

**TALENT ACADEMY 2022**  
**Preparation Notes and Checklist for Year 5 Music 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
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 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"> <li>● Should be taken against plain white background</li> <li>● <u>Do not</u> upload a full-length photograph</li> </ul>	2 MB	JPEG, JPG
3	<p><b>Academic Results</b></p> <p><u>8 April to 17 May (All Applicants)</u></p> <p><b>DSA-JC:</b> Sec 3E/4NA End-of-Year results.</p> <p><b>Non-DSA:</b> 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><b>DSA-JC:</b> 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 report book 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><b>Non-DSA:</b> 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"> <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) 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.

## TALENT ACADEMY 2022

### Preparation Notes for Portfolio Submission in Music (for all applicants)

#### International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)

#### DSA-JC and Non-DSA Year 5 Applicants

Students specialising in Music will experience the spectrum of music, from voice and instrumental study, to music theory and analysis, and composition. They will discover music from around the world and examine the development of music across traditions and history. They will also develop craft, perspective and dispositions of a musician, which will enrich their journey in any field beyond SOTA.

SOTA's IB Diploma qualification is recognized by top universities worldwide. Armed with their IB Diploma and extensive arts portfolio, SOTA pupils 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.

To apply, you will need to have a range of musical experiences. You need to be highly motivated and committed to embracing all aspects of music study including the creative, technical, historical, and theoretical facets. You will be expected to be imaginative, enthusiastic, expressive, co-operative, open-minded and flexible thinkers, and self-driven learners. A strong command of the English, spoken and written, is a key pre-requisite. A keen interest in all aspects of the arts is clearly essential.

In addition to being strong performers on your instruments, you need to have a good knowledge of Western analysis and music theory and need to be able to read bass, alto, and treble clef. You also need to be able to demonstrate an ability to create music yourself. You are also expected to have some awareness of non-western music cultures.

### What to Submit for the Music Portfolio

Item	Description
(1) Video recordings on your principal instrument	<p><u>For all applicants (except voice):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Video recordings of a contrasting programme that demonstrate your best performance qualities.</li><li>• The duration of the programme should be <b>between 10-15 minutes</b> in total</li><li>• Select the pieces with great care. Present the pieces of contrasting nature, which display your musicianship and technical proficiency</li></ul> <p><u>For voice applicants only:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Video recordings of performances which demonstrate your performance qualities</li><li>• The duration of the programme should be <b>between 8-10 minutes</b> in total</li><li>• If you applied as a Western Classical singer, the presented songs / arias must be in at least two (2) different Western languages</li><li>• A choir piece will not be accepted</li><li>• Select the pieces with great care. Present the pieces of contrasting nature, which display your musicianship and technical proficiency</li></ul> <p><u>For all applicants (including voice):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You <u>must</u> present your programme with an accompanist if the pieces require one</li><li>• Accompanists are <u>not</u> required for piano, traditional Chinese instrumentalists and traditional Indian instrumentalists</li><li>• Applicants are allowed to perform with a recording of the accompanist as a backing track. This is applicable to all singers and instrumentalists who require an accompanist</li><li>• Submission of music scores of the works you have recorded</li><li>• Select the pieces with great care. Present the pieces of contrasting nature, which display your musicianship and technical proficiency</li></ul> <p><u>Jazz Instrumental Studies:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You may apply for Jazz Instrumental Studies through the following instruments only:</li><li>• Bass</li><li>• Guitar</li><li>• Piano</li><li>• Saxophone</li><li>• Voice</li></ul>

(2) Portfolio of 2 compositions	<p><b>Each</b> composition should consist of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum <b>three (3) minutes</b> long and maximum of <b>six (6) minutes</b></li> <li>• To include music scores and recordings</li> <li>• Live recording is preferred but a midi version is acceptable</li> </ul>
Uploading and sharing the video, audio and/or documents	<p><u>Instructions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Videos must be recorded in a single take (no editing) and cannot be professionally produced</li> <li>• <b>Save</b> videos, audios, music scores into 1 folder</li> <li>• <b>Name</b> the folder with your full name</li> <li>• <b>Upload</b> the folder to Google Drive</li> <li>• <b>Privacy Setting:</b> ensure that it is set to 'Anyone with the Link'</li> <li>• <b>Paste</b> the shared link of the folder on the TA Portal in the 'Uploaded to External Site URL' fields</li> </ul>
Note(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting documents, portfolios, and photographs submitted for shortlisting will be retained for the school's records.</li> <li>• Certificates, achievement records, testimonials, recommendation letters are <u>not</u> required.</li> <li>• 'Principal instrument' refers to the instrument on which you are most comfortable to perform and audition for SOTA. You will not be permitted to switch your principal instrument upon acceptance into SOTA.</li> </ul>

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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
English Comprehension and Writing	<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, candidates will answer a variety of questions testing close reading and comprehension skills, vocabulary in context and the use of language for impact</li><li>Based on an expository text, students will respond 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>Formula Booklet will be provided</li><li>Candidates must complete 10 problem-solving questions that carry a total of 80 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>
Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>You will be given 5 minutes to read the instructions carefully, and 1 hour to complete the paper.</li><li>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.</li><li>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.</li><li>A calculator is required for Section B of this paper.</li></ul>
Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>You will be given 5 minutes to read the instructions carefully, and 1 hour to complete the paper.</li><li>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.</li><li>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.</li><li>A calculator is required for Section B of this paper.</li><li>The periodic table and names of elements will be provided.</li></ul>

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

### List of Instruments available for Application

1. Bass – Double Bass
2. Bass - Double Bass – Jazz\*
3. Bass - Electric Bass
4. Bassoon
5. Cello
6. Clarinet
7. Dizi
8. Erhu
9. Euphonium
10. Flute
11. French Horn
12. Gambus
13. Guan
14. Guitar
15. Guitar – Jazz\*
16. Guzheng
17. Harp
18. Mridangam
19. Oboe
20. Percussion - Chinese
21. Percussion - Western
22. Piano
23. Piano – Jazz\*
24. Pipa
25. Ruan
26. Saxophone
27. Saxophone – Jazz\*
28. Sheng
29. Sitar
30. Suona
31. Tablas
32. Trombone
33. Trumpet
34. Tuba
35. Veena
36. Viola
37. Violin - Carnatic
38. Violin - Western Classical
39. Voice - Carnatic
40. Voice - Chinese Traditional
41. Voice - Classical Hindustani
42. Voice – Jazz\*
43. Voice - Western Classical
44. Yangqin

\* Applicable to Year 5 Applicants only

## **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.

#### **Convert word document to pdf document**

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

#### **Compress / Resize pdf documents**

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

#### **Merge individual pdf documents into 1 document**

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