



Direct School Admission in Yishun Secondary School

General Information about Direct School Admission (Secondary) 2019

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 2019, application for DSA-Sec can be submitted through the online DSA-Sec Portal. The application is free-of-charge and will be opened from 8 May to 4 June 2019. For more details, please refer to MOE website – www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/dsa-sec.

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 Yishunites (Yishun Secondary School students) admitted to our school via DSA-Sec will benefit from our talent development programmes to groom them 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 5 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 Audio-Visual Aid (AVA) Club, 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 who enter Yishun Secondary in the Normal (Technical) stream will have the opportunity to offer Music Syllabus T at the GCE N(T)-Level Examination.
3. **Cultural Dance:** For students who demonstrate aptitude and passion in Cultural Dance, they can be involved in dance performances at our school's annual performing arts showcase, *Arts Extravaganza*, as well as be part of school's cultural dance CCAs such as Chinese Dance, Malay Dance or Indian Dance.

4. **Drama-English:** 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)
5. **Basketball:** For students who demonstrate aptitude and passion in Basketball, they can look forward to planning and organising intra and inter school programmes, participate in National School Games, as well as overseas school Community Youth Leadership programme.

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

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Talent Area	Description	Selection Criteria	Selection Process
Media	<p>Participate in the following talent development programmes:</p> <p>Audio-Visual Aid (AVA) Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student leadership opportunities • Planning and organisation of school programmes • Recording Studio Workshop • Live Sound Workshop <p>Aperture Club (Photography and Videography)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student leadership opportunities • Planning and organisation of school programmes • 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 CCAs such as Aperture and AVA clubs.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Media • Students <u>without</u> any prior experience or formal training in Media are encouraged to apply • Shortlisted students will be requested to bring their portfolio of work for the interview 	<p>Applicants are required to attend an interview and provide samples of work.</p> <p>Audio-Visual Aid (AVA) Applicants will be asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up or troubleshoot a live sound system (<i>Applicants do not need to bring any equipment</i>) <p>Photography Applicants will be asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present a sample of at least 3 original photographs • Photographs may be presented as a print-out or through a camera/computer <p>Videography Applicants will be asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present a sample of at least 1 original video creation • Duration of the video should not be more than 2 minutes

Music	<p>Participate in the following talent development programmes:</p> <p>Choir/Guzheng Ensemble/Symphonic Band</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student leadership opportunities • Participation student leaders' workshops and conferences • Choir/Guzheng/Symphonic Band exchanges with other secondary schools • Preparation for Grade 2-3 (Theory) accreditation from the Trinity College London • Master classes and workshops • Performance at Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentations • Performance at <i>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 Red Roof Records • Performances within and outside of school • Performance at <i>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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Music • 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 Music are encouraged to apply 	<p>Applicants are required to attend an interview and an audition.</p> <p>Choir Applicants will be asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sing a chosen song in any vocal genre (e.g. choral, pop, etc.) • Duration of the performance should be between 1 - 2 minutes • Sing along to melodies played on the piano <p>Guzheng Ensemble/Symphonic Band Applicants will be asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform 1 piece of their choice • Duration of the performance should be between 1 - 2 minutes • Sight-read a given piece <p><i>(Applicants are required to bring their own instruments, except for percussion instruments)</i></p> <p>Pop Music Performance and Music Creation Applicants will be asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sing a verse and chorus of a pop/original song or • Perform 1 song on the guitar/keyboard/drums or • Present their original digital music creation
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Cultural Dance	<p>Participate in the following talent development programmes:</p> <p>Chinese Dance/Indian Dance/Malay 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 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 encouraged to apply 	<p>Applicants are required to attend an interview and audition.</p> <p>Applicants will be asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform a solo dance routine in their chosen dance genre (Chinese, Indian and Malay Dance) Duration of the performance should be between 1 – 2 minutes <p>Applicants are required to be in appropriate dance attire and footwear during the audition. Long bottoms, e.g. tights or track pants, are recommended.</p>
Drama - English	<p>Participate in the following talent development programmes:</p> <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) Students <u>without</u> any prior experience or formal training in Drama are encouraged to apply 	<p>Applicants are required to attend an interview and audition.</p> <p>Applicants will be asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver a dramatic performance with a prepared prose/play/scene Duration of the performance should be between 1 – 2 minutes

Basketball	<p>Participate in the following talent development programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student leadership opportunities • Participate in National School Games • Coaching Junior Players • External School competitions • Planning and organisation of intra and inter school programmes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Basketball • Students who are <u>not</u> in the primary school basketball team are encouraged to apply 	<p>Applicants are required to attend an interview and selection trial.</p> <p>Physical Proficiency Test</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants will undergo a physical proficiency test which includes evaluation on Speed, Strength, Agility, Jumping ability and Stamina <p>Basketball Skills Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants will undergo a basketball skill assessment which will includes evaluation on Ball handling skills, Game awareness and Teamwork
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Yishun Secondary School DSA-Sec 2019 Timeline

Date	Activity
8 May – 4 June	Application Window (for Primary 6 students)
1 July – 30 Aug	<p>Selection trials: interview and audition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortlisted applicants will be informed by the school on details of the interview/audition • Shortlisted applicants are to bring along certified true copies of certificates/documentary proof of non-school based activities and achievements
30 Aug	Applicants will be informed of the selection outcome