



## **St Andrew's Secondary School DSA-SEC Exercise**

### **ADMISSION & SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Our school is offering the following talent areas for the 2025 DSA-Sec exercise: Concert Band, Hockey, Rugby, Water Polo, Student Leadership and Visual Arts.
2. Application will be opened to male Primary 6 Singaporean, Singapore PR and international students who have outstanding talent in the offered talent areas. Interested students may browse through our school website for more information on the talent areas offered.
3. Please refer to the table for the selection criteria in the different talent areas. Note that meeting all the criteria does not guarantee that the applicant will be shortlisted or given an offer.
4. Applicants who do not have prior experience may also apply. The school will assess applicants based on the selection criteria, which may include assessing the potential of the applicants.
5. Students and parents may submit applications for DSA-Sec via the MOE DSA-Sec website, [www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec](http://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec), from **7 May 2025, 11:00 AM to 3 June 2025, 3:00 PM**. The application is free-of-charge. Applicants only need to fill in one online form to apply to multiple schools and talent areas. Each applicant can indicate up to three choices in the application form. For each choice, applicants will need to choose a secondary school and a talent area offered by that school. Applicants can indicate a different talent area for each of his three choices, and a maximum of two choices may be used for the same school.
6. Shortlisted applicants will receive notification from the school for the trial, audition or interview **after 30 June 2025**, if your child has been shortlisted to undergo Direct School Admission (DSA) selection. All applicants will receive their application outcomes between **25 Aug and 4 Sep 2025**.
7. 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.
8. In accepting an offer of admission through the DSA Exercise, students are expressing a commitment to study in that school, and to develop their talent in their chosen area. Hence students who are successfully admitted to a school via DSA-Sec will not be eligible to



participate in the S1 Posting Exercise or Joint Admissions Exercise. They will also not be allowed to transfer to another school after obtaining their PSLE or GCE O-Level results. Students who are successfully admitted to the school via DSA are required to honour their commitment to the school and participate in the activities related to the talent they are selected for from year 1-4.



## 9. ST. ANDREW'S SECONDARY SCHOOL SELECTION PROCESS

Talent areas	Selection criteria	Selection stage 1 (Talent area-specific trial/audition)	Selection stage 2 (Face-to-face interview/group task)	Selection stage 3 (Outcome)	Programme and opportunity for successful applicants
Hockey Rugby Water Polo	<p>Primary 5 and 6 academic results or equivalent results from 2024 and 2025.</p> <p>Results from National School Games (NSG) and/or other competitions sanctioned by the respective National Sports Associations or relevant competition organisers.</p> <p>Physical fitness test results.</p> <p>Relevant experience, qualification, participation in Co-curricular Activity (CCA).</p> <p>Conduct at least Good.</p>	<p>Students will be required to exhibit their sport-specific skills and proficiency and knowledge of the sport.</p> <p>After the application period, the students will be informed of the specific tasks that are expected of them during the trial.</p>	Shortlisted applicants will be called up for an interview/group task.	<p>All applicants will be issued a notification letter stating Confirmed Offer (CO), or Wait List (WL), or Unsuccessful (R).</p> <p><b>Please note that the school is unable to accept any appeals.</b></p>	Successful applicants will develop their talent in the CCA programme and be provided the opportunity to represent the school in National School Games ( <b>NSG</b> ) and other related sports competitions.
Concert Band	<p>Primary 5 and 6 academic results or equivalent results from 2024 and 2025.</p> <p>Results from Singapore Youth Festival (SYF)</p>	<p>Students will be required to play their band instrument.</p> <p>Band instruments that are eligible for DSA are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flute/Piccolo</li> <li>• Oboe</li> </ul>	Shortlisted applicants will be called up for an interview/group task.	All applicants will be issued a notification letter stating Confirmed Offer (CO), or Wait List (WL), or Unsuccessful (R).	Successful applicants will develop their talent in the CCA programme and be provided the opportunity to represent the school in Singapore Youth Festival ( <b>SYF</b> )



	<p>and/or other competitions sanctioned by relevant competition organisers.</p> <p>Relevant experience, qualification, participation in Co-curricular Activity (CCA) and/or community programme.</p> <p>Conduct at least Good.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bassoon</li> <li>• Clarinet and Bass Clarinet</li> <li>• Alto/Tenor/Baritone</li> <li>• Saxophone</li> <li>• Cornet/Trumpet</li> <li>• French Horn/Eb Horn</li> <li>• Trombone</li> <li>• Euphonium/Baritone</li> <li>• Tuba</li> <li>• Double/String Bass</li> <li>• Percussion (including Mallet Percussion)</li> </ul> <p>After the application period, the students will be informed of the specific requirements on what to play during the audition.</p>		<p><b>Please note that the school is unable to accept any appeals.</b></p>	<p>Presentations and other related performances and competitions.</p>
Visual Arts	<p>Primary 5 and 6 academic results or equivalent results from 2024 and 2025.</p> <p>Results from Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) and/or other competitions sanctioned by relevant competition organisers.</p> <p>Relevant experience, qualification, participation in Co-curricular Activity (CCA) and/or community programme.</p>	<p>Students will be required to showcase their recent (up to 2 years) personal art portfolio, demonstrating their proficiency in various art techniques and skills.</p> <p>After the application period, the students will be informed of the specific tasks that are expected of them during the trial.</p>	<p>Shortlisted applicants will be called up for an interview/group task.</p>	<p>All applicants will be issued a notification letter stating Confirmed Offer (CO), or Wait List (WL), or Unsuccessful (R).</p> <p><b>Please note that the school is unable to accept any appeals.</b></p>	<p>Successful applicants will be Art advocates, develop their talent in art projects and competitions, and be provided the opportunity to join the Enhanced Art Programme (<b>EAP</b>) and offer upper secondary Art subject.</p>



	Conduct at least Good.				
Student Leadership	<p>Primary 5 and 6 academic results or equivalent results from 2024 and 2025.</p> <p>Relevant leadership role, experience, qualification, participation in Co-curricular Activity (CCA) and/or community programme.</p> <p>Conduct at least Very Good.</p>	Students will be required to submit a two-page write-up on their personal development and leadership experience.	Shortlisted applicants will be called up for an interview/group task.	<p>All applicants will be issued a notification letter stating Confirmed Offer (CO), or Wait List (WL), or Unsuccessful (R).</p> <p><b>Please note that the school is unable to accept any appeals.</b></p>	Successful applicants will assume the role of Peer Support Leader (PSL) and be provided the opportunity to develop in leadership programmes, school and community projects.
<b>Please take note that meeting all the criteria does not guarantee that the student will be shortlisted or given an offer.</b>					



## **SUMMARY OF DSA TIMELINE 2025**

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>DATE &amp; TIME</b>
Application Opens	11:00 AM, Wednesday, 7 May 2025
Closing date for submission of application form	3:00 PM, Tuesday, 3 June 2025 Submit your child's/ward's application online through the DSA-Sec Portal. <a href="https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/dsa/application">https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/dsa/application</a>
Face-to-face trials/auditions and interviews for specific talent areas	Monday, 30 June – Thursday, 7 August
Notification Letter of outcome to DSA applicants (CO, WL, R)	By September 2025



### **ST ANDREW'S SECONDARY SCHOOL DSA TRIALS AND AUDITIONS FOR 2025 DSA-SEC EXERCISE**

- Shortlisted participants will be notified by the school regarding the trial or audition schedule.
- Please report in your designated school CCA t-shirt or PE attire and bring the appropriate sports gear or equipment required for your talent area.
- Remember to bring your personal water bottle and any prescribed medication you may require.

	<b>Talent areas</b>	<b>Date of trial/audition</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Reporting time</b>	<b>Trial venue</b>	<b>Name of teacher(s)</b>	<b>Email address</b>
1	Concert Band	3 July 10 July	3:30 PM – 5:30 PM	3:15 PM	Band room	Ms Ng Li Yan	<a href="mailto:ng_li_yan@moe.edu.sg">ng_li_yan@moe.edu.sg</a>
2	Hockey	2 July 9 July	3:30 PM – 6:00 PM	3:15 PM	SASS hockey pitch	Mdm Roshnah	<a href="mailto:roshnah_begum_mohd_abbas@moe.edu.sg">roshnah_begum_mohd_abbas@moe.edu.sg</a>
3	Rugby	4 July	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	3:45 PM	SASS rugby field	Mr Aaron Kong	<a href="mailto:kong_hon_ein_aaron@moe.edu.sg">kong_hon_ein_aaron@moe.edu.sg</a>
4	Water Polo	11 July 18 July	3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	2:45 PM	SASS swimming pool	Mr Ng Eu Khim	<a href="mailto:ng_eu_khim@moe.edu.sg">ng_eu_khim@moe.edu.sg</a>
5	Student Leadership	29 July 30 July (Interview only)	3:30 PM – 5:30 PM	3:15 PM	Big COE	Mr Prinya Ms Ratna	<a href="mailto:prinya_lovajana@moe.edu.sg">prinya_lovajana@moe.edu.sg</a> <a href="mailto:ratna_illyas@moe.edu.sg">ratna_illyas@moe.edu.sg</a>
6	Visual Arts	9 July 11 July	3:30 PM – 4:15 PM	3:15 PM	Saints Art Gallery	Ms Joanna Chew	<a href="mailto:chew_cher_joanna@moe.edu.sg">chew_cher_joanna@moe.edu.sg</a>

Schedule last updated **on 7 May 2025**. Shortlisted candidates will be notified of trial/audition.



## **USEFUL MOE WEBLINKS**

DSA-Sec Main Webpage	<a href="https://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec">https://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec</a>
Instructions on Application (Mainstream students)	<a href="https://go.gov.sg/dsa-sec-application">https://go.gov.sg/dsa-sec-application</a>
Instructions on Application (Non-Mainstream Students)	<a href="https://go.gov.sg/nmsdsa-sec-application">https://go.gov.sg/nmsdsa-sec-application</a>
Direct to DSA-Sec Portal (Mainstream Students) *go live on 7 May 2025, 11:00 AM	<a href="https://go.gov.sg/apply-dsa-sec">https://go.gov.sg/apply-dsa-sec</a>
Direct to DSA-Sec Portal (Non-Mainstream Students) *go live on 7 May 2025, 11:00 AM	<a href="https://go.gov.sg/apply-dsa-sec-nms">https://go.gov.sg/apply-dsa-sec-nms</a>
DSA-Sec iFAQs	<a href="https://go.gov.sg/dsa-secfaq">https://go.gov.sg/dsa-secfaq</a>
DSA-Sec SchoolFinder	<a href="https://go.gov.sg/dsa-secschfinder">https://go.gov.sg/dsa-secschfinder</a>





## **FAQs**

### **1. What is Direct School Admission (DSA)?**

Direct School Admission (DSA) gives schools flexibility in selecting students in the talent areas as specified by the individual schools. This also allows Primary 6 students to be recognised for a more diverse range of achievements and talents.

### **2. Is there an admission quota for DSA in St Andrew's Secondary School?**

St Andrew's Secondary School admits up to 20% of our Secondary 1 students through DSA.

### **3. How much flexibility is given to St Andrew's Secondary School in terms of choosing students?**

The school decides our own talent area criteria. However, primary school students must achieve the PSLE results that would enable them to be eligible for admission to the school via the posting groups.

### **4. Can I apply to St Andrew's Secondary School through another CCA not listed in the school's talent areas?**

No. Applicants through the DSA-Sec Exercise may only apply through the talent areas listed.

### **5. Must I still sit for PSLE if I have received a Confirmed Offer (CO) from St Andrew's Secondary School?**

Yes, students must sit for the PSLE even though they have received a Confirmed Offer (CO) from St Andrew's Secondary School.

### **6. Can a student in Primary 5 apply for DSA?**

No, admission to Secondary 1 is only for Primary 6 students or its equivalent.

### **7. Can I still opt for St Andrew's Secondary School in the Sec 1 Posting Exercise if I do not make it through the selection rounds?**

Yes, you can still choose St Andrew's Secondary School in the Centralised Posting Exercise after you have received your PSLE results. Admission will be based on your PSLE results and the number of places in the school.

### **8. Can I apply for more than one talent area in St Andrew's Secondary School?**

Yes, you can apply for more than one talent area but you will only be offered ONE programme. For instance, if you apply for DSA through both rugby and hockey, you will only receive a Confirmed Offer for either rugby or hockey if you successfully pass the trial and interview.



9. How does St Andrew's Secondary School select the students?

Selection is conducted through face-to-face trials/auditions by the respective CCA teachers and coaches/instructors. There will also be an interview/group task conducted with the CCA teachers, selected key personnel and school leaders.

10. When will I be notified of the trials and interviews?

The respective CCA teachers will inform you of the details via email after **30 June 2025**.

11. Will I receive a notification if I am not shortlisted for the trial/audition and/or interview/group task?

You will not receive a notification if you are not shortlisted.

12. Do I still have to take part in the MOE Posting Exercise if I am given a Confirmed Offer (CO) by St Andrew's Secondary School?

Students successfully allocated to their DSA-Sec schools will **NOT** be allowed to participate in the annual Secondary 1 Posting Exercise to opt for secondary schools and are expected to honour their commitment to the allocated DSA-Sec school for the entire duration of the programme. They will also **NOT** be allowed to transfer to another school after the release of the PSLE results.

13. Do successful DSA-Student Leadership/Visual Arts applicants need to take up a CCA?

Yes, all students will need to join a CCA as it is an integral part of holistic education. Students admitted through DSA Student Leadership/Visual Arts, will be assigned a CCA during the CCA selection process at secondary 1. The CCA assigned will be based on student interest and vacancy in the CCA.