



DIRECT SCHOOL ADMISSION INTO MGS

MGS invites Primary 6 students to participate in the 2025 DSA exercise. As MGS is a dual-track school with both the Integrated Programme (IP) and Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) Programme, our DSA talent areas are applicable for both tracks.

During a student's application on the MOE portal, she will need to indicate her preference for the SEC Programme or the IP or No Preference. A No Preference option means that the applicant is open to being considered for either SEC Programme or IP when being shortlisted for her DSA talent area.

*The **MGS SEC programme is a four-year programme** culminating in the Singapore-Cambridge SEC examinations, after which various post-secondary options are available.*

*The **MGS IP is a six-year integrated programme** that leads to the **International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme** at Anglo-Chinese School (Independent) in Years 5 and 6.*

DSA TALENT AREAS, CRITERIA AND SELECTION PROCESS

1. DSA ENGLISH LANGUAGE

For students who possess a good command of the English Language, have a passion for reading, writing, engaging in meaningful discussions about big ideas, and are willing to use their talent to serve MGS and the wider community.

To develop their talent and empower them to contribute to the community in MGS and beyond, DSA EL students should participate in English Language workshops; **AND/OR**

- join Drama Society or Sophia Society CCA (*subject to audition / selection*)
- write and edit for school publications
- represent the school in national competitions (*subject to selection*)

2. DSA STEM*

For students who have a passion for Science and Mathematics, an aptitude for problem-solving, identifying patterns, making connections and are willing to use their talent to serve MGS and the wider community.

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS*

To develop their talent and empower them to contribute to the community in MGS and beyond, DSA STEM students should:

- participate in STEM workshops; **AND/OR**
- join Infocomm CCA
- participate in Math or Science research programmes (*subject to selection*)
- represent the school in national competitions (*subject to selection*)

3. DSA MUSIC ELECTIVE PROGRAMME (MEP)

For musically inclined students offering Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Guitar, Piano, Voice or Music Composition. Those who have a passion for Music, and who wish to develop their creative talents to serve the community in school and beyond are suitable for the programme.

DSA-MEP students will take G3 Higher Music as a subject in Sec 1 to 4.

To develop their talent and contribute to the music community in MGS, they will also join *one* of the following Music Performing Arts CCAs:

- [Choir](#)
- [Guitar Ensemble](#)
- [Handbell Ensemble](#)
- [String Ensemble](#)

4. DSA SPORTS

For students who have sports attainments at recognised competitions or exhibit potential to excel in the sports to join TEAM MGS in the following talent areas:

- [Artistic Swimming](#)
- [Bowling](#)
- [Football](#)
- [Netball](#)
- [Softball](#)
- [Squash](#)
- [Swimming](#)
- [Tennis](#)

They should possess a sense of commitment, responsibility and independence, as well as the determination and discipline to overcome challenges, cultivate esprit de corps and use their talent to serve MGS and the wider community.

CHOOSING YOUR DSA SCHOOL

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

Students who are posted to their DSA school of choice, are **NOT allowed** to participate in the Secondary One Posting Exercise to opt for secondary schools; **and** are also **NOT allowed** to transfer to another school after the release of the PSLE results.

Students who are successfully admitted to MGS via DSA are expected to honour their commitment to the school and programme (4 years for the Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate Programme or 6 years for the Integrated Programme), and participate in the activities related to the talent area they are selected for from Year 1 to 4.

Places offered through DSA are conditional, pending the student's PSLE results, which determines her eligibility for admission to the stream offered by the DSA School. A DSA applicant who has a PSLE score from AL 4 to 22 would qualify to be posted to MGS since she is eligible for Posting Group 3 (mapped from the previous Express stream). Refer to MOE website:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle-fsbb/full-subject-based-banding/secondary-school-experience.html>

APPLICANTS NOT STUDYING IN MOE MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS

DSA Registration Number: Other applicants who are not studying in MOE mainstream schools **are required to obtain a DSA Registration Number** (RGxxxxxx), before you can access the DSA Portal.

Refer to MOE website on how to apply for DSA for non-mainstream students:

<https://go.gov.sg/nmsdsa-sec-application>

DSA KEY DATES 2025

No.	Date	Event
1	Wednesday, 7 May, 11am to Tuesday, 3 June, 3pm	<p>Application Period Applications can be submitted through the online MOE DSA-Sec Portal. The application is free of charge. For more details, please refer to MOE website – www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec.</p> <p>Applicants from MOE mainstream primary schools Parents may log in to the portal using their SingPass. Parents/legal guardians who are unable to apply online can approach your child's primary school for assistance.</p> <p>Choices Students can indicate up to 3 choices (maximum of 2 choices for the same school under 2 different talent areas).</p>
2	Month of July	<p>Selection Stage Please refer to the table "MGS DSA Selection Process 2025" for more details.</p> <p>Shortlisted students will receive notification from the school by Term 3 Week 3, Monday, 14 July to undergo DSA selections.</p> <p>Students who are not shortlisted are unsuccessful for DSA, and will receive their application outcomes between Monday, 25 August and Thursday, 4 September 2025.</p>
3	Between Monday, 25 August and Thursday, 4 September	<p>Outcome of Application Notification of the outcome of the DSA application will be sent by MGS via email to every DSA applicant. (There are 3 possible outcomes: Confirmed, Waitlist or Unsuccessful)</p> <p>Please check your inbox/spam/junk folders for the email notification.</p>

4	Monday, 27 October	Students who receive a DSA offer will receive email and SMS notifications via Postman.gov.sg (from MOE) on the School Preference Submission.
5	Monday, 27 October, 9am - Friday, 31 October, 3pm	Submission of School Preference School Preference Submission by applicants via MOE's DSA-Sec Portal. Both parents are required to log in to the Portal using their Singpass to submit up to 3 school preferences.
6	Late November	Allocation Results Release Students in MOE mainstream schools will receive their DSA-Sec results together with their PSLE results. Non-mainstream students will receive the results from MOE via email.

MGS DSA SELECTION PROCESS 2025

- Selection dates and times may be subject to change.
- **Meeting all the criteria does not guarantee that the student will be shortlisted/given an offer.**
- Due to different profiles of applicants, selection/shortlisting trends may differ year-on-year.
- Applicants who do not have prior experience may also apply. The school will assess applicants based on the selection criteria, which may include the potential of the applicants.
- **Shortlisted students will receive notification from the school by Term 3 Week 3, Monday, 14 July to undergo the DSA selections.**
- Students who are not shortlisted are unsuccessful for DSA.
- **All applicants will receive their application outcomes via email between Monday, 25 August and Thursday, 4 September 2025 (Confirmed, Wait List or Unsuccessful)**

No.	DSA Category	Application Information	Selection Process (July)
1	English Language	Besides the school-based information that is in the MOE DSA-Sec online portal, applicants may <u>provide relevant info of non-school based activities in your application.</u>	<p>Only shortlisted applicants will be notified.</p> <p>The selection process will take place on Saturday, 19 July, 8am - 1pm.</p> <p>All shortlisted applicants shall complete:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A group interaction task (20 min) • An individual interview (15 min)
2	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)	Besides the school-based information that is in the MOE DSA-Sec online portal, applicants may <u>provide relevant info of non-school based activities in your application.</u>	<p>Only shortlisted applicants will be notified.</p> <p>The selection process will take place on Saturday, 19 July, 8am - 1pm.</p> <p>All shortlisted applicants shall complete:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A group problem-solving task (20 min) • An individual interview (15 min)
3	Music Elective Programme (MEP)	<p>Besides the school-based information that is in the MOE DSA-Sec online portal, applicants may <u>provide relevant info of non-school based activities in your application.</u></p> <p>All applicants <u>are required</u> to submit either</p> <p>i) Performance videos, or</p> <p>ii) Composition portfolio</p> <p>to the school via the link below for assessment:</p> <p>MGS DSA-MEP Application</p>	<p>Only shortlisted applicants will be notified.</p> <p>A Selection Test will be conducted on Tuesday, 15 July - Wednesday, 16 July, 2.30pm - 5.30pm.</p> <p>All shortlisted applicants shall complete:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Listening test (45 min) <p>The listening test covers Western and non-Western music. It is based on the</p>

	<p>Deadline: Tuesday, 3 June 2025, 3pm</p> <p><i>Late or incomplete submissions <u>will not be accepted</u>. This would mean that the applicant would not be shortlisted for the Selection Test.</i></p> <p><u>i) Performance videos</u> (.mp4)</p> <p>For applicants offering <i>Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Guitar, Piano or Voice</i> only. If you play 2 instruments, you can choose to perform 2 pieces on the main instrument, or 1 piece on each instrument.</p> <p>Details:</p> <p>Submit 2 contrasting pieces, with a maximum of 5 minutes in total. Submit 1 video for each piece. The pieces should demonstrate the applicant's best performance qualities in terms of musicianship and technical proficiency.</p> <p>You may choose to play with scores or without scores. Non-pianists may perform solo or with accompaniment.</p> <p>Video footage should show the full view of the performer and each piece/video is in a single take (no editing of sound). The video cannot be professionally produced.</p> <p>You can submit any suitable video recordings within 2024 or 2025. You are allowed to submit videos taken during your CCA sessions.</p> <p>Multiple submissions are not allowed.</p> <p><u>ii) Composition portfolio</u></p> <p>Details:</p> <p>Submit 2 contrasting compositions, showcasing different styles / instruments. For each piece, submit the accompanying audio (.mp3) or video (.mp4) and pdf of the notated score.</p> <p>Your original compositions can include any of the following compositions which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written on your own • written during school music lessons • submitted for performances or competitions in 2024 or 2025 	<p>Primary school music syllabus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An individual interview and aural test (melodic and rhythmic response, of which the applicant can choose to sing or play on an instrument or sing) (20 min)
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4	Sports – Artistic Swimming	<p>Besides the school-based information that is in the MOE DSA-Sec online portal, applicants may <u>provide relevant info of non-school based activities in your application.</u></p> <p>You may choose to submit attainments at past SAQ National Schools Artistic Swimming Championships and National Age Group competitions.</p>	<p>Only shortlisted applicants will be notified.</p> <p>Group interview (30 min) on one of the following days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 9 July, 3pm - 5pm • Friday, 11 July, 3pm - 5pm
5	Sports – Bowling	<p>Besides the school-based information that is in the MOE DSA-Sec online portal, applicants may <u>provide relevant info of non-school based activities in your application.</u></p> <p>You may choose to submit attainments at past National Age Group competitions.</p>	<p>Only shortlisted applicants will be notified.</p> <p>Selection Trial and Group Interview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, 11 July, 3.30pm - 5.30pm <p>Venue: Singapore Bowling @ Temasek Club</p>
6	Sports - Football	<p>Besides the school-based information that is in the MOE DSA-Sec online portal, applicants may <u>provide relevant info of non-school based activities in your application.</u></p>	<p>Only shortlisted applicants will be notified.</p> <p>Selection Trial and Group Interview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, 10 July, 3pm - 5.30pm • Friday, 18 July, 3pm - 5.30pm
7	Sports – Netball	<p>Besides the school-based information that is in the MOE DSA-Sec online portal, applicants may <u>provide relevant info of non-school based activities in your application.</u></p>	<p>Only shortlisted applicants will be notified.</p> <p>Selection Trial on one of the following days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 9 July, 3pm - 5.30pm • Friday, 11 July, 3pm - 5.30pm • Friday, 18 July, 3pm - 5.30pm <p>Group interview (30 min) for applicants who are further shortlisted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 23 July, 2.30pm - 5pm
8	Sports – Softball	<p>Besides the school-based information that is in the MOE DSA-Sec online portal, applicants may <u>provide relevant info of non-school based activities in your application.</u></p> <p>You may choose to submit attainments at past National Age Group, Club Level or Singapore Youth Age Group competitions.</p>	<p>Only shortlisted applicants will be notified.</p> <p>Selection Trial & Group Interview on one of the following days:</p> <p><i>There are changes to Selection Trial & Group Interview dates.</i></p> <p><i>New dates will be upload soon.</i></p>

9	Sports – Squash	Besides the school-based information that is in the MOE DSA-Sec online portal, applicants may <u>provide relevant info of non-school based activities in your application.</u> You may choose to submit attainments at competitions supported by SSRA.	Only shortlisted applicants will be notified. Selection Trial and Group Interview on one of the following days: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, 4 July, 3pm - 5pm • Wednesday, 9 July, 3pm - 5pm
10	Sports – Swimming	Besides the school-based information that is in the MOE DSA-Sec online portal, applicants may <u>provide relevant info of non-school based activities in your application.</u> You may choose to submit attainments and official timings registered at past National School Games, National Age Group and SAQ sanctioned competitions from 2024 and 2025.	Only shortlisted applicants will be notified. Group Interview on one of the following days: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 9 July, 3pm - 5pm • Thursday, 10 July, 3pm - 5pm • Friday, 11 July, 3pm - 5pm • Monday, 14 July, 3pm - 5pm
11	Sports – Tennis	Besides the school-based information that is in the MOE DSA-Sec online portal, applicants may <u>provide relevant info of non-school based activities in your application.</u> You may choose to submit attainments at past National Age Group competitions.	Only shortlisted applicants will be notified. Selection Trial and Group Interview on one of the following days: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 9 July, 3pm - 5.30pm • Friday, 11 July, 3pm - 5.30pm

Please take note of the following when applying via the MOE online DSA-Sec Portal:

Your child's primary school information will automatically be shared with the applied DSA-Sec school(s). This information includes your child's P5 and P6 academic results, and other information from P4 to P6, eg. Co-curricular Activities (CCA), Values in Action (VIA) involvement, School-based achievements and awards such as Edusave awards, NAPFA results (only for sports talent), National School Games and Junior Sports Academy participation. **You do not need to include this information in your application.**

You may provide information on non school-based activities and achievements, which are related to your child's chosen talent areas. This section is non-compulsory, with a limit of 10 entries and no supporting documents or testimonials are needed.

SCHOOL AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES

Information on School and Miscellaneous fees is available on the school website. You may access the information [here](#).

We would like to assure parents that no student will be denied access to an MGS education due to financial reasons. The school has in place a comprehensive financial assistance scheme to support students in need.

For further clarifications, you may contact the following school staff:

DSA (English & STEM)	Ms Grace Tang (tang_lyn_lyn@schools.gov.sg)
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Artistic Swimming	Mrs Serena Chan (serena_chan@schools.gov.sg)
Bowling	Mrs Deborah Ong (deborah_ong@schools.gov.sg)
Football	Mr Ling Beng Huat (ling_beng_huat@schools.gov.sg)
Netball	Mrs Kuan Yen Sin (kuan_yen_sin@schools.gov.sg)
Softball	Mrs Cassandra Lim-Nicholas (lim_chin_suan_cassandra@schools.gov.sg)
Squash	Ms Suzanne Eng (suzanne_eng@schools.gov.sg)
Swimming	Mr Melvyn Yeo (yeo_teck_king_melvyn@schools.gov.sg)
Tennis	Ms Jennifer Chue (chue_kwai_fong@schools.gov.sg)

Useful MOE Weblinks

DSA-Sec Main Webpage	https://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec
Application Instructions (Mainstream students)	https://go.gov.sg/dsa-sec-application
Application Instructions (Non Mainstream Students)	https://go.gov.sg/nmsdsa-sec-application
DSA-Sec Portal (Mainstream Students) <i>*goes live on 7 May 2025, 11am</i>	https://go.gov.sg/apply-dsa-sec
DSA-Sec Portal (Non Mainstream Students) <i>*goes live on 7 May 2025, 11am</i>	https://go.gov.sg/apply-dsa-sec-nms
DSA-Sec iFAQs	https://go.gov.sg/dsa-secfaqs
DSA-Sec SchoolFinder	http://go.gov.sg/dsa-secschfinder