

YISHUN TOWN SECONDARY SCHOOL DIRECT SCHOOL ADMISSION 2023 INFORMATION

Important Information

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

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 throughout their course of study in YTSS.

*Parents may refer to the selection guidelines stated below in the DSA application. **However, meeting all the criteria does not guarantee the student will be shortlisted/given an offer.***

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 31st May 2023, 3pm.(tentative) For more details, please refer to MOE website- www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec

Talent Categories

- YTSS welcomes prospective students who demonstrate talent, passion and ability in our various talent categories. Successful applicants will join YTSS in January 2024. Generally, students who are keen to apply should possess strong level of motivation and commitment to the talent areas, and in other curricular and co-curricular activities offered by the school. While achievement level and mastery in their chosen area is key, we are also scouting for students who display strong potential in their areas of choice. Our DSA talents should also have the mind-set and learning disposition to cope well with other aspects of school life in YTSS.
- All shortlisted applications will be informed to attend (i) a technical trial in the specific talent area; and (ii) an interview. The details of the technical trial will be specific to the talent area and made known to shortlisted candidates subsequently.
- Students admitted into Yishun Town Secondary School via DSA will have the opportunity to be trained and guided by professional coaches, instructors and experienced CCA Teachers in-charge. Nurturing each individual's talent area, the school seeks to provide every DSA student with quality programmes, activities and opportunities to represent the school in competitions or public performances at various platforms. Besides development in their talent area, a teacher mentor will also be assigned to guide each DSA student, providing them with the necessary supervision in their academic performance. Hence, every DSA student will be able to excel in their endeavours in YTSS.

1. Category/ Criteria and Selection	
Sports and Games	Volleyball (Girls) Basketball (Girls & Boys) Shooting (Boys & Girls) Table Tennis (Boys & Girls) Bowling (Boys & Girls)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sportsmen/women who are passionate, motivated and demonstrate a strong desire to excel in the sport arena. 2. Representation in school, Singapore Schools, National Sports Association or Singapore in National Inter-School Sports & Games, Regional or International Sports & Games is preferred. 3. Representation in school in Zonal Sports & Games or JSA participation is preferred. 4. Representation in any sports club in related event will be considered. 	
Performing Arts	English Drama
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Talented youth with strong passion, motivation and demonstrate a strong desire to excel in performing arts; 2. Participation in SYF is preferred. 3. Stage experience with relevant achievements and experiences are considered. 	
Performing Arts	Chinese Dance
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Talented youth with strong passion, motivation and demonstrate a strong desire to excel in performing arts, and with training in dance. 2. Participation in SYF is preferred. 3. Relevant stage experience with achievements and experiences are considered. 	
Visual Arts, Design and Media	Visual Arts
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Talented youth with strong passion, motivation and demonstrate a strong desire to excel in visual arts, in particular art skills such as painting, batik painting, calligraphy, printmaking, pottery (ceramics) and other art forms (e.g. Digital Art, Sculpture) 2. Experience in volunteering in Art Events such as PassionArts, Singapore Night Festival or other similar events are preferred. 3. Member of any art- related clubs (e.g. CCA Art Club) are considered. 4. ONLY Shortlisted applicant will have to submit a portfolio of 5 artworks with 50 –words description for each work and a one minute video presentation on one of the artworks. 5. Successful applicants are strongly encouraged to take GCE O level Art at upper secondary level. 	

Leadership and Uniformed Groups	Boys' Brigade
1. Minimum 2 years of experience in a leadership position in respective CCA or Student organization, preferably from the Uniformed Groups CCA/Prefectorial Board/Student Councilor. Relevant achievement and experiences in the field of leadership are considered.	
Languages and Humanities	Tamil Languages
1. Has strong grasp of the written and spoken language. 2. Demonstrate high competency and interest in language use, i.e. finesse with complexity in the spoken and written form. 3. Relevant achievements and experiences are considered.	

2. DSA-Sec selection work-flow and Key Dates		
S/N	Key Date & Time Frame	Activity
1	18 th April	All CCA information on the school website will be updated. Generic DSA-Sec criteria for each talent area offered can be found on school website. For more information on DSA-Sec, please refer to MOE website at https://moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec
2	4 th May 9am – 31 st May 3pm	Application Period
3	31 st May	Close of DSA-application
4	15 th June – 7 th July	Download of application
5	26 th June – 15 th July	Only Shortlisted applicants will be informed to attend an interview and/or selection trials/ auditions / tests. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed via email
6	26 th June – 31 st Aug	Conduct of DSA Selection Sessions and Interview (in person at Yishun Town Secondary School).
7	By 12 th Sep	All shortlisted applicants will be informed of the results of DSA Selection Session by post or email

DSA Specific Talent trial/Audition information/Performance Task	
Sports and Games	
Volleyball (Girls)	<p>A) The applicant would have to demonstrate the following three skills on the day of the trial.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forearm Pass : Applicant to execute consecutive forearm passes to themselves. They will continuously bump the ball in an upward trajectory and alternate between making a low and high pass. • Spike : Applicant to execute consecutive spikes against the wall. The will spike the ball in a downward motion and do so repeatedly as the ball rebounds off the wall. • Spiking footwork : Applicant to execute a spiking footwork before jumping upward attempting to reach the basketball rim. <p>B) In addition, applicant will be required to provide the following details</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents' height • Applicant's height <p>C) Agility Test : Demonstration on the testing requirement will be shown (e.g running, jumping) and applicants to execute the drills to their best ability.</p>
Basketball (Girls & Boys)	<p>A) The applicant would have to demonstrate the following three skills on the day of the trial.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dribbling : Stationary dribbling drills Right hand dribble 20 reps Left hand dribble 20 reps Crossover 10 reps Between the leg 10 reps Behind the back 10 reps Free style dribble 20 reps • Lay up movement : Right hand layup 5 reps Left hand layup 5 reps • Shooting: Under Basket shot, 5 each on both left and right Free throw line shot 5 attempts Three point line shot 5 attempts <p>B) Small sided basketball game: 2v2 or 3v3 depending of the number of shortlisted applicants for the day.</p> <p>C) Agility Test : Demonstration on the testing requirement will be shown (e.g running, jumping) and applicants to execute the drills to their best ability</p>

Shooting (Boys & Girls)

A) Applicant for Rifle category

- i) Applicant to report to Yishun Town Secondary School in PE attire for the trial
- ii) Applicant will be holding and firing the rifle in shooting position.
- iii) Applicant will be required to do a stork balance, having to balance on one leg, for 15 seconds.
- iv) Actions will be guided by the coaches

B) Applicant for Pistol category

- i) Applicant to report to Yishun Town Secondary School in PE attire for the trial
- ii) Student will be holding and firing the air pistol in shooting position
- iii) Actions will be guided by the coaches

Table Tennis (Boys & Girls)	<p>A) The applicant would be assessed on the following skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Players need to state their own personal training details and tournament / competitions which they have participated in. [球员需要准备自己个人的训练及参加过何种比赛经历。] ii. Practice forehand strokes with a partner using the table tennis table. [在乒乓球台上正手攻球练习。] iii. Backhand push strokes with a partner using the table tennis table. [反手推挡或快拨练习。] iv. Two-sided swing speed (one left and one right) fixed-point practice. [两面摆速（一左一右）定点练习。] v. Push and block sideways and forehand practice. [推挡侧身扑正手练习。] vi. Unfixed swing speed hitting practice. [不定点摆速击球练习。] vii. Forehand and backhand push practice. [正、反手搓球练习。] viii. Serve and serve to attack practice. [发球及发球抢攻练习。] <p>B) Logistics needed for the Skills Test are as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table Tennis Bat • Table Tennis Ball
Bowling (Boys and Girls)	<p>A) The applicants would be assessed on the following skills on the day of trial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Pre-shot routine 2) Four or Five-step approach 3) Completion stance 4) Ability to strike and/or spare <p>B) Applicants are encouraged to bring their own bowling equipment. However, house ball and shoes can be loaned from the bowling alley if they do not have their own equipment.</p> <p>C) Applicants will be required to share their own training details or competition experiences if any.</p>

Performing Arts	
English Drama	<p>A) The applicant would have to prepare a 3 minutes contemporary monologue and a musical song to perform on the day of the audition.</p> <p>B) Be prepared to improvise(act spontaneously without a script) a short scene with details provided the audition</p>
Chinese Dance	<p>A) The applicant will be assessed on the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-introduction (including dancing background, basic knowledge of Chinese dance) • Basic skills display: front & side leg, waist, vertical fork, horizontal fork, front leg, side leg, back leg. • Dance combination (fragment display) 1-2 minutes • Impromptu dance 1 min Chinese dance music <p>B) Clothing requirements: Tights or sportswear, choose clothes that allow the Coach to see h body shape and posture.</p>

Visual Arts	<p>The applicant will be assessed on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drawing Activity (Draw from life) Shortlisted applicants will be required to draw from life. They will be assessed based on observation and technical ability. Applicants should bring along a pencil, A3 size paper, pencil sharpener and eraser for the trial. Portfolio Shortlisted applicants will submit a minimum of 5 works with a short write-up for each work (less than 50 words per work). Applicants will be assessed based on a portfolio of works that demonstrates a range of technical competencies and considerations, a diversity of conceptual approaches, considerations and development. Applicants can present more than 5 artworks including explorations and experimentation in the visual form, as well as the unexpected and/or artistic responses towards the topic/theme they may have undertaken as part of their school projects or during their own time. Applicants should mention their participation in art projects or activities outside of their school assignments, if any. Shortlisted applicants may also submit 3D sculptures, digital artworks or animation videos which they might have created. How to submit the Portfolio online Take clear and sharp photos of your artworks. If submitting photos of 3D sculptures, front, side (and back view) of the sculptures must be taken. Label the artworks with title, medium and dimension. Avoid unnecessary filters and cropping of your artwork. Video presentation Shortlisted applicants are to submit a ONE minute video presentation. They may choose one of their artworks and share about what was their inspiration and art making process.
Leadership and Uniformed Groups	
Boys' Brigade	During audition, the applicants will be given the opportunity to share with the panel their leadership experience and journey. Their inspiration, believe and interest in Boys' Brigade.
Languages and Humanities	
Tamil Languages	During audition, the applicant will be given a 15 minutes time frame to write on a given topic and present their written assignment verbally. The student will be assessed based on his/her content, use of language and level of confidence.
3a. Internal: Shortlisting criteria	
Applicants who satisfy published criteria in the various categories will be shortlisted for a trial or audition, conducted by coaches and CCA teacher in charge. ONLY shortlisted applicants will be informed on the date of the selection trial and interview via phone call.	

3b. Internal: Selection criteria				
S/N	Criteria	Minimum Requirement	Weightage	Other Remarks
1	Examination results	Consistently good results	20 percent	Used as academic benchmark
2	CCA achievement/ Portfolio/ Relevant achievements and experiences	Fulfil most requirement and criteria stated	20 percent	Key consideration for those applying under CCA talent
3	Trial/Audition/ Performance Task	Must be cleared by coaches and CCA Teacher in charge before shortlisted for interview with Principal	20 percent	Individual or group audition trial will be conducted
4	Interview outcome	Must clear interview	40 percent	Interview panel consists of School Leader, Subject Head CCA and CCA teacher in charge of the relevant CCA