



Direct School Admission (DSA-SEC) in Yishun Secondary School

General Information about Direct School Admission (Secondary) 2021

The Direct School Admission-Secondary (DSA-Sec) scheme provides students with the opportunity to seek admission to a secondary school, based on a diverse range of specific academic and non-academic achievements and talents that they can demonstrate beyond the PSLE.

From 5 May 2021, application for DSA-Sec can be submitted through the online DSA-Sec Portal. The application is free-of-charge and will be open from 5 May to 1 June 2021. For more details, please refer to MOE website – <https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/dsa>.

Parents and students are encouraged to choose schools wisely based on the student's aptitudes and strengths, bearing in mind the school's academic and non-academic requirements, and the programmes available to develop the area of talent.

DSA-Sec @Yishun Secondary School

All Secondary One students admitted to our school via DSA-Sec will benefit from our talent development programmes to **develop** their **potential**, and/or to be groomed to be **leaders** in their respective talent areas. They will develop both performance and moral character through our customised programme as they grow within their respective CCAs and student development programmes.

In Yishun Secondary, the 6 talent areas under DSA-Sec are:

1. **Media:** For students who demonstrate aptitude and passion in Media, they can look forward to be part of our school's Applied Learning Programme (ALP) in Sonic Arts (Music, Media and Technology), and/or take part in CCAs such as Media Club focussing on Audio-Visual Aid (AVA) and Photography and Videography.
2. **Music:** For students who demonstrate aptitude and passion in Music, they can look forward to be part of our school's Applied Learning Programme (ALP) in Sonic Arts (Music, Media and Technology), Pop Music Performance and Music Creation, and/or in CCAs such as Choir, Guzheng Ensemble and Symphonic Band. Students will have the opportunity to offer Music Syllabus T at the GCE N (T)-Level Examination.
3. **Dance:** For students who demonstrate aptitude and passion in Dance, they can be involved in dance performances at our school-based art showcases, as well as be part of the school's cultural dance CCAs such as **Malay Dance** or **Indian Dance**. For students who demonstrate an aptitude and passion in contemporary, hip-hop and street dance, they can be part of the **Modern Dance**. They can be involved in external competitions that

will further develop their dance techniques and their character. Students will learn to lead, to care and to empathise as they plan and train for concerts and competitions.

4. **English Drama:** For students who demonstrate aptitude and passion in drama, they can participate in script writing workshops, gain exposure to different theatre forms, and be part of our D'Lite Club (English Drama CCA). Students are given opportunities to hone their leadership qualities and enhance their skills related to the craft.
5. **Basketball:** For students who demonstrate aptitude and passion in Basketball, they can look forward to participating, planning and organising intra and inter-school competitions.
6. **[NEW!] Volleyball:** For students who demonstrate aptitude and passion in Volleyball, they can look forward to participating, planning and organising intra and inter-school competitions.

Our selection criteria, in general, are as follows:

- Interest and Passion: Applicants should demonstrate a keen interest in and passion for their respective talent areas
- Talent and Aptitude: Applicants should demonstrate evidence of talent and/or aptitude in their talent area
- Conduct and Attitude for Learning: Applicants should demonstrate evidence of good conduct in school, as well as a positive attitude for learning and demeanour

Please Note:

The selection criteria and process for the talent areas will be updated by early-Jun. For more information on DSA-Sec, please refer to the MOE website at <https://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec>

Talent Area	Student's experience in Yishun Secondary School	Selection Criteria	Selection Process
Media	<p>INFOCOMM TECHNOLOGY (MEDIA PRODUCTION)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student leadership opportunities • Planning and organisation of school programmes • Recording Studio Workshop • Live Sound Workshop • Photography and Editing Workshop • Video Editing Workshop (Adobe Premier Pro) • Participation as Student Photographers in school and external events <p><i>The Applied Learning Programme (ALP) in Yishun Secondary is Sonic Arts (Music, Media and Technology), which is infused in our curriculum and CCA, Infocomm Technology (Media Production)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Media • Shortlisted students will be requested to submit their existing portfolio of work if they are shortlisted • Students <u>without</u> any prior experience or formal training in Media are <u>also</u> encouraged to apply 	<p><u>Stage 1 (Application)</u> Application will be conducted online. Do submit the child's application online through the DSA-Sec portal</p> <p><u>Stage 2</u> Applicants may be required to attend a video conference interview and e-submit samples of the student's past work</p>
Music	<p>Choir/Guzheng Ensemble/Symphonic Band</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student leadership opportunities • Participation in student leaders' workshops and conferences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Music • Preferably have represented their 	<p><u>Stage 1 (Application)</u> Application will be conducted online. Do submit the child's application online through the DSA-Sec portal</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choir/Guzheng/Symphonic Band exchanges with other secondary schools • Master classes and workshops • Performance at Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentations • Performance at <i>YSS Arts Extravaganza</i> • Training to be a student conductor (Choir and Symphonic Band) • Participation in local music festivals and competitions <p>Pop Music Performance and Music Creation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Production and Song Writing Workshop with professional music producer. • Performances within and outside of school • Performance at <i>YSS Arts Extravaganza</i> • Participation in local music festivals and competitions <p><i>The Applied Learning Programme (ALP) in Yishun Secondary is Sonic Arts (Music, Media and Technology), which is infused in our curriculum and Performing Arts CCAs.</i></p>	<p>primary schools in National/International events (e.g. SYF, competitions etc)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students <u>without</u> any prior experience or formal training in Music are <u>also</u> encouraged to apply 	<p>Stage 2 Applicants may be required to attend a video conference interview and e-submit samples of the student's past work or performance</p>

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Dance	<p>Indian Dance/Malay Dance/Modern Dance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student leadership opportunities • Training to become student choreographer • Master classes and workshops • Performance at <i>Arts Extravaganza</i> • Performance at Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentations • Performances within and outside of school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Cultural Dance, Contemporary, hip-hop and/or street dance. • Preferably have represented their primary schools in National/International events (e.g. SYF, competitions etc) • Students <u>without</u> any prior experience or formal training in Dance are <u>also</u> encouraged to apply 	<p><u>Stage 1 (Application)</u> Application will be conducted online. Do submit the child's application online through the DSA-Sec portal</p> <p><u>Stage 2</u> Applicants may be required to attend a video conference interview and e-submit samples of the student's past performance</p>
English Drama	<p>D'lite Club (English Drama)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student leadership opportunities • Performance at <i>Arts Extravaganza</i> • Script writing workshop • Exposure to different theatre forms • Performances within and outside of school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Drama • Preferably have represented their primary schools in National/International events (e.g. SYF, competitions etc) 	<p><u>Stage 1 (Application)</u> Application will be conducted online. Do submit the child's application online through the DSA-Sec portal</p> <p><u>Stage 2</u> Applicants may be required to attend a video conference interview and e-submit samples of the student's past performance</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students <u>without</u> any prior experience or formal training in Drama are <u>also</u> encouraged to apply 	
Basketball	Basketball <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student leadership opportunities Participate in National School Games Coaching junior players Planning and organisation of intra and inter school programmes <p><i>From 2022, YSS will be offering Exercise and Sports Science as an O-level subject. Students who have the aptitude for sports and have the necessary skills requisite may apply to take up this subject</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Basketball Preferably have represented their primary schools in National/International events (e.g. National School Games, etc) Students who are <u>not</u> in the primary school Basketball team are <u>also</u> encouraged to apply 	<p><u>Stage 1 (Application)</u> Application will be conducted online. Do submit the child's application online through the DSA-Sec portal</p> <p><u>Stage 2</u> Applicants may be required to attend a video conference interview and e-submit samples of the student's past performance / matches</p>

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Volleyball [Girls]	Volleyball <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student leadership opportunities • Participate in National School Games • Coaching junior players • Planning and organisation of intra and inter school programmes <p><i>From 2022, YSS will be offering Exercise and Sports Science as an O-level subject. Students who have the aptitude for sports and have the necessary skills requisite may apply to take up this subject</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Volleyball • Preferably have represented their primary schools in National/International events (e.g. National School Games, etc) • Students who are <u>not</u> in the primary school Volleyball team are <u>also</u> encouraged to apply 	<p><u>Stage 1 (Application)</u> Application will be conducted online. Do submit the child's application online through the DSA-Sec portal</p> <p><u>Stage 2</u> Applicants may either be required to attend a video conference interview and e-submit samples of the student's past performance / matches</p>
<p><i>Please note that meeting all the criteria does not guarantee the student will be shortlisted/given an offer.</i></p>			

Yishun Secondary School DSA (Sec) 2021 Timeline

Date	Activity
5 May – 1 June	Application Window (for Primary 6 students). Application can be made through the DSA-Sec Portal https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/dsa .
28 June – 8 September	Selection trials: Video Conference Interview <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shortlisted applicants will be informed by the school on details of the interview• Shortlisted applicants may submit video(s) of past performances/matches or photo(s) of their own works/creation (depending on the DSA talent area) prior to the video conference interview
By 13 September	Applicants will be informed of the selection outcome