



## **Direct School Admission (DSA) Exercise 2018 Community and Youth Leadership** (For Admission to Secondary 1 in 2019)

At St Gabriel's Secondary School, our mission is to shape lives for Service to God and Nation by nurturing each of our student to be a Servant Leader, Lifelong Learner and Gracious Citizen. We provide every Gabrielite with a robust and holistic experience which would equip them with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills at the end of their 4 or 5 years. Our Gabrielites will become a confident person, active contributor, concerned citizen and a self-directed learner.

We welcome students who have made a difference in the area of his strength as they lead through serving.

### **Direct School Admission – Secondary (DSA-Sec) Exercise**

1. The DSA-Sec Exercise was introduced by the Ministry of Education in 2004. It seeks to promote holistic education and provide students an opportunity to demonstrate a more diverse range of achievements and talents in seeking admission to a secondary school. The selection will be based on their achievements and talents before the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) results are released.
2. Primary 6 students have a choice of whether or not to participate in the DSA-Sec Exercise. If they choose not to participate in the DSA-Sec Exercise, they will continue to participate in the Secondary One Posting Exercise after the release of the PSLE results. For more information on the DSA-Sec Exercise, refer <https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/dsa-sec>

#### **A. DSA-Sec Admission Criteria**

1. Leadership  
Student who has made an impact in his CCA or school through his service and contributions.
2. Good Conduct  
Student must have at least achieved a 'Good' conduct grade.

Students with talent can apply for Direct School Admission through one of the following Talent Areas:

| <b><u>Categories</u></b> | <b><u>Talent areas</u></b>  | <b><u>Impact, Service &amp; Contributions</u></b>   | <b><u>Selection Process</u></b>   |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|
| <b>Sports</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Badminton</li> <li>• Floorball</li> <li>• Football</li> <li>• Golf</li> <li>• Judo</li> <li>• Softball</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has represented primary school in inter-school sports competitions</li> <li>• Preferably has some achievements in the sport, including zonal, national</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports Trial for shortlisted applicants (June-July)</li> <li>• Interview for shortlisted applicants (July-August)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Uniformed Groups</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCC Air</li> <li>• NCC Land</li> <li>• NPCC</li> <li>• Red Cross Youth</li> <li>• Scouts</li> </ul>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold certain leadership position(s) in primary school (e.g. prefect, etc.) and/or Uniformed Groups</li> <li>• Demonstrated exemplary character and leadership</li> </ul>   | Interview for shortlisted applicants (July-August)  |
| <b>Aesthetics</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concert Band</li> <li>• Debate &amp; Drama Society</li> <li>• Guitar Ensemble</li> <li>• Vocal Ensemble</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation and with achievements in Band, Debate, Drama, Choir, Guitar competitions and performances, and</li> <li>• Preferably have represented their primary school in Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentation.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audition in July for shortlisted applicants.</li> <li>• Interview for shortlisted applicants (July-August)</li> </ul>        |

## **B. Application Process**

1. Application forms will be available from 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 onwards. You may also download the form [here](#) or you may obtain a hardcopy from our General Office from 0800hrs – 1700hrs.

2. All application forms must be duly completed and submitted by post or by hand to St Gabriel's Secondary School's General Office (Monday – Friday, 0800hrs – 1700hrs).

DSA Exercise 2018  
General Office  
St Gabriel's Secondary School  
24 Serangoon Ave 1  
Singapore 556140

3. All submission must be accompanied with the following supporting documents (certified true copies):

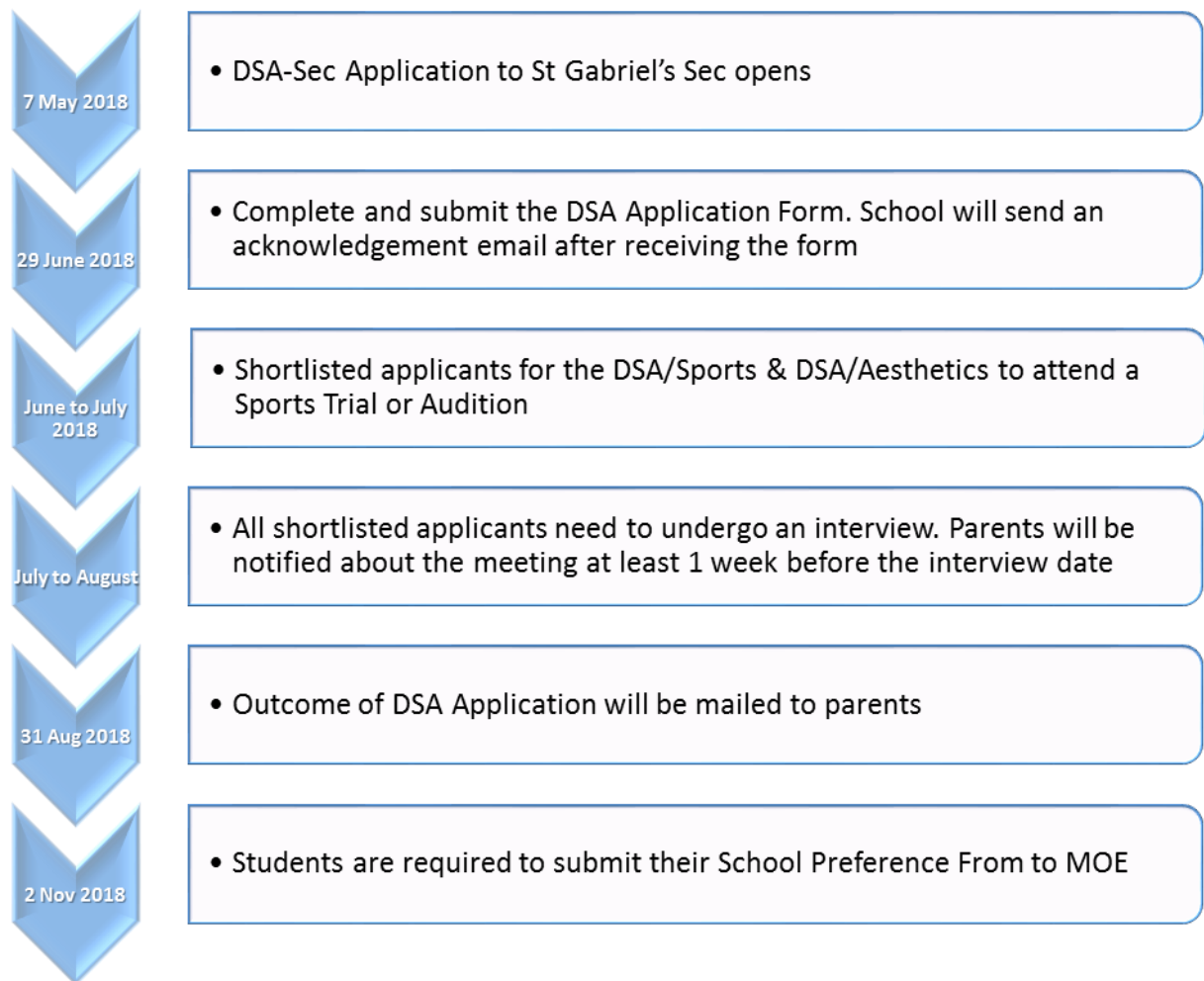
Compulsory

- a. Primary 5 overall and primary 6 mid-year examination results
- b. NAPFA Tests results for primary 5 and 6
- c. CCA and/or achievement records

Optional Documents

- d. Any other relevant supporting documents
  - e. Special recommendations by the Primary School Teachers would be considered
4. We encourage students to apply for the talent area that they are strong in, with evidence of participation and achievement in their CCA.
  5. The closing date for submission is on **29<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 1700hrs**. Applications received after this date and time will not be accepted.
  6. An email acknowledgment will be sent when we have received your application.
  7. Some applicants will also be required to attend a sports trial or audition during the period of June and July 2018.
  8. All shortlisted applicants **are required** to attend an interview, which will be arranged between July and early August 2018.
  9. For enquires and clarifications, please contact our school at 62889470.

### C. Flow Chart for DSA-Sec Application



### D. Important Information To Note

Successful DSA-Sec students are **NOT** allowed to participate in the Secondary One Posting Exercise to opt for secondary schools; and

Successful DSA-Sec students are also **NOT** allowed to transfer to another school after the release of the PSLE results. They are expected to honour the commitment to the posted DSA school for the duration of the programme admitted to.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. Who can apply for DSA?

All Primary 6 students who meet the selection criteria.

### 2. How do I apply?

Application forms will be available from the School General Office and available for download from the SGSS website. Submit the completed form together with the necessary documents by hand or by post to SGSS by the closing date, **29<sup>th</sup> June 2018**.

### 3. Are there any specific selection criteria?

The applicant must be a member of a school's CCA and has made an impact in his CCA or to the school through his service and contributions.

### 4. When and how will I know the results of my application?

All applicants will be informed of the results of their application by post by **31<sup>st</sup> August 2018**.

### 5. What are the CCAs offered in St. Gabriel's Secondary that will develop Servant Leaders?

We have a comprehensive Student Leadership Development for all students in SGSS. They will be able to apply the leadership practices they have learned in all their encounters in school, including and especially in their CCAs. We have 5 Uniformed Groups CCAs (NPCC, NCC Air, NCC Land, Red Cross Youth, Scouts), 6 Physical Sports CCAs (Badminton, Floorball, Football, Softball, Judo & Golf) and 4 Visual & Performing Arts CCAs (Concert Band, Debate & Drama Society, Guitar Ensemble and Vocal Ensemble) for students to contribute to and serve in.

### 8. My child is not in a national school. What is the application procedure?

Any child not in our national schools will require a letter issued by MOE HQ at the MOE Customer Service Centre, starting from 7 May 2018. The letter contains a Registration Number, which he can use to apply for the DSA.

All International Students are also required to take part in the Admissions Exercise for International Students (AEIS) before they are considered for DSA-Sec allocation. More information is available from the following AEIS website:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/internationalstudents/admissions-exercise>

International Students must pass AEIS and qualify for the course which the school offers to be considered for DSA-Sec allocation

### 9. Can my child apply for DSA if he is under or over age?

- Underage applicants are not allowed to apply for DSA
- Singapore Citizens / Singapore Permanent residents (SC/SPR) should not be more than 4 years overage. For 2018 DSA Exercise, SC/SPR applicant should be born between 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2002 and 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2007

- International Students (i.e non-SC/SPR) should not be more than 2 years overage. For 2018 DSA Exercise, an international student should be born between 2nd Jan 2004 and 1st Jan 2007.