

### **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**

#### 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 1 Theatre Applicants**  
**DSA-Secondary and DSA-Secondary (Non-MOE)**

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Items</b>  |
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| 5.         | All Shortlisted Applicants – What You Will Experience During the TA                                   |
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## Talent Academy 2020 - Important Dates to Note

| Date                                    | For   | What to Do   |
|---|---|--|
| 3 April to 23 May 2020<br>5:00 pm (SGT) | All Applicants  | <b>Apply Online</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Register</b> for an account and <b>submit</b> the application online via the <a href="#">TA Portal</a></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>• Applicants are advised to submit their applications 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> <li>• You are <b>not</b> required to submit a separate application to SOTA via MOE's DSA-Sec Portal</li> </ul>   |
| 12 May to 5 June 2020 <i>*new</i>       | All <b>DSA-Sec (Non-MOE)</b> Applicants only                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Obtain</b> a DSA Registration Number <u>online</u>.</li> <li>• <b>Singapore Citizens / Singapore Permanent Residents:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fill out and submit the form via this link: <a href="https://form.gov.sg/#!/5e8edfb42e0ab80011c19247">https://form.gov.sg/#!/5e8edfb42e0ab80011c19247</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>International Students:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fill out and submit the form via this link: <a href="https://form.gov.sg/#!/5ea0fc4e5ab4a3001167c64d">https://form.gov.sg/#!/5ea0fc4e5ab4a3001167c64d</a></li> </ul> </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.</p> |
| 8 June 2020<br>6:00 pm (SGT)            | All Applicants  | <b>Log in</b> to the TA Portal to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>check</b> the status of your Shortlisting Outcome</li> </ul>  |
| 8 June to 14 June 2020                  | Shortlisted <b>DSA-Sec (Non-MOE)</b> Applicants only          | <b>Log in</b> to the TA Portal to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>upload</b> your latest 2020 results, if any</li> <li>• <b>Skip</b> this process if you do not have any latest results to upload</li> </ul>  |
| 8 June to 14 June 2020                  | All Shortlisted Applicants                                    | <b>Log in</b> to the TA Portal to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>download</b> the Prescribed Monologues (click on the 'announcement' tab to download)</li> </ul>   |
| 16 June 2020<br>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>DSA-Sec (Non-MOE)</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> <li>• <b>Modes</b> of payment to be advised</li> </ul>   |
| 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>   |
| 11 September 2020, 6:00 pm (SGT)        | All Shortlisted Applicants                                    | <b>Log in</b> to the TA Portal and <b>check</b> the status of your final TA Outcome (Confirmed Offer, Wait List, or Unsuccessful)  |
| October 2020 (tbc)                      | Confirmed Offers and Wait List Applicants                     | <b>Attend</b> SOTA's Cohort and Parents' Engagement Programme  |
| October 2020 (tbc)                      | <b>DSA-Sec</b> Confirmed Offers and Wait List Applicants only | <b>Exercise</b> your option and <b>indicate</b> SOTA during the DSA-Secondary Exercise School Preference Stage   |
| October 2020 (tbc)                      | <b>DSA-Sec (Non-MOE)</b> Confirmed Offers Applicants only     | <b>Exercise</b> your option and <b>indicate</b> SOTA during the DSA Secondary Exercise School Preference Stage at the MOE Customer Service Centre  |
| November 2020 (tbc)                     | <b>DSA-Sec</b> Confirmed Offers and Wait List Applicants only | <b>Release</b> of the PSLE and School Posting Results at your Primary School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You must qualify for the Express stream in order to be posted to SOTA</li> </ul>   |
| November 2020 (tbc)                     | <b>DSA-Sec (Non-MOE)</b> Confirmed Offers Applicants only     | <b>Collect</b> your School Posting Result at the MOE Customer Service Centre   |
| December 2020 (tbc)                     | Applicants who are Successfully Enrolled to SOTA              | <b>Complete</b> your registration online   |

**TALENT ACADEMY 2020****Checklist for Submission of Supporting Documents to be uploaded via the TA Portal**

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

| <b>FOR DSA-Sec and DSA-Sec (Non-MOE) Applicants</b> |   |                              |                                 |                                     |
|---|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>No.</b>  | <b>Document Title<br/>(to be uploaded directly to the TA Portal)</b>  | <b>Maximum<br/>File Size</b> | <b>Acceptable<br/>File Type</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1   | <p><b>Applicant's Identification Document</b></p> <p>Singaporeans<br/>Birth Certificate or Citizenship Certificate</p> <p>Singapore Permanent Residents<br/>Passport and Re-Entry Permit</p> <p>Foreigners<br/>Studying in Singapore: Passport and Dependant or Student Pass<br/>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><b>A. DSA-Secondary Applicants</b><br/>3 April to 23 May<br/>For <b>all</b> applicants: Primary 5 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>8 June to 14 June<br/><a href="#">No actions required</a></p> <p><b>B. DSA-Secondary (Non-MOE) Applicants</b><br/>3 April to 23 May<br/>For <b>all</b> applicants: Grade 5 mid-year and end-of-year results. All original transcripts not in English should be accompanied with a translated document.</p> <p>8 June to 14 June<br/>For <b>Shortlisted</b> applicants only: Log in to the TA Portal and upload your Grade 6 mid-year or any latest 2020 results (if any). 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><b>DSA-Secondary Applicants Only</b> (if applicable):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mother Tongue Language In-Lieu Letter issued by MOE</li> <li>Mother Tongue Language Exemption Letter issued by MOE</li> </ul>   | 1 MB                         | PDF                             |                                     |

**Note:**

- It takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour to complete the entire application for **ONE** (1) artform, 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 Theatre (for all applicants) DSA-Secondary and DSA-Secondary (Non-MOE) Applicants

Pupils specialising in Theatre will embark on a learning journey that includes aspects of performing, directing, playwriting, critique, stage management and production design.

Pupils will gain a creative appreciation and respect for a wide range of theatre traditions, dramatic styles, forms, processes, practises, conventions, and values through practical experience and develop their creative voice and vocabulary. They will discover the value of theatre in a range of social and cultural contexts, and develop skills and values for theatre-making and lifelong learning.

You do not need formal training and/or experience in order to apply for Theatre. We are looking for applicants who are imaginative, enthusiastic, expressive, open-minded and flexible thinkers. You should be a good team player and quick learner, with a willingness to embrace the full range of the theatre experiences from back-stage roles to acting, script-writing and design. A good command of English, spoken and written, is a key pre-requisite. An interest in literature and the arts is essential.

#### What to Submit for Theatre Portfolio

Theatre applicants are required to submit a video presentation for their Theatre portfolio submission via the TA Portal.

| Item                 | Description  |
|----------------------|--|
| 1 Video Presentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The video presentation should be between <b>1 to 2</b> minutes</li><li>• The video should feature you talking about your experiences, interests, and aspirations in Theatre, and why you would like to join SOTA's Theatre Programme</li><li>• The video should <b>not</b> include any theatre performance as it is not a dramatic presentation</li><li>• The video should <b>not</b> be scripted</li></ul> <p>Below are some questions that you can consider addressing in your video presentation. You need not address all of the questions provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What most interests you about Theatre?</li><li>• What experiences have you had watching theatre, and what did you appreciate about them?</li><li>• What experiences have you had participating in theatre or theatre training, or other forms of arts and performance? What did you appreciate about these experiences?</li><li>• What aspects of theatre are you most curious to learn about?</li><li>• What skills, abilities and traits do you have that are relevant or applicable to theatre?</li><li>• Share any future aspirations you may have in relation to theatre or other creative pursuits e.g. careers you have considered undertaking, or contributions you wish to make to society.</li></ul> <p><u>Instructions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recorded in a single take (no editing); cannot 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> |
| Note                 | <p>Supporting documents, portfolios, and photographs submitted for shortlisting will be retained for the school's records.</p> <p>Certificates, achievement records, testimonials, recommendation letters are not required.</p>  |

## TALENT ACADEMY 2020

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

#### DSA-Secondary (Non-MOE) Applicants - Guide to the Entrance Tests

You may refer to the local Primary 6 or PSLE 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 Writing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● You will be given 5 minutes to read the instructions carefully, and 45 minutes to complete the test</li><li>● Choose 1 topic out of the 5 topics given</li><li>● Write an essay on the topic you have chosen</li><li>● The essay should be between 200 and 300 words</li></ul>  |
| Mathematics     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● You will be given 5 minutes to read the instructions carefully, and 1 hour to complete the test</li><li>● No calculator or Graphic Display Calculator is allowed</li><li>● Candidates must complete 13 problem-solving questions that carry a total of 60 marks</li><li>● The topics that will be covered are as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Whole Numbers, Fractions and Decimals</li><li>○ Measurement</li><li>○ Data Analysis</li><li>○ Geometry</li><li>○ Distance, Speed and Time</li><li>○ Ratio and Percentage</li><li>○ Algebra</li></ul></li></ul> |

**TALENT ACADEMY 2020**  
**Preparation Notes for Audition in Theatre (for shortlisted applicants)**  
**DSA-Secondary and DSA-Secondary (Non-MOE) Applicants**

**What Shortlisted Applicants Will Experience During the TA**

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

1. Online Questionnaires
2. Panel Interview
3. Entrance tests (for DSA-Secondary (Non-MOE) applicants only)
4. Theatre Auditions:
  - a. Group Activity - Theatre Workshop
  - b. Monologue Presentation
  - c. Artform Interview

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

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Group Activity – Theatre workshop | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Online Group discussion with 3-4 candidates</li> <li>● Participate in discussion and tasks that challenge them in the areas of imagination, expressiveness and ability to engage.</li> </ul>  |
| Performance Presentation          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● You should come with an open mind.</li> <li>● Costumes and props are not necessary.</li> </ul> <p>During the audition, the panelists will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Coach and direct in such a way to test your ability in performance.</li> <li>● Offer different suggestions for physical and vocal expression.</li> <li>● Assess your interpretation, creativity, flexibility, and expressiveness.</li> <li>● You may also be asked to dramatically read aloud another given text on the spot.</li> <li>● You may be asked to spontaneously tell a story from your life experience e.g. most embarrassing moment.</li> </ul> |
| Interview                         | A panel interview with Theatre teachers to ascertain your passion for theatre and your ability to communicate and express yourself.  |

## What to prepare for Theatre Audition

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| Group Activity – Theatre workshop | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No preparation is required</li> </ul>   |
| Performance Presentation          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You will be required to choose <b>1</b> prescribed monologue from a selection provided by SOTA.</li> <li>The selection of monologues will be available for download via the TA Portal on <b>8 June 2020</b>.</li> </ul> <p><u>Choosing the Monologue</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The selection of monologues varies in complexity and style of language.</li> <li>A monologue that the you have selected should make you feel excited about presenting it.</li> <li>It should be interesting and meaningful to you.</li> <li>It is important to choose a text that you are comfortable speaking and performing.</li> <li>No monologues/texts from other sources or personal adaptations are allowed.</li> </ul> <p><u>Memorise the lines</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is vital that you memorise your lines from the chosen text. This should be done well in advance.</li> <li>You should allow yourself time to experiment with ways to incorporate movement, gesture and vocal expression into your interpretation of the text.</li> <li>You are not expected to develop it into a finished product.</li> <li>You should come with an openness to present the text in a range of ways.</li> </ul> <p><u>Practice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rehearse with the text in an open space; experimenting with different ways to block the scene.</li> <li>Avoid pacing endlessly while speaking, or simply standing still on the spot. You should try playing with various movement choices.</li> <li>Practise in front of other people so that you are accustomed to performing for an audience.</li> <li>Practise sharing it aloud, not just 'in my head'.</li> <li>Practising in different styles and with different effects e.g. perform the whole monologue angrily, happily, impatiently, riding a bike, climbing a mountain, etc. This will help you to be prepared for any possible suggestions given to you by the panel.</li> <li>Practise cold-readings (reading without practice) of dramatic texts or poems.</li> </ul> |
| Interview                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You will be asked questions about your knowledge, interests, and aspirations in Theatre.</li> <li>It will be advantageous if you can talk about theatre experiences, including those that you have participated or watched.</li> <li>If you have not watched any theatre performance, it would be very valuable to take the time to watch some before the audition so that you have something to refer to.</li> <li>You may ask your parents, siblings or peers to interview you about your interests in theatre and the arts.</li> </ul>   |



## **Annex A**

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)