

**Talent Academy 2022
Preparation Notes and Checklist for Year 5 Theatre Applicants
International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP)
DSA-JC and Non-DSA**

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TALENT ACADEMY 2022**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 8 April 12:00 noon to 17 May 2022, 5:00 pm (SGT)

No	Document Title (to be uploaded directly to the TA Portal)	Maximum File Size	File Type
1	<p>Applicant's Identification Document</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 residing in Singapore</u> Passport and Dependant's or Student Pass</p>	1 MB	PDF
2	<p>1 recent passport-sized colour photograph</p> <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	<p>Academic Results</p> <p><u>8 April to 17 May (All Applicants)</u></p> <p>DSA-JC: Sec 3E/4NA End-of-Year results.</p> <p>Non-DSA: 2021 academic results. All original transcripts not in English should be accompanied with a translated document.</p> <p><u>June – date to be confirmed (Shortlisted Applicants Only)</u></p> <p>DSA-JC: Log in to the TA Portal and upload your Sec 4E/5NA mid-year result. Please make a photocopy of your results before returning your reportbook to your primary school. If you did not make a copy, you may request for one from your school. The General Office is open during the school term break.</p> <p>Non-DSA: Log in to the TA Portal and upload your most recent 2022 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"> ● Mother Tongue Language In-Lieu Letter ● Mother Tongue Language Exemption Letter 	1 MB	PDF

Note:

- It takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour to complete the entire application for **ONE** (1) artform, provided that the portfolio submission and all supporting documents 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 towards the close of the application period
- Incomplete applications will be disqualified. Appeals for late submissions will not be considered

The TA Portal opens from 8 April 12:00 noon to 17 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.

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Preparation Notes for Portfolio Submission in Theatre (for all applicants)

International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP)

DSA-JC and Non-DSA Year 5 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, practices, 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.

SOTA offers the IB Career-related Programme (IBCP) in Year 5 and 6. IBCP pupils engage in a programme of study that equips them with transferable and lifelong skills in applied knowledge, critical thinking, communication, and cross-cultural engagement to prepare them for professions in the field of theatre.

Pupils applying to enter the school at Year 5 are expected to have some significant theatre experience. In addition to training or production experience, we are also looking for passion, drive and advanced theatrical skill in acting, theatre-making and possibly other aspects of theatre i.e., playwriting or design.

To apply, you must be an imaginative, enthusiastic, expressive, open-minded, and flexible thinker. You should also 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, society and the arts is essential. You should also possess strong research and organizational skills, and strong theatre disciplines.

What to Submit for the Theatre Portfolio

Item	Description
Video Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The video presentation should be between 3 to 4 minutes• 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• The video should <u>not</u> include any theatre performance as it is not a dramatic presentation <p>Below are some questions that you can consider addressing in your video presentation. You need not address all the questions provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What most interests you about Theatre?• What experiences have you had watching theatre, and what did you appreciate about them?• 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?• What aspects of theatre are you most curious to learn about?• What skills, abilities and traits do you have that are relevant or applicable to theatre?• 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.

	<p><u>Instructions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recorded in a single take (no editing); cannot be professionally produced Upload video to any video uploading websites (e.g., YouTube or Google Drive) Title of Video: Full Name_Theatre_IBCP_Presentation Privacy Setting: ensure that it is set to 'Anyone with the Link' Paste the shared link on the TA Portal in the 'Uploaded to External Site URL' field
Video Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recording of 2 contrasting scripted monologue performances Recording should be of a stage performance, not a screen performance Record and perform at a distance of at least 2 metres (to demonstrates your ability to project your voice etc) Recordings from school performances/theatre productions with other performers are <u>not</u> allowed <p><u>Instructions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record in a single take (no editing); cannot be professionally produced Save the 2 performances into 1 folder Upload folder to Google Drive Privacy Setting: ensure that it is set to 'Anyone with the link' Paste the shared link on the TA Portal in the 'Uploaded to External Site URL' field
Note	<p>Supporting documents, portfolios, and photographs submitted for shortlisting will be retained for the school's records. Certificates, achievement records, testimonials, recommendation letters are <u>not</u> required.</p>

Shortlisted Theatre applicants will be required to present a prescribed monologue at the audition. The prescribed monologue pieces to choose from will be shared with shortlisted applicants in due course.

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Entrance Tests – Information for Non-DSA IBCP applicants

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

Only shortlisted applicants are required to take the tests. More information will be shared with shortlisted candidates on how the tests will be conducted.

Test	Information
English Comprehension and Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● You will be given 5 minutes to read the instructions carefully, and 1 hour 15 minutes to complete the test● Based on an expository text, candidates will answer a variety of questions testing close reading and comprehension skills, vocabulary in context and the use of language for impact● Based on an expository text, students will respond to an author's key arguments.
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● You will be given 5 minutes to read the instructions carefully, and 1 hour 30 minutes to complete the test● No calculator or Graphic Display Calculator is allowed● Formula Booklet will be provided● Candidates must complete 10 problem-solving questions that carry a total of 80 marks● The topics that will be covered are as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Prior Knowledge of Year 1 to 4 Mathematics (Elementary Mathematics and some Additional Mathematics) is required○ Functions and Graphs○ Quadratic Functions and Graphs○ Nature of roots for Quadratic Functions○ Logarithms○ Trigonometry: Identities, Double Angle Formula and Trigonometric Graphs○ Differentiation of Polynomials, Exponential and Logarithmic Functions○ Applications of Differentiation: Increasing and Decreasing Functions and Equations of Tangents and Normals○ Integration of Polynomials○ Applications of Integration: Area

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

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.

Convert word document to pdf document

- a. www.freepdfconvert.com
- b. <https://smallpdf.com/word-to-pdf>

Compress / Resize pdf documents

- a. http://www.ilovepdf.com/compress_pdf

Merge individual pdf documents into 1 document

- b. http://www.ilovepdf.com/merge_pdf