

### **Notice Update – 18 May 2020**

In view of Covid-19, the audition process has been updated. Please refer to the following pages:

- 1) Important dates to note
- 2) What shortlisted applicants will experience during the TA
- 3) What Shortlisted applicants must prepare and do for the portfolio submission

### **Notice Update – 11 May 2020**

In view of Covid-19, the following has been updated:

- 1) Application Period extended to 23 May, 5:00 pm (SGT)
- 2) Release of the Shortlisting Outcome changed to 8 June 2020, 6:00 pm
- 3) TA Auditions from 23 June to 18 July 2020
- 4) All TA activities will be conducted online

### **Notice Update – 6 May 2020**

#### Video Submission

As per our previous TAs, applicants are not required to record their 1-minute dance solo in a studio setting. Any open space with good audio and visuals is acceptable. For example, we've had video submissions recorded in the living room, balcony, and bedroom.

Applicants are allowed to modify their dance to fit to the space that is available to them. The Dance faculty is aware of the challenges that the applicants are facing due to the current situation and will be taking that into consideration when they assess all the submitted applications.

#### Audition for Shortlisted Applicants

In view of the current COVID-19 situation, we are currently reviewing the selection process and criteria for this year's TA. Updates will be posted on the website.

### **Notice Update – 27 March 2020**

The Talent Academy is currently scheduled for 23-26 June 2020. However, in view of the current COVID-19 situation, these dates may change. More information will be provided as soon as possible. Applicants are advised not to make travel plans in June. Shortlisted applicants must attend and complete all scheduled TA activities. Incomplete attendance will result in disqualification.

**Talent Academy 2020  
Preparation Notes and Checklist for Year 5 Dance Applicants  
International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP)  
DSA-JC and Non-DSA**

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**TALENT ACADEMY 2020**  
**Important Dates to Note**  
**DSA-JC and Non-DSA IBCP Applicants**

<b>Date</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>What to Do</b>
3 April to 23 May 2020 5:00 pm (SGT)	All Applicants	<p><b>Apply Online</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Register</b> for an account and <b>submit</b> the application online via the <u>TA Portal</u></li> <li>• <b>Application closes</b> on 23 May 2020, 5:00 pm (SGT)</li> <li>• It takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour to complete the entire application for <b>ONE</b> (1) art form, provided that the supporting documents and portfolio submission have been prepared in advance</li> <li>• Submit your application early, as the TA Portal may experience slower connectivity due to high traffic during the application period</li> <li>• Incomplete applications will be disqualified. Appeals for late submissions will <b>not</b> be considered</li> </ul> <p><b>13 May</b> - In view of the COVID-19 situation, all International Students who are not residing in Singapore are not eligible to take part in this year's DSA-Sec Exercise, and will not be able to apply for the Talent Academy. Please refer to <a href="https://go.gov.sg/nmsdsa-sec-application">https://go.gov.sg/nmsdsa-sec-application</a> for more details. As such, the same will apply for Year 5 admission via Non-DSA.</p>
8 June 2020 6:00 pm (SGT)	All Applicants	<p><b>Log in</b> to the TA Portal to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check the status of your Shortlisting Outcome</li> </ul>
8 June to 14 June 2020 12:00 noon (GST)	Shortlisted <b>Non-DSA</b> Applicants Only	<p><b>Log in</b> to the TA Portal to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>upload</b> your most recent academic results</li> <li>• <b>skip</b> this process if you do not have any latest results to upload</li> </ul>
16 June 2020 6:00 pm (SGT)	All Shortlisted Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Log in</b> to the TA Portal and <b>download</b> your TA schedule</li> <li>• <b>Check</b> your TA schedule to find out your allocated audition days/dates</li> <li>• <b>Check</b> the 'announcement' tab for more information about your TA</li> </ul>
23 June to 18 July 2020	Shortlisted <b>Non-DSA</b> Applicants only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Complete</b> the English and Mathematics entrance tests online</li> <li>• <b>Make payment</b> of S\$30.00 for the entrance tests fee</li> </ul> <p><b>Modes</b> of payment to be advised</p>
23 June to 18 July 2020	All Shortlisted Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Complete</b> all scheduled TA activities online comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Individual auditions or portfolio presentations</li> <li>○ Panel Interviews</li> <li>○ Online Questionnaires</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>More information will be shared with shortlisted applicants about how the activities will be conducted.</p> <p><b>11 May 2020:</b> The Talent Academy will start from 23 June. Shortlisted applicants must complete all scheduled TA activities within the stipulated time. Incomplete attendance will result in disqualification.</p>
7 August 2020 6:00 pm (SGT)	Shortlisted Applicants	<b>Log in</b> to the TA Portal and <b>check</b> the status of your final TA Outcome (Confirmed Offer or Unsuccessful)
August 2020 (tbc)	Confirmed Offer Applicants	<b>Submit</b> Acceptance Form to SOTA
November 2020 (tbc)	Confirmed Offer Applicants	<b>Complete</b> your registration at SOTA

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**Checklist for Submission of Supporting Documents to be Uploaded via the TA Portal  
DSA-JC and Non-DSA IBCP Applicants**

Apply Online via the TA Portal between 3 April to 23 May 2020, 5:00 pm (SGT)

FOR DSA-JC and Non-DSA Year 5 APPLICANTS				
No.	Document Title (to be uploaded directly to the TA Portal)	Maximum File Size	Acceptable File Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1	<p><b>Applicant's Identification Document</b></p> <p><u>Singaporeans</u> Birth Certificate or Citizenship Certificate</p> <p><u>Singapore Permanent Residents</u> Passport and Re-Entry Permit</p> <p><u>Foreigners</u> Studying in Singapore: Passport and Dependant or Student Pass Studying overseas: Passport</p>	1 MB	PDF	
2	<p>1 recent passport-sized colour photograph</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Should be taken against plain white background</li> <li>Do not upload a full-length photograph</li> </ul>	2 MB	JPEG, JPG	
3	<p><b>Academic Results</b></p> <p>3 April to 23 May (All Applicants)</p> <p><b>DSA-JC:</b> Sec 3E/4NA mid-year and end-of-year results. <a href="#">The general office is open during the circuit breaker period and the term break. Please email the school to request for a softcopy and specify that you are applying for DSA to SOTA and the application period ends on 23 May, 5:00 pm.</a></p> <p><b>Non-DSA:</b> 2019 academic results. All original transcripts not in English should be accompanied with a translated document.</p> <p>8 June to 14 June (Shortlisted Applicants Only)</p> <p><b>DSA-JC:</b> No actions required.</p> <p><b>Non-DSA:</b> Log in to the TA Portal and upload your most recent 2020 academic results. All original transcripts not in English should be accompanied with a translated document. You may skip this step if you do not have any latest results to upload.</p>	2 MB	PDF	
4	<p>DSA-JC applicants (if applicable):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mother Tongue Language In-Lieu Letter</li> <li>Mother Tongue Language Exemption Letter</li> </ul>	1 MB	PDF	

**Note:**

- It takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour to complete the entire application for **ONE** (1) art form, provided that the supporting documents and portfolio submission have been prepared in advance
- Applicants are advised to submit their applications early, as the TA Portal may experience slower connectivity due to high traffic during the application period
- Incomplete applications will be disqualified. Appeals for late submissions will not be considered

The TA Portal opens from 3 April to 23 May, 5:00 pm (SGT). There will be no extension of deadline for submission of application. Do ensure you have ample time to complete and submit your application.

## TALENT ACADEMY 2020

### Preparation Notes for Portfolio Submission in Dance (for all applicants) International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP) DSA-JC and Non-DSA Year 5 Applicants

SOTA offers a holistic dance education through a mind-body approach. Ballet and Contemporary Dance form the basis of our physical training, and dance genres such as Chinese Dance, Malay Dance, and Indian Dance are introduced in Dance Contextual Studies and Dance Analysis. Composition and improvisation modules also allow students to hone and develop their creative voice.

SOTA offers the IB Career-related Programme (IBCP) in Year 5 and 6. IBCP students engage with a challenging programme of study that imparts transferable and lifelong skills in applied knowledge, critical thinking, communication, and cross-cultural engagement.

To apply, you will need to meet the following pre-requisites:

- Extensive training in Classical Ballet
- Extensive training in Contemporary Dance
- A high degree of self-motivation and self-discipline to embrace all aspects of dance
- Theoretical knowledge and understanding of diverse dance forms
- Advanced ability to analyse and investigate diverse dance genres
- Advanced ability to choreograph in a variety of dance styles
- Excellent standard of English (spoken and written)
- An interest in dance as a language for expression and communication is also essential

#### What to Submit for Dance Portfolio

All applicants are required to submit the following for their Dance portfolio submission via the TA Portal:

1. 1-minute solo dance video
2. 2 photos

Item	Description
1-minute solo dance video	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A recording of you performing a <i>solo</i> Ballet or Contemporary dance</li><li>• If the choreography requires a partner, only you will be assessed</li></ul> <p><u>Instructions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The dance should be recorded in a studio setting, or any open space/room</li><li>• It should be recorded in a single take (no editing); <b>cannot</b> be professionally produced</li><li>• <b>Upload</b> video to <b>Google Drive</b></li><li>• Privacy Setting: 'Anyone with the link'</li><li>• Paste the shared link on the TA Portal in the 'Uploaded to External Site URL' field</li></ul> <p><u>Attire</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plain, form fitting dance-practice gear (refer to <b>Annex A</b>)</li></ul>
2 photos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 recent 4R full-length photos of you dressed in your dance attire and in the dance poses as shown in <b>Annex A</b></li></ul> <p><u>Instructions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Save</b> the 2 photos into 1 folder</li><li>• <b>File type:</b> .pdf, .jpg, .jpeg</li><li>• <b>Name</b> the folder with your name</li><li>• <b>Folder size</b> should <b>not</b> exceed 10mb</li><li>• <b>Upload</b> the folder to <b>Google Drive</b></li><li>• Privacy Setting: 'Anyone with the link'</li><li>• Paste the shared link on the TA Portal in the 'Uploaded to External Site URL' field</li></ul>
Note(s)	Supporting documents, portfolios, and photographs submitted for shortlisting will be retained for the school's records.  Certificates, achievement records, testimonials, recommendation letters are not required.

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## Preparation Notes for Audition in Dance (for shortlisted applicants)

### Non-DSA Applicants - Guide to the Entrance Tests

You may refer to the local GCE 'O' level assessment books for the following subjects to familiarise yourself with the topics and exercises.

Due to Covid-19, more information will be provided to shortlisted candidates on how the tests will be conducted.

Test	Information
English Comprehension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● You will be given 5 minutes to read the instructions carefully, and 1 hour 15 minutes to complete the test</li><li>● Based on an expository text, answer a variety of questions testing close reading and comprehension skills, vocabulary in context and the use of language for impact</li><li>● Response Writing – responding to an author's key arguments</li></ul>
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● You will be given 5 minutes to read the instructions carefully, and 1 hour 30 minutes to complete the test</li><li>● No calculator or Graphic Display Calculator is allowed</li><li>● Candidates must complete 11 problem-solving questions that carry a total of 90 marks</li><li>● The topics that will be covered are as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Prior Knowledge of Year 1 to 4 Mathematics (Elementary Mathematics and some Additional Mathematics) is required</li><li>○ Functions and Graphs</li><li>○ Quadratic Functions and Graphs</li><li>○ Nature of roots for Quadratic Functions</li><li>○ Logarithms</li><li>○ Trigonometry: Identities, Double Angle Formula and Trigonometric Graphs</li><li>○ Differentiation of Polynomials, Exponential and Logarithmic Functions</li><li>○ Applications of Differentiation: Increasing and Decreasing Functions and Equations of Tangents and Normals</li><li>○ Integration of Polynomials</li><li>○ Applications of Integration: Area</li></ul></li></ul>

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**Preparation Notes for Audition in Dance (for shortlisted applicants)**  
**International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP)**  
**DSA-JC and Non-DSA Year 5 Applicants**

**What Shortlisted Applicants Will Experience During the Talent Academy**

If shortlisted, you will be required to participate in and complete the following compulsory activities online:

1. Online Questionnaires
2. Panel interview
3. Dance Auditions:
  - a. Demonstrate movement combinations (a movement combination video will be provided prior to the audition for you to learn)
  - b. Participate in a Dance Improvisation task with a written reflective component (this will be given on the day of your audition)
  - c. Artform interview (a survey will be sent prior to the audition for us to get to know you better)

**How to Prepare for Dance Audition**

Below are some pointers on how to prepare for the audition.

Preparation for the Audition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Condition and strengthen your body for the movements that you need to demonstrate.</li> <li>• Learn and memorise movement combinations in the video provided.</li> <li>• Practise the movement combinations and be ready to show them during the audition.</li> </ul>
On the Audition Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Come with an open mind; be ready to perform and be willing to try the activities prepared for you in the audition.</li> <li>• Be dressed in the appropriate dance gear and be neatly groomed.</li> <li>• Approach the audition like a public performance</li> </ul>
Attire (Annex A)	<p><b>Female</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leotard (any colour)</li> <li>• Convertible ballet tights or leggings (cut out at the soles)</li> <li>• Ballet/dance slippers</li> <li>• A towel and something to keep warm (e.g. a tracksuit)</li> <li>• Hair should be pulled away from the face and neatly tied into a bun</li> </ul> <p><b>Male</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form-fitting sleeveless top (any colour)</li> <li>• Opaque coloured tights / bicycle shorts</li> <li>• White socks (lightweight sport socks – above ankle, below calf muscle)</li> <li>• Canvas ballet flats / dance slippers</li> <li>• A towel and something to keep warm (e.g. a tracksuit)</li> <li>• Hair should be neatly groomed</li> </ul>

**Annex A**

**Attire and Poses for the 4R photographs  
Attire for Audition Day**

**Female Applicants**



**Male Applicants**





## **Annex B**

Guide to uploading and compressing videos and/or documents for submission via the TA Portal

### **1 How do I upload videos and files to Google drive?**

You may refer to the [Google Support page](#) for assistance

#### **Direct Link:**

<https://support.google.com/drive/answer/2424368?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>

#### **Google Search Engine**

In google search engine, type the following keywords: How to upload files or folders to google drive

### **2 How do I upload videos to YouTube?**

You may refer to the [YouTube Support page](#) for assistance

#### **Direct Link:**

[https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/57407?hl=en&ref\\_topic=7505892](https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/57407?hl=en&ref_topic=7505892)

#### **Google Search Engine**

In google search engine, type the following keywords: How to upload video to YouTube

### **3 How do I convert, compress or merge documents to PDF?**

There are many free online websites you can use. Below are a few suggestions. Please note that SOTA is not affiliated to any of these sites. The links below will bring you to an external website not hosted by SOTA.

a. Convert word document to pdf document

1. [www.freepdfconvert.com](http://www.freepdfconvert.com)
2. <https://smallpdf.com/word-to-pdf>

b. Compress / Resize pdf documents

1. [http://www.ilovepdf.com/compress\\_pdf](http://www.ilovepdf.com/compress_pdf)

c. Merge individual pdf documents into 1 document

2. [http://www.ilovepdf.com/merge\\_pdf](http://www.ilovepdf.com/merge_pdf)