



2023 DIRECT SCHOOL ADMISSION INTO MGS

MGS invites Primary 6 students to participate in the 2023 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 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 through-train programme** that leads to the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at Anglo-Chinese School (Independent) in Years 5 and 6.*

DSA TALENT AREAS

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 willing to use their talent to serve MGS and the wider community.

2. DSA STEM*

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

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS*

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 Higher Music as a subject in Sec/Year 1 to 4 and offer it as a General 3 (G3) subject. They will also join *one* of the following Music Performing Arts CCA:

- Choir
- Guitar Ensemble
- Handbell Ensemble
- String Ensemble

4. DSA SPORTS

For students who have outstanding 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 and 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 SEC Programme or 6 years for the Integrated Programme), and participate in the activities related to the talent area they are selected for from Sec/Year 1 to 4.

Students who are not able to fulfill the DSA commitment without valid reasons may be required to transfer out to another school.

Places offered through DSA are conditional, pending the student's PSLE results which determine her eligibility for admission to the stream offered by the DSA School.

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** (RGxxxxxxx), before you can apply through the DSA Portal.

Refer to MOE's website on how to apply for DSA for non-mainstream students. <https://go.gov.sg/nmsdsa-sec-application>

DSA KEY DATES 2023

No.	Date	Event
1	Thurs, 4 May, 11 am to Wed, 31 May, 3 pm	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 . Applicants from MOE mainstream primary schools: Parents may log in to the portal using their SingPass. Parents who are unable to apply online can approach your child's primary school for assistance.
2	Mon, 26 Jun - Mon, 11 Sept	Selection Stage Please refer to the table " MGS DSA Selection Criteria and Process 2023 " for more details.
3	By Mon, 11 Sept	Outcome of Application Notification of the outcome of DSA application will be sent by email to

		every DSA applicant. (3 possible outcomes: Confirmed, Waitlist or Unsuccessful) Please check your inbox/spam/junk folders for the email notification.
4	Mon, 23 Oct	Issuance of MOE's DSA School Preference Form through applicant's primary school/Email and SMS notification from MOE
5	Mon, 23 Oct - Fri, 27 Oct	Submission of School Preference School Preference Submission by applicants
6	Late November	Confirmation of DSA Posting Release of DSA school posting results (on the same day of PSLE results)

MGS DSA SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS 2023

Note: Selection dates and times may be subject to change

No.	DSA Category	PHASE 1 Selection Criteria	PHASE 2 Selections/Interview
1	English Language	All applicants will be assessed based on their primary school results, school-based and non school-based achievements/awards that are downloaded from the MOE DSA-Sec portal.	<p>Only shortlisted applicants will be notified.</p> <p>The selection process will take place on Sat, 15 Jul, 8 am – 1 pm.</p> <p>All shortlisted applicants shall complete:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A group interaction task (20 min) • An interview (20 min) • A personal response essay (30 min)
2	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)	All applicants will be assessed based on their primary school results, school-based and non school-based achievements/awards that are downloaded from the MOE DSA-Sec portal.	<p>Only shortlisted applicants will be notified.</p> <p>The selection process will take place on Sat, 15 Jul, 8 am – 1 pm.</p> <p>All shortlisted applicants shall complete:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A group problem-solving task (20 min) • An interview (20 min) • A personal response essay (30 min)

3	Music Elective Programme (MEP)	<p>All applicants will be assessed based on their primary school results, school-based and non school-based achievements/awards that are downloaded from the MOE DSA-Sec portal.</p> <p>All applicants are also required 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>Video submission link:</p> <p>2023 MGS DSA-MEP Video Submission Form</p> <p>Deadline: Wed, 31 May, 5 pm</p> <p><u>i) Performance videos</u></p> <p>For applicants offering <i>Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Guitar, Piano or Voice</i> only.</p> <p>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 contrasting pieces, with a total of 3 - 5 minutes. The pieces demonstrate the applicant's best performance qualities in terms of musicianship and technical proficiency. • You may choose to play with scores or without scores. Non-pianists may perform solo or with accompaniment. • A clear video footage showing the full view of the performer. • Each piece in a single take (no editing of sound). The video cannot be professionally produced. • There will be 1 video per piece. • You can submit any suitable video recording within 2023. You are allowed to submit videos taken during your CCA sessions. • Save your videos in.mp4 format. 	<p>Only shortlisted applicants will be notified.</p> <p>A Selection Test will be conducted on Sat, 8 Jul, 8 am - 2 pm.</p> <p>Venue: MGS MEP Room 1 and 2.</p> <p>The Selection Test comprises:</p> <p><u>Combined test (45 min)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Listening test (Western and non-Western music, based on primary school music syllabus) <p><u>Individually scheduled (20 min)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aural Test: imitate and complete a melody (applicant can choose to sing or play on an instrument) and a rhythm • An Interview
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple submissions are not allowed. <p><u>ii) Composition portfolio</u></p> <p>Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 contrasting compositions, showcasing different styles / instruments. For each piece, submit the accompanying audio or recording (.mp4) and pdf of the notated score. Your original compositions can include any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> written on your own written during school music lessons submitted for performances or compositions in 2023 	
4	Sports – Artistic Swimming	All applicants will be assessed based on attainments at past SSA National Schools Artistic Swimming Championships and National Age Group competitions, as well as their primary school results, school-based and non school-based achievements/awards that are downloaded from the MOE DSA-Sec portal.	<p>Only shortlisted applicants will be notified.</p> <p>Group interview (30 min):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Wed, 5 Jul, 3.15 pm - 5 pm Wed, 12 Jul, 3.15 pm - 5 pm
5	Sports – Bowling	All applicants will be assessed based on attainments at past National School Games and National Age Group competitions, as well as their primary school results, school-based and non school-based achievements/awards that are downloaded from the MOE DSA-Sec portal.	<p>Only shortlisted applicants will be notified.</p> <p>Selection Trial and Group Interview:</p> <p>Fri, 7 Jul, 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm</p> <p>Venue: Singapore Bowling @ Temasek Club</p>
6	Sports - Football	<p>All applicants will be assessed based on their primary school results, school-based and non school-based achievements/awards that are downloaded from the MOE DSA-Sec portal.</p> <p>They may also be assessed if they demonstrate good potential in the sport.</p>	<p>All applicants will be notified for selections.</p> <p>Selection Trial:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Thu, 6 Jul, 4 pm - 5.30 pm Mon, 10 Jul, 4 pm - 5.30 pm <p>Group interview (20 min) only for applicants who are further shortlisted.</p> <p>- Fri, 14 Jul, 2.30 pm - 5 pm</p>

7	Sports – Netball	<p>All applicants will be assessed based on their primary school results, school-based and non school-based achievements/awards that are downloaded from the MOE DSA-Sec portal.</p> <p>They may also be assessed if they demonstrate good potential in the sport.</p>	<p>All applicants will be notified for selections.</p> <p>Selection Trial:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wed, 5 Jul, 3 pm - 5.30 pm 2. Fri, 7 Jul, 3 pm - 5.30 pm 3. Fri, 14 Jul, 3 pm - 5.30 pm <p>Group interview (30 min) only for applicants who are further shortlisted.</p> <p>- Fri, 21 Jul, 2.30 pm - 5 pm</p>
8	Sports – Softball	<p>All applicants will be assessed based on attainments at past National Age Group, Club Level or Singapore Youth Age Group competitions, as well as their primary school results, school-based and non school-based achievements/awards that are downloaded from the MOE DSA-Sec portal.</p> <p>They may also be assessed if they demonstrate good potential in the sport.</p>	<p>All applicants will be notified for selections.</p> <p>Selection Trial & Group Interview:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fri, 30 Jun, 3 pm - 5 pm 2. Wed, 5 Jul, 3 pm - 5 pm 3. Fri, 7 Jul, 3 pm - 5 pm
9	Sports – Squash	<p>All applicants will be assessed based on attainments at NSG competitions, competitions supported by SSRA, as well as their primary school results, school-based and non school-based achievements/awards that are downloaded from the MOE DSA-Sec portal.</p>	<p>All applicants will be notified for selections.</p> <p>Selection Trial and Group Interview:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wed, 28 Jun, 3 pm - 5 pm 2. Fri, 30 Jun, 3 pm - 5 pm
10	Sports – Swimming	<p>All applicants will be assessed based on attainments at past National School Games, and official timings registered at National Age Group and SSA sanctioned competitions, as well as their primary school results, school-based and non school-based achievements/awards that are downloaded from the MOE DSA-Sec portal.</p>	<p>Only shortlisted applicants will be notified.</p> <p>Group interview (30 min) will be scheduled from Tue, 4 Jul to Fri, 7 Jul, 3 pm - 5 pm.</p>
11	Sports – Tennis	<p>All applicants will be assessed based on attainments at past National School Games and National Age Group competitions, as well as their primary school results, school-based and non school-based achievements/awards that are downloaded from the MOE DSA-Sec portal.</p>	<p>Only shortlisted applicants will be notified.</p> <p>Selection Trial and Group Interview:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wed, 28 Jun, 3 pm - 5 pm 2. Wed, 5 Jul, 3 pm - 5 pm

Only shortlisted applicants will be notified to attend Phase 2 - selection/interview. Shortlisted applicants will be informed of selection date, time and tasks via email by late June/early July.

Please note that meeting all the criteria does not guarantee that the student will be shortlisted/given an offer.

Applicants who are not shortlisted for Phase 2 are considered unsuccessful in their application.

Notification of the final outcome of DSA applications will be sent **via email** to every DSA applicant **by Monday, 11 September 2023**. There are 3 possible outcomes: Confirmed, Waitlist or Unsuccessful.

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

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.

Click [here](#) for more information.

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

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Useful MOE Web Links

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)	https://go.gov.sg/apply-dsa-sec
DSA-Sec Portal (Non Mainstream Students)	https://go.gov.sg/apply-dsa-sec-nms
DSA-Sec iFAQs	https://go.gov.sg/dsa-secfaqs