BTPS Parent Engagement Session - Direct School Admission (DSA) Talk

*Reminder: Rename to [Class] – [Name of Child] (Student/Parent)
e.g. 6A – John Tan (Parent)

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Overview of DSA Talk

Segment 1: Address by Year Head Upper Primary	2.30 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.
Segment 2: Sharing by BTPS Alumni	3.15 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.
Question & Answer	3.45 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Segment 3: Presentation by Secondary Schools (Breakout Rooms)	4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.
End of Session	5.00 p.m.

Segment 1:
Address by Year Head

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What is DSA-Sec?

- Since 2004, DSA-Sec allows P6 students to apply to some secondary schools before taking the PSLE.
- Students can apply based on their talent in **sports, arts, academic area, leadership, etc**.

What is DSA-Sec?

• If a student is admitted to a secondary school through DSA-Sec, they are **not** allowed to:

→ Submit school choices during the Secondary 1 (S1) posting process.

→ Transfer to another school. They **must** commit to their chosen school for the duration of the programme.

Who can apply for DSA-Sec?

P6 students can apply for DSA-Sec based on a wide-range of talents, including:

- Sports and games

- Visual, literary and performing arts

- Debate and public speaking

- Science, mathematics and engineering

- Languages and humanities

- Uniformed groups

- Leadership

How to apply?

- Students can apply through the DSA-Sec Portal. There are no application fees.

- If you are unable to apply online, approach your child's primary school for assistance.

- If **both** parents are unable to submit the application form personally at school, you have to nominate another adult to do so using a proxy form.

How to apply?

- You can indicate <u>up to three choices</u> during the application.

- For each choice, you will need to choose a secondary school and a talent area from that school.

- Of the three choices, a maximum of two choices can be used to apply to the same school (i.e., under two different talent areas). This is to cater for your child's multiple interests, and to encourage your child to consider different schools that can develop his/her strengths and interests.

How to apply?

- Make your choices carefully, and manage the time and effort required for your child to participate in the trials/auditions/interviews conducted by the school(s).
- If your child is interested in School of the Arts (SOTA) or Singapore Sports School (SSP), you should apply directly to the school based on the school's application timeline.

SOTA : 1 April to 10 May 2024

SSP : Feb to end May 2024

DSA-Sec Application period

Application period has not been announced yet. **More details will be released by end-Apr 2024.**

Application period is usually for 28 days and start in early May.

Do I need to submit any hardcopy documents during application?

- There is no need to submit additional hardcopy testimonials and documents via the DSA-Sec Portal.

- Your child's primary school information will be shared with the secondary schools.

Do I need to submit any hardcopy documents during application?

Information that will be shared includes:

- P5 and P6 academic results

- P4 to P6 CCA

- P4 to P6 Values in Action (VIA) involvement

- School-based achievements/awards e.g. Edusave awards, Junior Sports Academy, National School Games participation, etc.

Do I need to submit any hardcopy documents during application?

- It is optional to include any non-school based activities and achievements related to your child's talent via the DSA-Sec Portal.

- DSA-Sec schools may ask for documentary proof of non-school based activities and achievements from shortlisted applicants, if necessary.

Attend interviews/auditions/trials

- Different schools have different selections process.

- If shortlisted, your child will have to attend interviews, auditions or trials conducted by DSA schools.

- Selected students will receive DSA-Sec offers directly from the secondary schools in September.

- Students to submit school preference in DSA-Sec Portal in mid-Oct (5 days period)

What to do next?

Now - Before commencement of application period

- Visit DSA-Sec Portal for information on the DSA-Sec talent areas, application process and timeline (www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec)

- Go to SchoolFinder to explore schools based on their distance from home, locations, CCAs, subjects and programmes offered.

What to do next?

Now - Before commencement of application period

Alternative websites to explore secondary schools:

- MySkillsFuture website

    (https://www.myskillsfuture.gov.sg/content/student/en/primary.html)

- 2023 WE STories Publication

    (https://online.fliphtml5.com/obrr/qkde/#p=1)

What to do next?

<u>Now – Before commencement of application period</u>

- Visit secondary schools' websites for information on DSA talent areas.

- Look out for the press release in early-May. More details will also be made available on secondary schools' websites after the press release.

What to do next?

During application period

- Submit application in DSA-Sec Portal before the deadline.

- Only one parent is required to login using Singpass to apply.

End-Jun – Early-Sep

If shortlisted, prepare for trials/auditions/interviews.

What to do next?

Mid to End-Oct

- Students who received at least one DSA-Sec offer (including from SOTA) will receive email notification and SMS via Postman.gov.sg regarding the School Preference Submission.

- Parents are to submit up to three school preferences in DSA-Sec Portal.

- Amendments or withdrawals will not be allowed after the end of the School Preference Submission.

What to do next?

Mid to End-Oct

- Students may receive concurrent offers from DSA-Sec schools and SSP.

- Students who wish to accept the SSP offer should **not** submit their DSA-Sec school preferences, otherwise, their offer from SSP **will be void**.

Tips for DSA Portfolio

Special Academic and Creativity Achievements & Awards

School CCAs and External Competitions

Leadership & Special Achievements

External Interest & Involvement

Tips for DSA Interviews

Smile and maintain eye contact is a MUST.

Offer a firm and solid handshake before and after the interview will help in deepening the impression as well.

Dress smartly. It creates a good impression and increases your level of confidence as well. Make sure you look neat and tidy from top to toe.

Prepare stories about yourself that bring about certain qualities that you possess. Showcase how passionate you are about the talent area you are applying for.

Use your ability to create true stories about past experiences in your CCA, academic life or even personal life that had to do with overcoming difficulties and achieving success.

Tips for DSA Group Interviews

Show that you can lead in a group task.

Present well with confidence.

Show Teamwork, Creativity, Problem-Solving Skills when the opportunity arises.

Have good interactive skills and listen to the viewpoints of others.

Be open-minded in accepting views contrary to your own.

Tips for Parents

Have a two-way conversation with your child on DSA and make a shared decision.

Consider your child's potential total AL score and the secondary school's cut-off point when applying for DSA.

Apply for DSA based on the strengths and talents of your child.

Support your child in his/her preparation for DSA trials/auditions/interviews.

Be open to options if the DSA application is unsuccessful.

End of Segment 1

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Segment 2:
Sharing Session by BTPS Alumni

Sharing 1: Maximilian Peter Waechter (6A 2023) / SST (Science & Math)
Sharing 2: Sageaux Clara Louise Marie (6RP 2022) / St. Margaret's Sec Sch (Drama)

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End of Segment 2

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Question & Answer

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Segment 3:
Presentation by Secondary Schools

Breakout Room 1: Clementi Town Secondary School

Breakout Room 2: River Valley High School

Breakout Room 3: School of Science and Technology

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Feedback Session

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