



## Direct School Admission (DSA-SEC) in Yishun Secondary School

### General Information about Direct School Admission (Secondary) 2023

The Direct School Admission-Secondary (DSA-Sec) 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 PSLE.

From 4 May 2023, 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 to 31 May 2023. For more details, please refer to MOE website – <https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/dsa>.

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

### DSA-Sec @Yishun Secondary School

All Secondary One students admitted to our school via DSA-Sec will benefit from our talent development programmes to **develop** their **potential**, and/or to be groomed to be **leaders** in their respective talent areas. They will develop both performance and moral character through our customised programme as they grow within their respective CCAs and student development programmes.

In Yishun Secondary, the 9 talent areas under DSA-Sec are:

1. **Media:** For students who demonstrate aptitude and passion in Media, they can look forward to being part of our school's Applied Learning Programme (ALP) in Sonic Arts (Music, Media and Technology), and/or take part in CCAs such as Media Club focussing on Audio-Visual Aid (AVA), Photography and Videography.
2. **Music:** For students who demonstrate aptitude and passion in Music, they can look forward to being part of our school's Applied Learning Programme (ALP) in Sonic Arts (Music, Media and Technology), Pop Music Performance and Music Creation, and in CCAs such as Choir, Guzheng Ensemble and Symphonic Band. Students will have the opportunity to offer Music Syllabus T at the GCE N (T)-Level Examination.
3. **Dance:** Students who demonstrate aptitude and passion in Dance can be involved in dance performances at our school-based art showcases, as well as being part of school's cultural dance CCAs such as **Malay Dance** or **Indian Dance**. Students who demonstrate an aptitude and passion for contemporary, hip-hop and street dance can be part of **Modern Dance**. They can be involved in external competitions that will further develop their dance techniques and their character. Students will learn to lead, to care and to empathise as they plan and train for concerts and competitions.

4. **Drama-English:** For students who demonstrate aptitude and passion in Drama, they can participate in script writing workshops, gain exposure to different theatre forms, and be part of our D'Lite Club (English Drama CCA). Students are given opportunities to hone their leadership qualities and enhance their skills related to the craft.
5. **Basketball:** For students who demonstrate aptitude and passion in Basketball, they can look forward to participating, planning, and organising intra and inter-school competitions.
6. **Volleyball (Girls):** For female students who demonstrate aptitude and passion in Volleyball, they can look forward to participating, planning, and organising intra and inter-school competitions.
7. **Football (Boys):** YSS is a member of the Schools Football Academy (SFA). Male students who demonstrate an aptitude and passion for Football can look forward to joining our SFA led Football CCA where they will be participating in, planning, and organising intra and inter-school competitions.
8. **Badminton:** For students who demonstrate aptitude and passion in Badminton, they can look forward to participating, planning, and organising intra and inter-school competitions.
9. **Netball:** For female students who demonstrate aptitude and passion in Netball, they can look forward to participating, planning, and organising intra and inter-school competitions.

Our selection criteria, in general, are as follows:

- Interest and Passion: Applicants should demonstrate a keen interest in and passion for their respective talent areas
- Talent and Aptitude: Applicants should demonstrate evidence of talent and/or aptitude in their talent area
- Conduct and Attitude for Learning: Applicants should demonstrate evidence of good conduct in school, as well as a positive attitude for learning and demeanour

Talent Area	Student's experience in Yishun Secondary School	Selection Criteria	Selection Process
Media	<p><b>INFOCOMM TECHNOLOGY (MEDIA PRODUCTION)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student leadership opportunities</li> <li>• Planning and organisation of school programmes</li> <li>• Recording Studio Workshop</li> <li>• Live Sound Workshop</li> <li>• Photography and Editing Workshop</li> <li>• Video Editing Workshop (Adobe Premier Pro)</li> <li>• Participation as Student Photographers in school and external events</li> </ul> <p><i>The Applied Learning Programme (ALP) in Yishun Secondary is <b>Sonic Arts (Music, Media and Technology)</b>, which is infused in our curriculum and CCA, Infocomm Technology (Media Production)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Media</li> <li>• Shortlisted students will be requested to submit their existing portfolio of work.</li> <li>• Student <u>without</u> any prior experience or formal training in Media is <u>also</u> encouraged to apply</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Stage 1 (Application)</u></b> Application will be conducted online. Do submit the child's application online through the DSA-Sec portal.</p> <p><b><u>Stage 2</u></b> Applicants are required to come for an in-person interview and provide samples of student's past work.</p>
Music	<p><b>Choir/Guzheng Ensemble/Concert Band</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student leadership opportunities</li> <li>• Participation in student leaders' workshops and conferences</li> <li>• Choir/Guzheng/Concert Band exchanges with other secondary schools</li> <li>• Master classes and workshops</li> <li>• Performance at Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentations</li> <li>• Performance at YSS Arts Extravaganza</li> <li>• Training to be a student conductor (Choir and Concert Band)</li> <li>• Participation in local music festivals and competitions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Music</li> <li>• Preferably have represented their primary schools in National/International events (e.g. SYF, competitions etc)</li> <li>• Student <u>without</u> any prior experience or formal training in Music is <u>also</u> encouraged to apply</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Stage 1 (Application)</u></b> Application will be conducted online. Do submit the child's application online through the DSA-Sec portal.</p> <p><b><u>Stage 2</u></b> Applicants are required to come for an in-person interview and provide samples of student's past work or performance or perform in front of a panel.</p>

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	<p><b>Pop Music Performance and Music Creation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music Production and Song Writing Workshop with professional music producer.</li> <li>• Performances within and outside of school</li> <li>• Performance at <i>YSS Arts Extravaganza</i></li> <li>• Participation in local music festivals and competitions</li> <li>• Masterclass for voice projection, singing, and stage presence</li> <li>• Exposure to Sonic Arts and Music Week</li> </ul> <p><i>The Applied Learning Programme (ALP) in Yishun Secondary is <b>Sonic Arts (Music, Media and Technology)</b>, which is infused in our curriculum and Performing Arts CCAs.</i></p>		
Dance	<p><b>Indian Dance/Malay Dance/Modern Dance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student leadership opportunities</li> <li>• Training to become student choreographer</li> <li>• Master classes and workshops</li> <li>• Performance at <i>Arts Extravaganza</i></li> <li>• Performance at Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentations</li> <li>• Performances within and outside of school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Cultural Dance, Contemporary, hip-hop and/or street dance.</li> <li>• Preferably have represented their primary schools in National/International events (e.g. SYF, competitions etc)</li> <li>• Student <u>without</u> any prior experience or formal training in Dance is <u>also</u> encouraged to apply</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Stage 1 (Application)</u></b> Application will be conducted online. Do submit the child's application online through the DSA-Sec portal.</p> <p><b><u>Stage 2</u></b> Applicants are required to come for an in-person interview and provide samples of student's past work or performance or perform in front of a panel.</p>

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<b>Drama - English</b>	<b>D'lite Club (English Drama)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student leadership opportunities</li> <li>Performance at <i>Arts Extravaganza</i></li> <li>Script writing workshop</li> <li>Exposure to different theatre forms</li> <li>Performances within and outside of school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Drama</li> <li>Preferably have represented their primary schools in National/International events (e.g. SYF, competitions etc)</li> <li>Student <u>without</u> any prior experience or formal training in Drama is <u>also</u> encouraged to apply</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Stage 1 (Application)</u></b> Application will be conducted online. Do submit the child's application online through the DSA-Sec portal.</p> <p><b><u>Stage 2</u></b> Applicants are required to come for an in-person interview and provide samples of student's past work or performance or perform in front of a panel.</p>
<b>Basketball</b>	<b>Basketball</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student leadership opportunities</li> <li>Participate in National School Games</li> <li>Coaching junior players</li> <li>Planning and organisation of intra and inter school programmes</li> </ul> <p><i>From 2022, YSS will be offering Exercise and Sports Science as a GCE O-level subject. Students who have the aptitude for sports and have the necessary skills requisite may apply to take up this subject</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Basketball</li> <li>Preferably have represented their primary schools in National/International events (e.g. National School Games, etc)</li> <li>Student who is <u>not</u> in the primary school Basketball team is <u>also</u> encouraged to apply</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Stage 1 (Application)</u></b> Application will be conducted online. Do submit the child's application online through the DSA-Sec portal.</p> <p><b><u>Stage 2</u></b> Applicants are required to come for an in-person interview and a skills assessment.</p> <p><b>Basketball Skills Assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants may undergo a basketball skill assessment which includes evaluation on Ball handling skills, Game awareness and Teamwork.</li> </ul>

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<b>Volleyball [Girls]</b>	<p><b>Volleyball</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student leadership opportunities</li> <li>• Participate in National School Games</li> <li>• Coaching junior players</li> <li>• Planning and organisation of intra and inter school programmes</li> </ul> <p><i>From 2022, YSS will be offering Exercise and Sports Science as a GCE O-level subject. Students who have the aptitude for sports and have the necessary skills requisite may apply to take up this subject</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Volleyball</li> <li>• Preferably have represented their primary schools in National/International events (e.g. National School Games, etc)</li> <li>• Student who is <u>not</u> in the primary school Volleyball team is <u>also</u> encouraged to apply</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Stage 1 (Application)</u></b> Application will be conducted online. Do submit the child's application online through the DSA-Sec portal .</p> <p><b><u>Stage 2</u></b> Applicants are required to come for an in-person interview and a skills assessment.</p> <p><b>Volleyball Skills Assessment</b> Applicants may undergo a volleyball skill assessment which includes evaluation on Ball handling skills, Game awareness and Teamwork.</p>
<b>Football [Boys]</b>	<p><b>Football (SFA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student leadership opportunities</li> <li>• Participate in National School Games</li> <li>• Coaching junior players</li> <li>• Planning and organisation of intra and inter school programmes</li> </ul> <p><i>From 2022, YSS will be offering Exercise and Sports Science as a GCE O-level subject. Students who have the aptitude for sports and have the necessary skills requisite may apply to take up this subject</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Football</li> <li>• Preferably have represented their primary schools in National/International events (e.g. National School Games, etc)</li> <li>• Student who is <u>not</u> in the primary school Football team is <u>also</u> encouraged to apply</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Stage 1 (Application)</u></b> Application will be conducted online. Do submit the child's application online through the DSA-Sec portal .</p> <p><b><u>Stage 2</u></b> Applicants are required to come for an in-person interview and a skills assessment.</p> <p><b>Football Skills Assessment</b> Applicants may undergo a football skill assessment which includes evaluation on Ball handling skills, Game awareness and Teamwork.</p>

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Badminton	<p><b>Badminton</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student leadership opportunities</li> <li>• Participate in National School Games</li> <li>• Coaching junior players</li> <li>• Planning and organisation of intra and inter school programmes</li> </ul> <p><i>From 2022, YSS will be offering Exercise and Sports Science as a GCE O-level subject. Students who have the aptitude for sports and have the necessary skills requisite may apply to take up this subject</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Badminton</li> <li>• Preferably have represented their primary schools in National/International events (e.g. National School Games, etc)</li> <li>• Student who is <u>not</u> in the primary school Badminton team is <u>also</u> encouraged to apply</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Stage 1 (Application)</u></b> Application will be conducted online. Do submit the child's application online through the DSA-Sec portal .</p> <p><b><u>Stage 2</u></b> Applicants are required to come for an in-person interview and a skills assessment.</p> <p><b>Badminton Skills Assessment</b> Applicants may undergo a badminton skill assessment which includes evaluation on Racket handling skills, Game awareness and Teamwork.</p>
Netball	<p><b>Netball</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student leadership opportunities</li> <li>• Participate in National School Games</li> <li>• Coaching junior players</li> <li>• Planning and organisation of intra and inter school programmes</li> </ul> <p><i>From 2022, YSS will be offering Exercise and Sports Science as a GCE O-level subject. Students who have the aptitude for sports and have the necessary skills requisite may apply to take up this subject</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Netball</li> <li>• Preferably have represented their primary schools in National/International events (e.g. National School Games, etc)</li> <li>• Student who is <u>not</u> in the primary school Badminton team is <u>also</u> encouraged to apply</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Stage 1 (Application)</u></b> Application will be conducted online. Do submit the child's application online through the DSA-Sec portal .</p> <p><b><u>Stage 2</u></b> Applicants are required to come for an in-person interview and a skills assessment.</p> <p><b>Netball Skills Assessment</b> Applicants may undergo a netball skill assessment which includes evaluation on Ball handling skills, Game awareness and Teamwork.</p>

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

## Yishun Secondary School DSA (Sec) 2023 Timeline

Date	Activity
4 May – 31 May	Application Window (for Primary 6 students). Application can be made through the DSA-Sec Portal <a href="https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/dsa">https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/dsa</a> .
26 June – 11 September	Selection trials: School Based / Video Conference Interview <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shortlisted applicants will be informed by the school on details of the interview and audition/skills assessment</li><li>• Shortlisted applicants may submit video(s) of past performances/matches or photo(s) of their own works/creation (depending on the DSA talent area) prior to the video conference interview</li></ul>
By 14 September	Applicants will be informed of the selection outcome