

# DSA Parents Outreach

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**Shuqun Primary School**



# PROGRAMME FLOW

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# What is DSA?

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DSA-Sec allows P6 students to apply to some secondary schools before taking the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE).

They can apply based on their talent in sports, arts, academic areas, etc.

If your child 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.

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# Range of talents for DSA

## Who can apply

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

# PSLE Posting Exercise

After PSLE results are released, students are given the PSLE certificates and an option form to apply for the schools that they qualify for.

After 3-4 weeks, the posting results are released, and students learn about which school they will go to.

Under DSA, students apply to join a secondary school before PSLE. After the application, students will have to undergo an interview or more, to be selected to join the secondary school (June Holidays to Term 3).

Upon successful application, students will be offered a chance to join the secondary school (partially based on PSLE results).



# What to do if your child is interested?

## *Research*

- Using SchoolFinder and the school's website, check what the school offers

## *Shortlist*

- List down the schools that are suitable for you (Only 3 applications)

## *Preparation*

- Prepare your certificates/medals/participation in competitions/portfolios

## *Application*

- Check the DSA application timeframe

# School Expectations

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- Continued commitment to CCA or area of strength***
- Character First***





# What to do once your child has applied for DSA?

# After application

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- **Preparations** – Organise your qualifications/portfolio/medals or participation of competition, where relevant
- **Be alert for the notifications** – Interview date
- **Prepare for the interview** – Prepare an introduction of yourself and your relevant DSA application
- **Practise for the interview** – Get your parent/teacher to practise the interview with you



# Support for students who are interested to apply for DSA

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## Interview Preparation

- 1<sup>st</sup> session: General Interview Etiquette
- 2<sup>nd</sup> session: Specific preparation for various talent areas

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Session

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## Academics

English Language /  
Mother Tongue



## Academics

Math / Science



## Student Leadership

Student Leaders / Uniformed Groups



## Sports

Basketball / Netball /  
Badminton etc.



## Arts

Visual Arts / Music /  
Performing Arts



## Environment

Green Ambassador /  
Recycling



## Points to note

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- Find out more from the DSA website
- Keep tab of your child's DSA interviews/selection tests and keep the School and Form Teachers informed.



**Thank you for your support  
and participation**