

**Talent Academy 2023
Preparation Notes and Checklist for Year 5 Dance Applicants
International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP)
DSA-JC and Non-DSA**

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(A) Checklist

(A.1) for Submission of Supporting Documents to be uploaded via the TA Portal

- 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.
- Submit your applications early, as the TA Portal may experience slower connectivity due to high traffic towards the close of the application period.
- There will be no extension of deadline for submission of application. Incomplete applications will be disqualified. Appeals for late submissions will not be considered.

S/N	Category	Document Title						
1.	DSA-JC	<p>(1) Applicant’s Identification Document</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="536 633 1441 745"> <tr> <td data-bbox="536 633 943 667">Singaporeans</td> <td data-bbox="943 633 1441 667">Birth Certificate or Citizenship Certificate</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="536 667 943 701">Singapore Permanent Residents</td> <td data-bbox="943 667 1441 701">Passport and Re-Entry Permit</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="536 701 943 734">Foreigners residing in Singapore</td> <td data-bbox="943 701 1441 734">Passport and Dependant or Student Pass</td> </tr> </table> <p>(2) 1 Recent Passport-Sized Colour Photograph</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should be taken against plain white background. • Do not upload a full-length photograph. <p>(3) Academic Results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sec 3E or 4NA EOY result slips. <p>(4) Mother Tongue Language In-Lieu Letter issued by MOE (if applicable)</p> <p>(5) Mother Tongue Language Exemption Letter issued by MOE (if applicable)</p> <p>Instructions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upload items (1) and (2) directly in the online application form via the TA Portal. • Save documents for Items (3), (4) if applicable and (5) if applicable into 1 folder. • Upload folder to Google Drive. Ensure that the privacy setting is set to ‘Anyone with the link’. Paste the shared link on the TA Portal in the ‘Uploaded to External Site URL’ field. 	Singaporeans	Birth Certificate or Citizenship Certificate	Singapore Permanent Residents	Passport and Re-Entry Permit	Foreigners residing in Singapore	Passport and Dependant or Student Pass
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(B) Preparation Notes for Portfolio Submission in Dance IBCP (for all applicants)

SOTA offers a holistic dance education through a mind-body approach. Ballet and Contemporary Dance form the basis of our physical training, and dance genres such as Chinese Dance, Malay Dance, and Indian Dance are introduced in Dance Contextual Studies and Dance Analysis. Composition and improvisation modules also allow students to hone and develop their creative voice.

SOTA offers the IB Career-related Programme (IBCP) in Year 5 and 6. IBCP students will engage in a programme of study and will equip them with transferable and lifelong skills in applied knowledge, critical thinking, communication, and cross-cultural engagement as they prepare for professional pathways and vocations in the arts.

SOTA's IBCP qualification is recognized by arts colleges and conservatories worldwide. For a list of recognized institutions, visit <https://www.sota.edu.sg/why-sota/ib>.

To apply, you will need to meet the following pre-requisites:

- Extensive training in Classical Ballet
- Extensive training in Contemporary Dance
- A high degree of self-motivation and self-discipline to embrace all aspects of dance
- Theoretical knowledge and understanding of diverse dance forms
- Advanced ability to analyze and investigate diverse dance genres
- Advanced ability to choreograph in a variety of dance styles
- Excellent standard of English (spoken and written)
- An interest in dance as a language for expression and communication is also essential

(B.1) What to Submit for the Dance Portfolio

3 Items to Submit	Description
<p>(A) 1-minute solo dance video</p> <p>(B) Dance Exercise 1 video</p> <p>(C) 2 Photos</p>	<p>(A) 1-minute solo dance video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recording of you performing a <u>solo</u> Ballet or Contemporary dance. • If the choreography requires a partner, only you will be assessed. <p>(B) Dance Exercise 1 video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • View and Learn the Dance Exercise 1 via this link: https://www.sota.edu.sg/admissions/talent-academy/ta-dsajc-da-exercises • Record a video of you performing the dance exercise. <p><u>Attire</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain, form fitting dance-practice gear (refer to Annex A). <p>(C) 2 Photos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 recent 4R full-length photos of you dressed in your dance attire, and in the dance poses as shown in Annex A. • File type: .jpeg, .jpg
How to Submit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save the 3 items in 1 folder. • Folder Name: Your Full Name. • Upload the 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.
Notes	<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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(C) Entrance Tests – Information for Non-DSA IBCP applicants

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

The entrance tests will be scheduled on 20 June. Only shortlisted Non-DSA 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

(D) Audition Details

(D.1) What You Will Experience During the Talent Academy

You will be required to participate in and complete the following compulsory activities in SOTA:

1. Entrance Tests (for Non-DSA candidates only)
2. Panel Interview and Online Questionnaires (no preparations required)
3. Dance Auditions:
 - a. Ballet Class
 - b. Contemporary Dance Class
 - c. Creative and Writing Task
 - d. Art form interview

Note: Although pre-audition video submitted can be in any genre of dance, all shortlisted applicants will undergo the above-mentioned activities in the Talent Academy.

D.2) How to Prepare for Dance Audition

Preparation for the Audition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practise Exercise 1 and check that you get stronger, more flexible and gain more control each time you practise.• Practise learning different exercise combinations in Ballet and Contemporary Dance (e.g., from online dance classes).
On the Dance Audition Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Come with an open mind; be ready and willing to try the activities prepared for you at the audition.• Be dressed in the appropriate gear and be neatly groomed.• Approach the audition as you would a public performance.
Attire (Annex A)	<p><u>Female</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leotard (any colour)• Convertible ballet tights or leggings (cut out at the soles)• Ballet/dance slippers• A towel and something to keep warm (e.g., a tracksuit)• Hair should be pulled away from the face and neatly tied into a bun <p><u>Male</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Form-fitting sleeveless top (any colour)• Opaque coloured tights /bicycle shorts• White socks (lightweight sport socks – above ankle, below calf muscle)• Canvas ballet flats/dance slippers• A towel and something to keep warm (e.g., a tracksuit)• Hair should be neatly groomed

(D.3) What to Bring

Entrance Tests (Non-DSA/Grade 10 candidates only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A copy of your TA Schedule.• Student Concession Card (studying in Singapore) or a copy of your Passport (residing overseas)• All writing materials will be provided for you.
TA Schedule 1 (Page 7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A copy of your TA Schedule.• Student Concession Card (if you're studying in Singapore) or a copy of your Passport (residing overseas).• Come in your audition attire (Annex A). You may wear a sweater/jacket and skirt/pants over your audition attire as you will be in air-conditioned venues.
TA Schedule 2 (Page 7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A copy of your TA Schedule.• Student Concession Card (if you're studying in Singapore) or a copy of your Passport (residing overseas).• Wear comfortable clothing. Bring a sweater/jacket as you will be in air-conditioned venues.• Wear comfortable clothing. Bring a sweater/jacket as you will be in air-conditioned venues. No shorts/short skirts, singlets, sandals or slippers are allowed.
Note	<p>Food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The canteen will be operating from 21 June – 23 June.• At least 1 halal stall and 1 drink stall will be operating (vegetarian stall not opened).• You may bring packed food and drink. <p>Movement & Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A group of SOTA students will be accompanying you throughout your day in SOTA.• You will also be with a group of other candidates.• Always remain with your group.• Always inform one of the SOTA students if you need to use the restroom or if you have left any items at the previous venue. Most importantly, have fun and make friends. <p>Release from SOTA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All candidates who have completed all scheduled activities for the day will return to the assembly hall.• When you're ready to leave, present your TA schedule to the SOTA staff.• The SOTA staff attending to you will stamp and date your release time on your TA Schedule.• Make your way to the level 5 gantry to exit the school. You will be asked to show your TA schedule by the security officer at the gantry for proof of stamp and release time.• You are strictly not allowed to use your mobile phone for the entire duration of the TA.

(D.4) How to Read Your TA Schedule

Below is a sample of the downloaded TA Schedule.

Talent Academy 2023 Schedule	
Name :	
Index No :	
TA Schedule 1	TA Schedule 2
Date	Date
Reporting Time	Reporting Time
Release Time	Release Time
Warm-Up Time (Music performance only)	Group
Solo Performance Time (Music performance only)	Panel
TA Schedule 3 (Not Applicable)	TA Schedule 4 (Not Applicable)
Date	Date
Reporting Time	Reporting Time
Release Time	Release Time
Warm-Up Time (Music performance only)	Group
Solo Performance Time (Music performance only)	Panel

A. How to Read Your Schedule

TA Schedule 1

- Dance: Group activities, performance and interview. Wear your dance attire.
- Film: Group activities, audition and interview. Bring your portfolio.
- Literary Arts: Group activities, portfolio presentation and interview. Bring your portfolio.
- Music (Creating): Group activities and interview.
- Music (Performance): Group activities, solo performance and interview. Bring your instrument.
- Theatre: group activities, monologue presentation and interview.
- Visual Arts: Group activities. Materials provided. Online Questionnaires. No preparations required.

TA Schedule 2

- Dance, Film, Literary Arts, Music, Theatre: Panel interview and Online Questionnaires. No preparation required.
- Visual Arts: portfolio presentation and interview. Bring your portfolio. Panel interview. No preparation required.

B. What to Bring for verification of candidates

- Candidates studying in Singapore – Student Concession card (school issued ezlink card).
- Candidates studying overseas – a copy of your passport.

C. Things to Note

- Refer to the [TA Notes](#) for more information on what to prepare and bring.
- Check the 'Announcement' page via the TA Portal for more information about your TA.

D. Reporting Venue

- Level 2 (Ground Floor) in front of the escalator.

Annex A

**Attire and Poses for the 4R photographs
Attire for Audition Day**

Female Applicants



Male Applicants



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.

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

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