oct (Wednesday)	Sec 1: 12.30pm Sec 2 – 3: 12.15pm
17 Oct (Thursday)	Sec 1: 12.00pm Sec 2 – 3: 11.40pm

Day	Dismissal Time
19 Oct (Friday)	Sec 1 – 3: 12.30pm
21 Oct (Monday)	Sec 1 – 3: 12.00pm
22 Oct (Tuesday)	Sec 1 – 3: 12.30pm
23 – 24 Oct (Wednesday – Thursday)	Sec 1 – 3: 12.00pm

As we are nearing the end of academic year 2024, I would like to thank you for your continuous support. Changkat has done well this year in many aspects. This is possible because 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 caring for 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.

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

Please stay safe and keep well. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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