

# DSA General Training for P6 Students

10 May 2024



**Shuqun Primary School**

# BRIEFING OUTLINE

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- What is DSA?
- What does a DSA Application entail?

## PART 2

- Interview Etiquette
- Interview Preparation



# Part 1

- What is DSA?
- What does a DSA Application entail?

# PSLE Posting Exercise

After PSLE results are released, students are given the PSLE certificates and an option form to apply for the schools that they qualify for.

After 3-4 weeks, the posting results are released, and students learn about which school they will go to.

Under DSA, students apply to join a secondary school before PSLE. After the application, students will have to undergo an interview or more (June Holidays to Term 3), to be selected to join the secondary school.

Upon successful application, students will be offered a chance to join the secondary school (partially based on PSLE results).

# What is DSA-Sec?

DSA-Sec seeks to broaden the recognition of talents and achievements beyond academic grades. P6 students can gain direct entry to certain secondary schools based on their talent in sports, CCAs and specific academic areas, etc, before taking the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE).



## Reminder:

- Application for 2024 DSA-Sec is from 11am on Tuesday, 7 May 2024 to 3pm on Monday, 3 Jun 2024.

Taken from: <https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/dsa>

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# What to do if you are interested?

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## Who can apply

P6 students can apply for DSA-Sec based on a wide-range of talents, including:

- Sports and games
- Visual, literary and performing arts
- Debate and public speaking
- Science, mathematics and engineering
- Languages and humanities
- Uniformed groups
- Leadership

## How to apply

Students can apply through the DSA-Sec portal. There are no application fees.

[VIEW DSA-SEC SCHOOLS →](#)

# Timeline

**Tue, 7 May to Mon, 3 Jun 2024**

## Apply

Once you have explored and shortlisted the schools, submit your child's application online through the DSA-Sec Portal by 3pm on Monday, 3 Jun 2024.

- [How to apply](#)

**By Mon, 9 Sep 2024**

## Attend interviews, auditions or trials

Different schools have different selection processes. Check the DSA-Sec schools' website for details. If shortlisted, your child will have to attend interviews, auditions or trials conducted by DSA-Sec schools.

Selected students will receive DSA-Sec offers directly from schools by Monday, 9 September 2024.

- [Overview](#)
- [Selection outcomes](#)

# Timeline

Mon, 21 Oct to Fri, 25 Oct 2024

## Select preferred schools

Choose up to 3 school choices in order of preference using the DSA-Sec Portal by 3pm on Friday, 25 October 2024.

- [Overview](#)
- [Understand DSA-Sec Commitment](#)
- [Submit school preferences \(Mainstream primary school child\)](#)
- [Submit school preferences \(Non-mainstream school child\)](#)
- [Withdraw from DSA-Sec](#)

Between Wed, 20 Nov and Fri, 22 Nov 2024

## Receive school allocation results



## SchoolFinder

Explore schools based on their distance from your home, locations, CCAs, subjects and programmes offered.

# What to do if you are interested?

## Research

- Using SchoolFinder and the school's website. Check what the school offers

## Shortlist

- List down the schools that are suitable for you (Only 3 applications)

## Preparation

- Prepare your portfolios and be ready for interviews, auditions or trials. Different schools have different selection processes.

## Application

- Check the DSA application timeframe

# What to do if you are interested?

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- Continued commitment to CCA or area of strength
- Character First
- Find out more from the DSA website
- Keep tab of your DSA interviews/ selection tests and keep the School and Form Teachers informed



## Part 2

- Interview Etiquette
- Interview Preparation

# Interview Etiquette

## Face-to-face

- First Impressions (Appearance)
- Eye Contact
- Posture
- Body Language
- Voice (Clear and Confident)
- Manners (Respectful and Polite)

# Interview Etiquette - Appearance

## • First Impressions Count

### Eye

- No coloured contact lenses

### Face

- Beards and moustaches are not allowed
- Sideburns should not extend below the middle of the ear

### Sleeve

- Should not be rolled up

### Hand

- No jewellery or bands

### Pants

- No belt loops on the waist band
- No belts
- No baggy / tight / tapered pants
- No slits at end of pants

### Shoes

- Only track or canvas school shoes



### Hair

- Should not touch ear, eyebrows and collar
- No tinted, permed or outlandish hairstyles (No side/under-shave)
- No accessories

### Ear / Neck

- No jewellery
- No accessories

### Collar Badge

- Should be pinned on the left collar

### Shirt

- No oversized / tight fitting shirts
- Must be properly tucked in and buttoned up
- Only school PE or white T-shirt can be worn underneath
- Approved House/CCA T-shirts can be worn on Wednesdays and Fridays

### Socks

- Must be plain and visible above the shoes

### Eye

- No coloured contact lens

### Ear

- Only a pair of small ear-same design allowed

### Neck

- No jewellery

### Sleeve

- Should not be rolled up

### Hand

- No jewellery or bands
- No nail polish

### Skirt

- Knee length

### Shoes

- Only track or canvas school shoes



### Hair

- Should not touch eyebrows and collar
- Neatly tied up once hair touches collar
- No tinted, permed or outlandish hairstyles
- No accessories

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- No oversized / tight fitting shirts
- Only school PE or white T-shirt can be worn underneath
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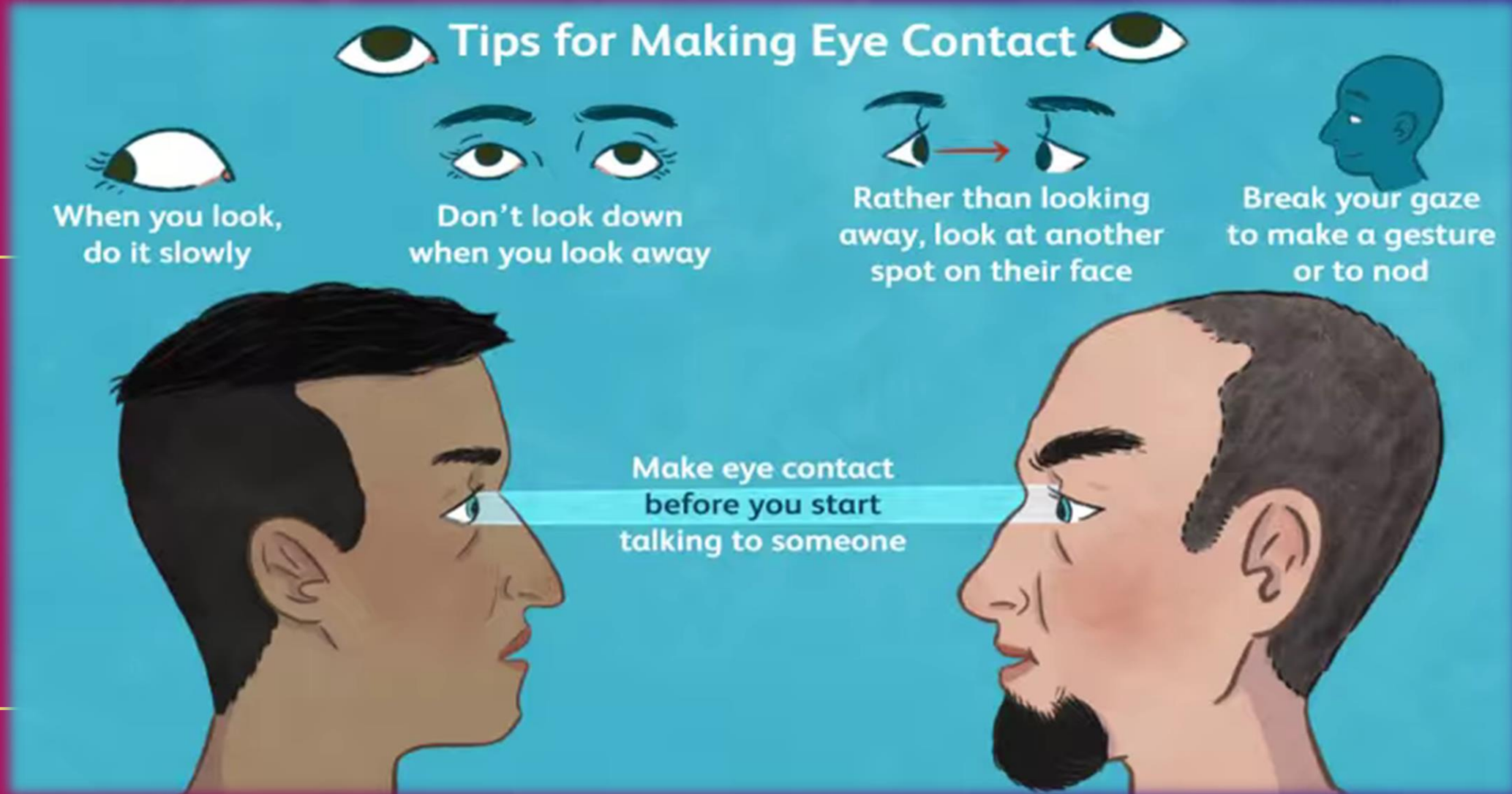
### Socks

- Must be plain and visible above the shoes,

No make-up to be worn when student is in school uniform

# Interview Etiquette - Eye Contact

- Your Eyes Speak too!



# Interview Etiquette – Body Language


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**Body Language during an interview 101**



Maintain good eye contact.  
Don't wander

Don't cross your arms.  
It comes off as defensive or uninterested

Practice your handshake,  
arrange your belongings properly

Avoid trying to cross your legs, this can cause distraction when switching legs

Keep an interested expression and don't forget to smile

Remember good posture and sit up straight

Don't overuse hand gestures, you don't want to distract from what you're saying

Remain calm, Don't let nerves make your feet do a tap dance

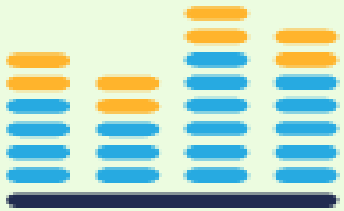


# Interview Etiquette - Voice Projection

- You must be heard clearly

## Speak Clearly

to pronounce words in a way that makes it clear to the listener exactly what you are saying



## Speak Up

to raise your voice a little so everyone can hear what you have said

## Well-Spoken

someone who speaks clearly, concisely and in an assured fashion

# Interview Etiquette - Do's and Don'ts

## Do's

## Don'ts

Do prepare

Don't be late

Do answer to the question clearly

Don't be distracted

Do listen actively to the interviewer

Don't be impatient

Do research about the school you are applying to

Don't give one word answer

Do ask positive questions if given the opportunity

Don't speak negatively

Do thank the interviewer at the end

Don't assume the interviewer can read your mind

Group Interviews - Speak up assertively

Group Interviews - Don't hog attention

# How do we support you?

**20 June (Thu)**  
**1230-1330**



## Academics

English Language  
/ Math / SC

Mother Tongue  
Language



## Student Leadership

Student Leaders

**21 June (Fri)**  
**1230-1330**



## Sports

Basketball /  
Netball /  
Badminton etc



## Arts

Visual Arts / Music /  
Performing Arts



**All the Best. Choose wisely!**