



## 2023 DIRECT SCHOOL ADMISSION-SEC (DSA-SEC) FOR 2024 YEAR 1 INTAKE WRITE-UP AND TIMELINES

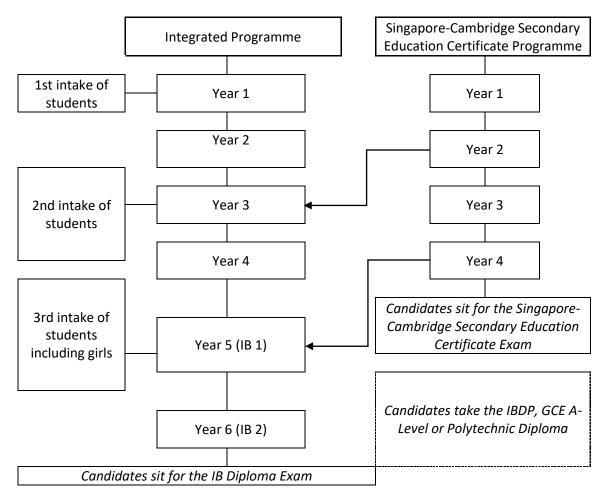
The Direct School Admission-Sec (DSA-Sec) provides students with the opportunity to seek admission to a secondary school, based on a diverse range of specific academic and non-academic achievements and talents that they can demonstrate beyond the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE). Participation in DSA-Sec is optional. Primary 6 students who do not want to participate in the DSA-Sec will continue to seek admission based on their PSLE results through the MOE Secondary 1 (S1) Posting.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

2023 Direct School Admission-Secondary (DSA-Sec) for admission to Secondary 1 in 2024 **will commence from 4 May 2023, 11am to 31 May 2023, 3pm.** Boys who wish to participate in Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)'s DSA-Sec exercise are required to apply through the online MOE DSA-Sec Portal. For more details, please refer to MOE website – <u>https://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec</u>.

Applicants can opt for Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) Programme, Integrated Programme (IP) or No Preference (i.e., to be considered for IP and SEC Programme).

- Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) Programme is a four-year course which leads to the Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate.
- Integrated Programme (IP) is a six-year through train course which leads to the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma.



## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

- 1. Admission Criteria for the ACS (Independent) four-year Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) Programme or six-year Integrated Programme (IP) is open to male students only.
- a) For admission into the ACS (Independent) SEC Programme or IP, students will be selected based on the following:
  - Primary 5 and Primary 6 academic results or equivalent results.
  - Talent in the following areas: Badminton, Basketball, Bowling, Canoeing, Cricket, Cross Country, Golf, Humanities, International Chess, Mathematics, Music Elective Programme, Robotics, Rugby, Sailing, Science, Shooting, Softball, Squash, Swimming, Tennis, Track and Field and Water Polo.
  - Records in the MOE DSA-Sec Portal to be considered for selection includes national age group rankings and/or results from national inter-primary school competitions and/or results from other competitions sanctioned by the respective National Sports Associations or relevant competition organisers. Physical fitness test results, experience, qualifications and participation in the Co-curricular Activities (CCAs) will also be considered.
    - For Badminton, Basketball, Bowling, Cricket, Cross Country, Rugby, Softball, Squash, Tennis, Track and Field and Water Polo, all applicants must participate in our talent selection trials. For details on selection trial date, time and venue, please refer to the document titled '2023 DSA-Sec Talent Selection Trials for 2024 Year 1 Intake'.
    - ➢ For Canoeing, International Chess, Sailing and Swimming, we do not conduct selection trials and records from MOE DSA-Sec Portal will be used for consideration.
    - ➢ For Golf, applicants must have a Golf handicap of not more than 18. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interviews/selection trials.
    - For Humanities, Mathematics and Science, shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interviews.
    - For Music Elective Programme, shortlisted applicants will be contacted for auditions. The audition dates are 28 June 2023 (Wed) or 5 July 2023 (Wed) at 3 pm in ACS(I) Music Room 1, Yellow Level 4 (old block) where clock tower is located.
    - For Robotics, shortlisted applicants will be contacted for selection trial. The trial date is 1 July 2023 (Sat) from 9 am to 11:30 am in ACS(I) Auditorium 1, Red Level 3 (old block) where clock tower is located.
    - For Shooting, applicants should preferably have prior shooting experience and have taken part in Singapore Cup (Monthly Shoot). Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interviews/selection trials.
  - There is no need for applicants to contact our teachers. After 15 June 2023, our teachers will contact the applicants for talent selection trials, interviews or auditions, where applicable.
  - Meeting all the criteria does not guarantee the student will be shortlisted/ given an offer.

- b) Depending on vacancy, students admitted into the Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) Programme via the DSA-Sec may be offered the Integrated Programme (IP) if the student's PSLE score meets our PSLE cut-off score for IP after the release of the MOE S1 Posting results for Secondary Schools in December. The IP PSLE cut-off score based on 2022 PSLE students posted to our school for 2023 Secondary 1 IP was 7.
- c) There are two other entry points into the ACS (Independent) Integrated Programme at Year 3 and Year 5 (see diagram above). Details on Year 3 and 5 admissions will be released the year prior to the intake year.
- 2. Students successfully allocated a school via DSA-Sec are <u>NOT</u> allowed to participate in the MOE Secondary 1 (S1) Posting as they are expected to honour the commitment made to the DSA-Sec school when they exercise their CO or WL offer. Students are also <u>NOT</u> allowed to transfer to another school after the release of the PSLE results. They are expected to honour the commitment to the posted DSA schools for the duration of the programme they are admitted to (4 years for the Secondary Education Certificate Programme or 6 years for the Integrated Programme) and participate in activities related to the talent they are selected for from Year 1 to 4. If they are not able to fulfil the DSA commitment without valid reasons, they may be required to transfer out to another school with vacancies by MOE. Hence, please consider carefully before you accept an offer to be admitted to a school through DSA-Sec.
- 3. 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 child's area of talent. In addition, students in MOE mainstream primary schools must sit for the PSLE and obtain a PSLE score of 22 points or less.

## **DSA-SEC TIMELINES**

Activity	Applicable	Timeline
ActivityAfter 15 June 2023, our teachers will contact the applicants for talent selection trials, interviews or auditions, where applicable.All applicants must participate in our selection trials for the following talent areas: 	Applicable to All	Application is through online MOE DSA-SecPortal from 4 May 2023, 11am to 31 May2023, 3pm.Each applicant can indicate up to threechoices.Each choice consists of a secondaryschool and a talent area offered by thatsecondary school.Of the three choices, an applicant may use amaximum of two choices to apply to the sameschool.If a talent area is offered for both theSecondary Education Certificate (SEC)Programme and Integrated Programme (IP) ina dual-track school, applicants are to indicatea preference or no preference. The schoolmay offer the applicants a track that isdifferent from their indicated preference,based on the school's assessment of theirsuitability. It is recommended to indicate "NoPreference" so that you can have 2considerations, i.e., IP and SEC Programme.There is no need to pay application fee.Below are the details of applying throughonline MOE DSA-Sec Portal:• Applicants studying in MOE mainstreamprimary schools: Only one parent'sSingPass is needed to log in. Ifparent/guardian is unable to apply online,they can approach the child's primaryschool for assistance.• Applicant NOTstudents include returningSingaporeans, international students(foreign) studying overseas or in localinternational schools, e.g., Pathlight) andhome-schoolers. All international (foreign)students who receive DSA offers, pleasebe reminded that

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		Once you have submitted your application through the online MOE DSA-Sec Portal by 31 May 2023, 3pm your application is valid. There is <u>no need</u> to contact our teachers. After 15 June 2023, our teachers will contact the applicants for talent selection trials, interviews or auditions where applicable.
Issuance of Confirmed Offer letters or Wait List letters to successful applicants by email.	All	By 11 September 2023
Unsuccessful applicants will be informed by email.		
Please note that the school is unable to entertain any appeals.		
Issuance of School Preference Form to successful applicants by MOE through email and SMS notification from Postman.gov.sg	Successful DSA-Sec applicants	23 October 2023
Submission of DSA-Sec choices through login to the MOE DSA-Sec Portal using both parents' Singpass. Parents will receive an email instruction and SMS from Postman.gov.sg regarding the School Preference Submission before the submission period starts. If unable to submit online, parents can approach applicants' primary schools for assistance to submit on their behalf.	Successful DSA-Sec applicants	23 – 27 October 2023
Release of DSA-Sec results	Successful DSA-Sec applicants	During the release of PSLE results in late November 2023