

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 Visual Arts Applicants
DSA-Secondary and DSA-Secondary (Non-MOE)

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Talent Academy 2020 - Important Dates to Note

Date	For	What to Do
3 April to 23 May 2020 5:00 pm (SGT)	All Applicants	<p>Apply Online</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register for an account and submit the application online via the TA Portal • Application closes on 23 May 2020, 5:00 pm (SGT) • 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 • You are not required to submit a separate application to SOTA via MOE's DSA-Sec Portal
12 May to 5 June 2020 <i>*new</i>	All DSA-Sec (Non-MOE) Applicants only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain a DSA Registration Number <u>online</u>. • Singapore Citizens / Singapore Permanent Residents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fill out and submit the form via this link: https://form.gov.sg/#!/5e8edfb42e0ab80011c19247 • International Students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fill out and submit the form via this link: https://form.gov.sg/#!/5ea0fc4e5ab4a3001167c64d <p>13 May - 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 https://go.gov.sg/nmsdsa-sec-application for more details.</p>
8 June 2020 6:00 pm (SGT)	All Applicants	<p>Log in to the TA Portal to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • check the status of your Shortlisting Outcome
8 June to 14 June 2020 12:00 noon (SGT)	Shortlisted DSA-Sec (Non-MOE) Applicants only	<p>Log in to the TA Portal to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • upload your latest 2020 results, if any • Skip this process if you do not have any latest results to upload
8 June to 19 June 2020 <i>*new</i>	All Shortlisted Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit scanned copies of your Visual Art Portfolio • Check the 'announcement' tab in the TA Portal on how to submit from 8 June 6:00 pm (SGT) onwards
16 June 2020 6:00 pm (SGT)	All Shortlisted Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Log in to the TA Portal and download your TA schedule • Check your TA schedule to find out your allocated audition days/dates • Check the 'announcement' tab for more information about your TA
23 June to 18 July 2020	Shortlisted DSA-Sec (Non-MOE) Applicants only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the English and Mathematics entrance tests online • Make payment of S\$30.00 for the entrance tests fee • Modes of payment to be advised
23 June to 18 July 2020	All Shortlisted Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete all scheduled TA activities online comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individual auditions or portfolio presentations ○ Panel Interviews ○ Online Questionnaires <p>More information will be shared with shortlisted applicants about how the activities will be conducted.</p> <p>11 May 2020: 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	<p>Log in to the TA Portal and check the status of your final TA Outcome (Confirmed Offer, Wait List, or Unsuccessful)</p>
October 2020 (tbc)	Confirmed Offers and Wait List Applicants	Attend SOTA's Cohort and Parents' Engagement Programme
October 2020 (tbc)	DSA-Sec Confirmed Offers and Wait List Applicants only	Exercise your option and indicate SOTA during the DSA-Secondary Exercise School Preference Stage
October 2020 (tbc)	DSA-Sec (Non-MOE) Confirmed Offers Applicants only	Exercise your option and indicate SOTA during the DSA Secondary Exercise School Preference Stage at the MOE Customer Service Centre

November 2020 (tbc)	DSA-Sec Confirmed Offers and Wait List Applicants only	Release of the PSLE and School Posting Results at your Primary School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must qualify for the Express stream in order to be posted to SOTA
November 2020 (tbc)	DSA-Sec (Non-MOE) Confirmed Offers Applicants only	Collect your School Posting Result at the MOE Customer Service Centre
December 2020 (tbc)	Applicants who are Successfully Enrolled to SOTA	Complete your registration online

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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)

FOR DSA-Sec and DSA-Sec (Non-MOE) Applicants				
No.	Document Title (to be uploaded directly to the TA Portal)	Maximum File Size	Acceptable File Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1	Applicant's Identification Document Singaporeans Birth Certificate or Citizenship Certificate Singapore Permanent Residents Passport and Re-Entry Permit Foreigners Studying in Singapore: Passport and Dependant or Student Pass Studying overseas: Passport	1 MB	PDF	
2	1 recent passport-sized colour photograph <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Should be taken against plain white background• <u>Do not</u> upload a full-length photograph	2 MB	JPEG, JPG	
3	Academic Results A. DSA-Secondary Applicants 3 April to 23 May For all applicants: Primary 5 mid-year and end-of-year results. 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. 8 June to 14 June No actions required B. DSA-Secondary (Non-MOE) Applicants 3 April to 23 May For all applicants: Grade 5 mid-year and end-of-year results. All original transcripts not in English should be accompanied with a translated document. 8 June to 14 June For Shortlisted 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.	2 MB	PDF	
4	DSA-Secondary Applicants Only (if applicable): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mother Tongue Language In-Lieu Letter issued by MOE• Mother Tongue Language Exemption Letter issued by MOE	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 Art Task Submission in Visual Arts
(for all applicants) DSA-Secondary and DSA-Secondary
(Non-MOE) Applicants

SOTA offers students specializing in Visual Arts the opportunity to develop deep knowledge and understanding in the techniques, theory, and history of visual arts. Students will develop analytical and critical abilities as they learn to investigate, annotate, and document their ideas and processes, in art making.

You may apply for Visual Arts if you demonstrate talent or potential in areas on 2-dimensional (2D) work, such as drawing and painting or design; 3-dimensional (3D) work, such as sculpture and ceramics; or electronic- or lens-based work, such as media arts or photography.

What to Submit for Visual Arts Art Task

With effect from 2020, Visual Arts applicants need not submit their portfolio at the shortlisting stage. All applicants are required to submit the **Art Task** for their Visual Arts submission via the TA Portal.

Item	Description
Art Task in A3 Size (29.7cm x 42.0cm)	<p>Applicants are to produce an original pencil drawing of the following subject:</p> <p>Fruits and Vegetables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The drawing should demonstrate observational skills and technical control in pencil drawing (e.g. shading, line work and tonal value). • Please use only graphite pencils and white A3 paper (29.7cm x 42.0cm). DO NOT use other medium, e.g. colour pencils, pen. If you do not have access to A3 paper due to Covid-19, you may use a blank paper of a similar size (a slight difference in size is acceptable). • The drawing should be executed from 3 April 2020 onwards. DO NOT submit work completed before 3 April 2020. • There is no time limit but it is recommended that the applicant does not spend more than 2 – 4 hours on this task. • The artwork must contain both fruits and vegetables. There is no limit to the number of fruits or vegetables. • If the fruits and vegetables are set-up against a backdrop or include props such as basket or chair, the drawing must capture these as well. <p>IMPORTANT: Shortlisted applicants are to present the original work during the Talent Academy interview. You will not be able to proceed with the Talent Academy if you are unable to produce the original work.</p> <p><u>Instructions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photograph or scan the artwork in high resolution and save as .pdf • Review and sign the Declaration of Authenticity Form (refer to Annex A) • Save the image of the artwork using the filename: <name of applicant>_Art Task_<date completed> • Combine the artwork and Declaration of Authenticity (Annex A) as 1 .pdf file (file size should not exceed 10MB; or • Save the artwork and Declaration of Authenticity (Annex A) into 1 folder • Upload the .pdf file or folder to Google Drive • Privacy Setting: 'Anyone with the link' • Paste the shared link of the file/folder on the TA Portal in the 'Uploaded to External Site URL' fields
Note	<p>Supporting documents, artwork, and photograph submitted for shortlisting will be retained for the school's records.</p> <p>Certificates, achievement records, testimonials, recommendation letters are not required.</p>

You are only required to submit 1 artwork of the fruits and vegetables art task together with the signed copy of the Declaration of Authenticity Form (Annex A) for your TA application from 3 April to 23 May, 5:00 pm (SGT).

The section to paste the URL of the above on the TA Portal is indicated as 'Visual Arts Portfolio Submission'. You are **not** required to submit any other artworks at this juncture.

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

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

What Shortlisted Applicants Will Experience During the Talent Academy

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

1. Online Questionnaire
2. Panel Interview
3. Entrance Tests (for DSA Secondary (Non-MOE) applicants only)
4. Uploading of Portfolio online between 8 June to 19 June 2020, 12:00 pm (SGT)
5. Online Visual Arts Auditions:
 - a. Creative Problem-Solving Activity
 - b. Portfolio Interview

Activity	Description
Activity: Online Creative Problem-Solving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will be assessed on camera for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Engagement with activity b. Ability to demonstrate skills and problem-solving approach towards the activity c. Approach towards problem-solving • You should be prepared to share with the panelists about your approach and various considerations made. • A list of basic materials will be given to you prior to the activity.
Online Portfolio Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will be assessed for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Imagination b. Research and idea development c. Technical ability d. Engagement during the interview e. Communication of ideas, processes, and personal opinions • You should be prepared to share with the panelists on camera about: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Your Art Task submitted during the application stage. b. Your ability to demonstrate your basic drawing skills live on camera. c. Your art portfolio – more information about your art portfolio on the next page d. The extent and diversity of your explorations and experimentation in the visual form e. Your responses towards the selected topic/theme and reflection on the different approaches taken f. Involvement in visual art-related projects or activities you may have undertaken in school or during your own time g. Note: Due to the time limit, you are to have the 10 works which you have submitted online with you during the interview and show on camera upon request from the panelists.

What Shortlisted Applicants Must Prepare for the Portfolio Interview

Item	Description
Final Artworks Portfolio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10 final artworks completed within 2018 – 2020 ● You must include the Art Task submitted in your Talent Academy application ● You may include at least 3 artworks produced in your primary school ● You may include artworks done in a variety of mediums, such as media works, design works, jewellery pieces and ceramics <p><u>Selecting the Artworks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Key qualities that the interview panel will look for include: a keen sense of observation, imagination, inspiration, and self-motivation ● You should include in your portfolio, where possible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 5 artworks based on observation. These should show your ability to observe and achieve realism and details. The images should not be direct copies of copyrighted works, e.g. popular characters from cartoons, comics, or manga b. 5 artworks based on imagination. These should demonstrate your ability to imagine and create original works from your sketches. These need not be in detail but could have ideas incorporated from other works, e.g. a creative combination of observed objects c. In the above you could include some artworks that reveal where you derive your inspiration from. Others may demonstrate a range of your technical skills. The mediums could be 2D, such as drawing and painting; 3D, such as sculpture and ceramics; or electronic- or lens-based, such as photography and video <p><u>Submission of Portfolio between 8 June to 19 June, 12:00 pm (GST)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scan all artworks and save into 1 PDF ● Upload the PDF to Google Drive ● Log in to the TA Portal on 8 June and check the 'announcement' tab for the link to the Google Form ● Fill out the Google Form and submit <p><u>Each artwork should come with the following information:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Title of artwork ● Dimensions of artwork in centimeters (e.g. height, width and depth) ● Date of completion and/or duration of execution ● A short description of each artwork
OPTIONAL: Sketchbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 sketchbook created between 2018 – 2020 ● Sketches may include documentation of processes, trials or experiments with mediums ● Sketches may be a compilation of quick drawings and/or reflections in a file or book format <p><u>Submission of Sketchbook between 8 June to 19 June, 12:00 pm (GST) (Optional)</u></p> <p><u>Instructions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scan all sketchbook pages <u>as part of your portfolio PDF</u> ● Upload the PDF to Google Drive ● Log in to the TA Portal on 8 June and check the 'announcement' tab for the link to the Google Form ● Fill out the Google Form and submit <p><u>The sketchbook should come with the following information:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Title of each image and/or sketchbook (if any) ● Date of completion and/or duration of execution

Note:

1. There should only be one PDF uploaded to the Google Drive via the link provided in the Google Form. The PDF will comprise the Final Artworks Portfolio **OR** the Final Artworks Portfolio and 1 sketchbook (OPTIONAL) combined into 1 PDF.
2. The TA Panel reserves the right not to view artworks beyond the stated number.
3. The TA Panel will only consider artworks uploaded prior to the Portfolio Interview session.

Annex A

**TALENT ACADEMY 2020
VISUAL ARTS
DSA-SEC / DSA-SEC (NON-MOE) APPLICANTS**

DECLARATION OF AUTHENTICITY

Instructions

- a. To be completed by the applicant's parent or legal guardian
- b. Complete and sign the Declaration of Authenticity
- c. Upload the artwork (art task) and Declaration of Authenticity to Google Drive
- d. Privacy Setting: 'Anyone with the link'
- e. Paste the shared link on the TA Portal in the 'Uploaded to External Site URL' field

Applicant's Full Name: (As per birth certificate /Re-Entry Permit/Passport /Student Pass)	
Title of Artwork:	

I hereby declare that the art task* submitted for my child/ward's application via the TA Portal was 100% drawn and completed by my child/ward from 3rd of April 2020 to the date of submission.

*as described on page 4 of the Preparation Notes and Checklist for Visual Arts DSA-Sec and DSA-Sec (Non-MOE) applicants.

Parent's/Guardian's Full Name
(Father / Mother / Others: _____)

Signature/Date

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

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
2. <https://smallpdf.com/word-to-pdf>

b. Compress / Resize pdf documents

1. http://www.ilovepdf.com/compress_pdf

c. Merge individual pdf documents into 1 document

2. http://www.ilovepdf.com/merge_pdf