

TALENT ACADEMY 2022
Preparation Notes and Checklist for Year 5 Film Applicants
International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)
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 |
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| 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 Film (for all applicants)

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)

DSA-JC and Non-DSA Year 5 Applicants

SOTA offers Film for students in Year 5 and 6. Students specialising in Film will explore the history, theory, and creative process of filmmaking, and delve into how meaning is constructed through film. Students will learn how film is influenced by, and is in part of a product of history, tradition, economy and society. They will acquire the technical skills, structure, discipline and social skills required in filmmaking.

SOTA's IB Diploma qualification is recognised by top universities worldwide. Armed with their IB Diploma and extensive arts portfolio, SOTA students can look forward to the arts as a career or leverage their arts-enriched educational experience to embark on diverse career options such as journalism, law, architecture and more.

Film auditions at the SOTA Talent Academy are structured to allow you to demonstrate a keen interest in the study and analysis of film. You are expected to be comfortable expressing yourself both verbally and through written argument. You should be excited by the opportunity to present your perspectives creatively using film.

To apply, you must be open to learning various aspects of film production, including scriptwriting, directing, acting, lighting, cinematography, and editing. You must be ready to learn to deconstruct film for meaning through the lens of the aspects of film theory and history that you will learn. You also need to be disciplined, and capable of working both independently and as part of a team.

You should possess strong written and spoken English language skills. You should be passionate about the arts and in film in particular.

What to Submit for the Film Portfolio

| Item | Description |
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| <p>(A) Creative Submission 1</p> <p>(1) Short Story</p> | <p>You are given the opportunity to show your ability as a visual storyteller through:</p> <p>(1) Short Film</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● A short film between 3 to 10 minutes long● Could be live-action, experimental or a documentary● It should represent your best work and be appropriate for a teenage audience● You need to have been involved in the production of the film, in one, or more, of the following roles:<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Cinematographerb. Directorc. Editord. Sound Designere. Writer● Include a write-up of no more than 200 words on your role in the production of the short film. |

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| <p>(B) Creative Submission 2</p> <p>Choose ONE (1) only</p> <p>(1) Creative Writing Sample</p> <p>(2) Creative Portfolio</p> | <p>(1) Creative Writing Sample</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit a sample of your writing no longer than THREE (3) pages and in one of the following forms: • Complete Short Story • Screenplay • Stage Play • Include a write-up of no more than 250 words explaining your ideas behind the writing. <p>(2.1) Creative Portfolio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit a sample of visual artwork, which may come in the following forms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2-dimensional (2D) works – Drawings, Paintings, etc. b. 3-dimensional (3D) works – Sculpture, Ceramics, etc. c. Digital Media works – Photography, Animation, etc. d. Mixed media works • Include a write-up of no more than 250 words explaining your ideas behind the visual artwork. <p>(2.2) Creative Portfolio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit up to ten (10) photographs of your work and a brief write-up for the collection of works • The submission should represent your best work and convey a theme or idea • Include a write-up of no more than 250 words explaining your ideas behind the photographs. <p><u>Instruction:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combine all photographs into 1 folder |
| <p>Uploading and sharing the video and/or documents for Creative Submission 1 & 2</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Stories: Typed, double-line spacing, Arial Font 12pt • Screenplays and Stage Plays: Typed, Arial Font 12pt <p><u>Video Submission</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upload video 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 <p><u>All Other Submissions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save all documents into 1 folder • File Name: Full Name_Film_IBDP_Creative Submissions • To include the title on each page (e.g., Creative Submission 1: Short Film, Creative Submission 1: Write-Up, Creative Story Submission 2: Creative Portfolio, Creative Submission 2: Creative Portfolio Write-Up) • 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 |

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| <p>(C) Personal Story</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Describe in not more than 500 words, an event or incident which has made a difference to you or someone close to you ● This essay should not be about why or what has led you to pursue a study in film, but instead, to provide evidence of your potential as a storyteller <p><u>Instructions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Word Count: Maximum 500 words ● Format: Typed, double-line spacing, Arial Font 12pt ● File Type: .doc, .docx, .pdf ● File Name: Full Name_Film_IBDP_Personal Story ● Upload 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 |
| <p>Note(s)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. |

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Entrance Tests – Information for Non-DSA 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 |
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| 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 testBased 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 impactBased 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 testNo calculator or Graphic Display Calculator is allowedFormula Booklet will be providedCandidates must complete 10 problem-solving questions that carry a total of 80 marksThe 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 requiredFunctions and GraphsQuadratic Functions and GraphsNature of roots for Quadratic FunctionsLogarithmsTrigonometry: Identities, Double Angle Formula and Trigonometric GraphsDifferentiation of Polynomials, Exponential and Logarithmic FunctionsApplications of Differentiation: Increasing and Decreasing Functions and Equations of Tangents and NormalsIntegration of PolynomialsApplications of Integration: Area |
| Biology | <ul style="list-style-type: none">You will be given 5 minutes to read the instructions carefully, and 1 hour to complete the paper.The paper consists of 2 sections. Section A contains multiple-choice questions. Section B contains short-answer and extended-response questions. The paper carries a total of 40 marks.The topics include cells, movement of substances, nutrients, enzymes, nutrition in humans, transport in plants, heredity, molecular genetics, photosynthesis, cell respiration, gas exchange, circulatory system, homeostasis and nervous system.A calculator is required for Section B of this paper. |
| Chemistry | <ul style="list-style-type: none">You will be given 5 minutes to read the instructions carefully, and 1 hour to complete the paper.The paper consists of 2 sections. Section A contains multiple-choice questions. Section B contains short-answer and extended-response questions. The paper carries a total of 40 marks.The topics include kinetic particle theory, measurement and experimental techniques, elements, compounds and mixtures, the periodic table, atomic structure, chemical bonding and structure, stoichiometric relationships, acids, bases and salts, energetics, chemical kinetics, equilibrium, redox processes, the atmosphere and environment and organic chemistry.A calculator is required for Section B of this paper.The periodic table and names of elements will be provided. |

Physics

- You will be given 5 minutes to read the instructions carefully, and 1 hour to complete the paper.
- The paper consists of 2 sections. Section A contains multiple-choice questions. Section B contains short-answer and extended-response questions. The paper carries a total of 40 marks.
- The topics include physical quantities and measurements, temperature and transfer of thermal energy, kinetic theory and thermal properties of matter, vectors and kinematics, dynamics, energy, work and power, other effects of forces, waves and electromagnetic spectrum, light, electric field and current of electricity, electric circuits, electric power, magnetism, electromagnetic induction and atomic structure and radioactivity.
- A calculator is required for Section B of this paper.
- A list of constants, multipliers, circuit symbols and formulas will be provided.

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