

# DSA-Sec Parents Outreach

## 30 April 2025



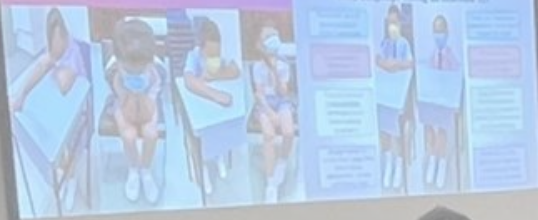
Shuqun Primary School





## Interview Etiquette - Body Language

- Your Body Language is just as Important as what you say



# PROGRAMME FLOW

- 1) Principal's sharing
- 2) Guest sharing – Parent & Student
- 3) Q&A



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# What is DSA-Sec?

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DSA-Sec provides a pathway for students to gain admission to secondary schools based on their interests, aptitude, and potential, beyond their performance at PSLE.

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.

However, the DSA-Sec is not a pathway that suits every student.

To determine if DSA-Sec is an appropriate pathway for your child, you should carefully consider your child's strengths and interests, and the school's programmes and their ability to develop specific talent.



# 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

# Key Dates

## **1. Apply**

Submit your child's application online through the DSA-Sec Portal from **7 May to 3 June, 3pm**

## **2. Attend interviews, auditions or trials**

Different schools have different selection processes. If shortlisted, your child will have to attend interviews, auditions or trials. Students will receive outcomes directly from schools by 4 September 2025.

## **3. Select preferred schools**

Choose up to 3 school choices in order of preference using the DSA-Sec Portal by 31 October 2025



# DSA Selection Phase

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- 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). They could be asked to:
  - Sit for an aptitude test
  - Take part in a trial or audition
  - Take part in a group interview
  - Share on the portfolio (if requested for)
- Upon successful application, students will be offered a chance to join the secondary school (partially based on PSLE results).

# PSLE Posting Exercise

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- After the PSLE, students will be informed if:
- They are accepted (have to confirm whether they are accepting the offer)
- They are marginally accepted (pending PSLE results after which students can decide whether to accept or reject the offer)
- Rejected (PSLE results will determine if they qualify for the school but they are not obliged to offer the DSA area they vied for)
- 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.



# 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

- ✓ *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

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- ❑ General Briefing for Students: 24 April 2025
- ❑ Parents Outreach: 30 April 2025 (TODAY)
- ❑ Specialised Training for students who are interested from 12.30pm-1.30pm
  - Academics & Sports Domain: 3 June (Tue)
  - Leadership & Arts Domain: 4 June (Wed)

The background of the slide is a photograph of a classroom. In the foreground, several students are seated at their desks, viewed from behind. They are wearing light-colored school uniforms. In the background, a presentation screen displays a slide titled "Interview Etiquette - Body Language" with bullet points: "• You should be confident", "• Stand up straight", and "• As what you say". The room has a modern feel with a grid ceiling and large windows.

## 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**