



# **Gan Eng Seng School**

## **Direct School Admission (DSA) Exercise 2023**

### **Applied Learning Programme**

### **Sports (CCA)**

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- **Choir**
- **English Drama**
- **Marching Band**
- **Modern Dance**

# Overview



Gan Eng Seng School (GESS) welcomes Primary 6 students to participate in the 2023 Direct School Admission (DSA-Sec) Exercise for Admission to Secondary One in 2024.

GESS prides itself as being one of the few secondary schools in Singapore with a rich heritage which spans more than 137 years.

# What is Direct School Admission (DSA-Sec)?



- ❑ DSA-Sec Exercise was introduced in 2004.
- ❑ DSA-Sec Exercise seeks to promote holistic education.
- ❑ Direct School Admission (DSA) 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 Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE).

# Criteria for Applications

## Applied Learning Programme (STEM)

STEM

Applicants should:

1. have a passion for Mathematics or Science, have an inquiring mind, and be able to work well in a team;
2. have obtained a Conduct Grade of 'Very Good' or better in Primary 5 and 6; and
3. demonstrate creative ways in problem-solving.

**Only short-listed applicants will be invited to the school for the trial and an interview.**

**The session consists of:**

- a) a STEM assessment; and
- b) an interview.

***Meeting all the criteria does not guarantee that the student will be shortlisted / given an offer.***





# Criteria for Applications

## Basketball (Boys)

### Sports

Male applicants should:

1. have a passion for Basketball and be able to work well in a team;
2. have obtained a Conduct Grade of 'Very Good' or better in Primary 5 and 6; and
3. have attained at least a NAPFA 'Silver' Award or better in Primary 6.

**Only short-listed applicants will be invited to the school for the trial and an interview.**

**The session consists of:**

- a) a general physical ability test;
- b) a talent-specific test; and
- c) an interview.

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# Criteria for Applications

## Canoeing (Girls)

Female applicants should:

1. have a passion for Canoeing and be able to work well in a team;
2. have obtained a Conduct Grade of 'Very Good' or better in Primary 5 and 6; and
3. have attained at least a NAPFA 'Silver' Award or better in Primary 6.

Sports

**Only short-listed applicants will be invited to the school for the trial and an interview.**

**The session consist of:**

- a) a general physical ability test;
- b) a talent-specific test at MacRitchie Reservoir for selected applicants; and
- c) an interview.

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# Criteria for Applications

## Cross Country

Applicants should:

1. have a passion for Cross Country and be able to work well in a team;
2. have obtained a Conduct Grade of 'Very Good' or better in Primary 5 and 6; and
3. have attained at least a NAPFA 'Silver' Award or better in Primary 6.

Sports

**Only short-listed applicants will be invited to the school for the trial and an interview.**

**The session consists of:**

- a) a general physical ability test;
- b) a talent-specific test; and
- c) an interview.

***Meeting all the criteria does not guarantee that the student will be shortlisted / given an offer.***





# Criteria for Applications

## Football (Boys)

Male applicants should:

1. have a passion for Football and be able to work well in a team;
2. have obtained a Conduct Grade of 'Very Good' or better in Primary 5 and 6; and
3. have attained at least a NAPFA 'Silver' Award or better in Primary 6.

Sports

**Only short-listed applicants will be invited to the school for the trial and an interview.**

**The session consists of:**

- a) a general physical ability test;
- b) a talent-specific test; and
- c) an interview.

***Meeting all the criteria does not guarantee that the student will be shortlisted / given an offer.***



# Criteria for Applications

## Table Tennis (Girls)

Female applicants should:

1. have a passion for Table Tennis and be able to work well in a team;
2. have obtained a Conduct Grade of 'Very Good' or better in Primary 5 and 6; and
3. have attained at least a NAPFA 'Silver' Award or better in Primary 6.

Sports

**Only short-listed applicants will be invited to the school for the trial and an interview.**

**The session consists of:**

- a) a general physical ability test;
- b) a talent-specific test; and
- c) an interview.

***Meeting all the criteria does not guarantee that the student will be shortlisted / given an offer.***



# Criteria for Applications

## Choir

Applicants should:

1. have a passion for singing/ music and be able to work well in a team;
2. have obtained a Conduct Grade of 'Very Good' or better in Primary 5 and 6; and
3. enjoy singing as part of an ensemble.

## Performing Arts

**Only short-listed applicants will be invited to the school for the audition and an interview.**

**The session consists of:**

- a) a solo vocal performance;
- b) a talent-specific test; and
- c) an interview.

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# Criteria for Applications

## English Drama

Applicants should:

1. have a passion for Drama productions and acting, and be able to work well in a team; and
2. have obtained a Conduct Grade of 'Very Good' or better in Primary 5 and 6.

## Performing Arts

**Only short-listed applicants will be invited to the school for the audition and an interview.**

**The session consists of:**

- a) a solo performance;
- b) a dramatic delivery based on a short monologue provided; and
- c) an interview.

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# Criteria for Applications

## Marching Band

Applicants should:

1. have a passion for music and playing in an ensemble, and be able to work well in a team; and
2. have obtained a Conduct Grade of 'Very Good' or better in Primary 5 and 6.

## Performing Arts

**Only short-listed applicants will be invited to the school for the audition and an interview.**

**The session consists of:**

- a) a solo performance on relevant Band instruments;
- b) aural tests and playing of scales; and
- c) an interview.

***Meeting all the criteria does not guarantee that the student will be shortlisted / given an offer.***



# Criteria for Applications

## Modern Dance

Applicants should:

1. have a passion for Dance and be able to work well in a team;
2. have obtained a Conduct Grade of 'Very Good' or better in Primary 5 and 6; and
3. exhibit a passion for dance and is able to express creativity in dance routines.

**Only short-listed applicants will be invited to the school for the audition and an interview.**

**The session consists of:**

- a) a solo dance performance;
- b) a performance reproduced based on a dance sequence provided; and
- c) an interview.

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Performing  
Arts





## For more information on DSA Categories

| DSA                               | URL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Applied Learning Programme (STEM) | <a href="https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/nurturegess/celebrating-the-good/gess-distinctive-programm/gess-probes-alp/">https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/nurturegess/celebrating-the-good/gess-distinctive-programm/gess-probes-alp/</a> |
| Basketball (Boys)                 | <a href="https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/sports/basketball/">https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/sports/basketball/</a>                                                                                                           |
| Canoeing (Girls)                  | <a href="https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/sports/canoeing/">https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/sports/canoeing/</a>                                                                                                               |
| Cross Country                     | <a href="https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/sports/cross-country/">https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/sports/cross-country/</a>                                                                                                     |
| Football (Boys)                   | <a href="https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/sports/football/">https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/sports/football/</a>                                                                                                               |
| Table Tennis (Girls)              | <a href="https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/sports/table-tennis/">https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/sports/table-tennis/</a>                                                                                                       |



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| DSA           | URL                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Choir         | <a href="https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/performing-arts/choir/">https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/performing-arts/choir/</a>                           |
| English Drama | <a href="https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/performing-arts/drama/">https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/performing-arts/drama/</a>                           |
| Marching Band | <a href="https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/performing-arts/band/">https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/performing-arts/band/</a>                             |
| Modern Dance  | <a href="https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/performing-arts/contemporary-dance/">https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/performing-arts/contemporary-dance/</a> |



# Flow Chart for DSA-Sec Application

DSA-Sec Application to GESS

Applied Learning Programme (STEM)

Sports (CCA)

Performing Arts (CCA)

Submit application by **31 May 2023, Wednesday** by **3 pm** via  
**MOE online DSA-Sec Portal**

Interviews / Trials for shortlisted applicants

**18, 20 & 21 July, 1 & 4 Aug 2023**

GESS will notify all applicants on one of the following three outcomes via post by **11 September 2023**:

- ☐ Confirmed Offer
- ☐ Waiting List
- ☐ Unsuccessful



# Important Schedule

| Date                                                                  | Day                             | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4 May 2023<br>(from 11 am)                                            | Thu                             | Opening Date for DSA applications.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 31 May 2023<br>(by 3 pm)                                              | Wed                             | Closing Date and Time for DSA applications. No late applications will be entertained.<br><b>Meeting all the criteria does not guarantee that the student will be shortlisted or given an offer.</b>                                                                                              |
| 18 Jul 2023<br>20 Jul 2023<br>21 Jul 2023<br>1 Aug 2023<br>4 Aug 2023 | Tue<br>Thu<br>Fri<br>Tue<br>Fri | Shortlisted candidates will be contacted to attend the DSA interview and trial/audition.<br>Shortlisted candidates are to bring all additional relevant documents (non- school- based experiences and competitions) on day of interview / trial.                                                 |
| 11 Sep 2023                                                           | Mon                             | All applicants will be informed of the selection outcome by Gan Eng Seng School <u>via post</u> .                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 23 Oct to 27 Oct 2023                                                 | Mon to Fri                      | Students are required to submit their School Preference Submission (SPS) from <u>23 Oct 2023</u> to <u>27 Oct 2023</u> to MOE.<br><b>Please note that DSA-Sec offers will be considered lapsed if students do not submit their School Preference Submission (SPS) to MOE during this period.</b> |



# Important Notes for Applicants



## Category

## Details

Centralised  
DSA-Sec  
Application  
Process

Application for DSA-Sec can be submitted through the online DSA-Sec Portal. The application is free-of-charge and will be open from **4 May 2023, 11am to 31 May 2023, 3pm**. For more details, please refer to MOE website: [www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec](http://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec)

Additional  
notice

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





# Important Notes for Applicants



| Category                           | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Applications that are not accepted | The school shall not accept the following applications:<br>a) incomplete applications;<br>b) application not sent via MOE online DSA-Sec Portal; and<br>c) late submission.                                             |
| Interviews and Trials              | Only for shortlisted applicants.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Upon admission via DSA             | <b>Students who are successfully admitted to the school via DSA are expected to honour their commitment to the school, and participate in the activities related to the talent they are selected for from year 1-4.</b> |





# Contact Information

| DSA Category                                      | Name of Teacher    | Email                         |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
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| Applied Learning Programme<br>(STEM/ Mathematics) | Mrs. Tan Li Pei    | ong_li_pei@schools.gov.sg     |
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| Cross Country                                     | Mr. Tan Yong Geng  | tan_yong_geng@schools.gov.sg  |



# Contact Information

| DSA Category         | Name of Teacher               | Email                                     |
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| Table Tennis (Girls) | Mr. Jeffrey Phua              | phua_jeffrey@schools.gov.sg               |
| Choir                | Mrs. Chandrima Roy            | chandrima_roy@schools.gov.sg              |
| English Drama        | Mr. Lim Wei Yi                | lim_wei_yi_a@schools.gov.sg               |
| Marching Band        | Ms. Herianti Samsudin         | herianti_samsudin@schools.gov.sg          |
| Modern Dance         | Mdm. Asnur Mursalin Bte Aspar | asnur_mursalin_aspar@schools.gov.sg       |



**Thank You  
for your interest in joining us.**



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