

## **P6 Curriculum Briefing**

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## Vision

## **Future-Ready Learners Leaders of Character**

## Mission

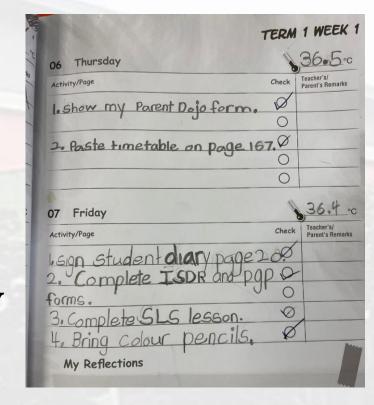
# Nurturing Every Child in a Vibrant and Caring Environment where Talents Blossom

## Values

Respect
Responsibility
Resilience
Integrity
Care

Harmony

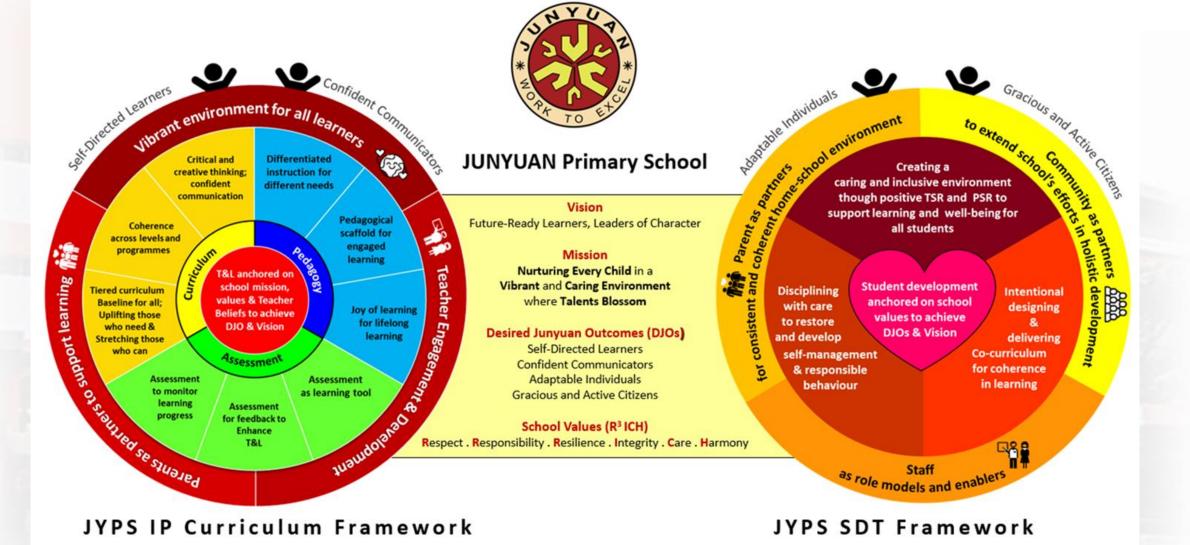
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## Desired Junyuan Outcomes

- 1. Self-Directed Learners
- 2. Confident Communicators
- 3. Adaptable Individuals
- 4. Gracious and Active Citizens

Future-Ready Learners . Leaders of Character





Direct School Admission for Secondary Schools (DSA-Sec)

### **Entering a Secondary School**





- Based on a student's **PSLE score**
- Most students enter secondary schools this way



- Based on a diverse range of talents and achievements in specific academic subjects or non-academic areas, beyond what the PSLE recognises
- Allows students to access school programmes to develop their talents



#### Is DSA-Sec right for my Child?

If your child has specific <u>talents</u> which a school offers the DSA-Sec in

And is <u>passionate</u> about and <u>committed</u> to developing his/her strengths and interests

DSA-Sec can support his/her development in that talent area.

Your child can apply for DSA even if he/she is not in the CCA that is applied for .



#### Which School should my Child Apply to?

- Look for schools with programmes that match your child's strengths and interests
- Learn more about the secondary schools' pace of learning and overall range of programmes
- Get the latest information about what each school offers:
  - Visiting schools' websites
  - Attending schools' Open Houses to experience their environments and cultures

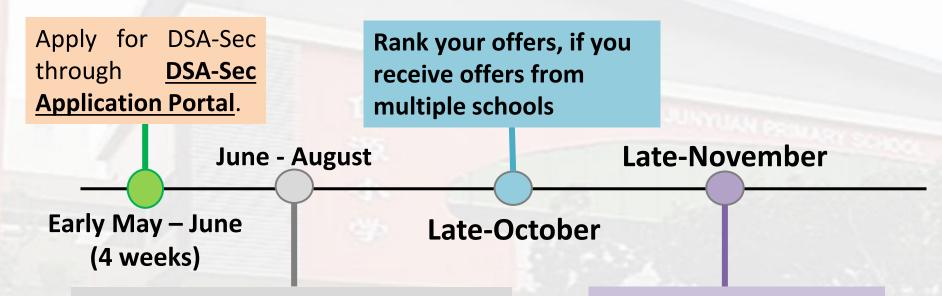


#### **DSA-Sec Application Portal**

- Since 2019 DSA-Sec application process has been simplified
- Application for DSA is done through a centralised DSA-Sec Application
   Portal, using a common application form.
- The portal simplifies and streamlines the DSA application process, making it convenient for all students.



#### What is the timeline for 2024 DSA-Sec?



Shortlisting and selection by secondary schools. Each secondary school has different selection criteria for its categories and programmes. Schools will inform you of the selection outcome by Sept.

You will know whether you have been allocated to a school through the DSA-Sec, at the same time you receive your PSLE results.



#### 1. Centralised online applications

- Applications will be centralised across all participating secondary schools
- The form will be easy to fill child only has to key in contact details and the school and talent choices
  - Optional: The portal will also allow you to indicate any non-school-based achievements and activities related to the talent areas you applied for.
- Do not need to submit testimonials or hardcopy documents to the secondary school during application.



#### 2. Application using Singpass

 Parents can access the Portal via their SingPass login. Only one parent's SingPass login is required.

#### 3. No application fees

- No fees charged for DSA-Sec application and selection.
- We encourage all students who are passionate about and committed to developing particular talents to apply, regardless of family backgrounds.



#### 4. Making choices in the DSA-Sec portal

- Through the portal, you can easily identify schools that offer programmes for your child's talent area.
- You can indicate up to three choices. For each choice, you will need to choose a secondary school and a talent area from that school.
- The order of the choices does not matter during application.



#### **Examples of Possible Choice Combinations**

|  | EXAMPLE 1 | Talent(s) Choir | School(s) School A | Your child can apply to up to three different |
|--|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|---|
|  |           | Choir           | School B           | schools, with no restrictions on              |
|  |           | Choir           | School C           | the talent areas.                             |



#### **Examples of Possible Choice Combinations**

|  |           | Talent(s)           | School(s) | If your child chooses two                         |
|--|-----------|---------------------|-----------|---|
|  |           | Choir               | School A  | areas in one                                      |
|  | EXAMPLE 2 | String<br>Orchestra | School A  | school, he/she can apply to two different schools |
|  |           | Choir               | School B  | only,   |



#### **Examples of Possible Choice Combinations**

|           | Talent(s) | School(s)  | If a school of choice                |
|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| EXAMPLE 1 | Choir     | School A   | is a dual track school, indicate a   |
|           | Choir     | School B   | preference for one of the programmes |
|           | Choir     | School C * | or no preference                     |

<sup>\*</sup> School C is a dual-track school offering the O-Level and Integrated Programme.



#### What are Secondary Schools looking for?

- Schools have updated their selection practices, which are based on a common set of student-centric principles, with more emphasis on looking for sound fundamentals and potential in particular talent areas.
- The DSA-Sec selection process remains objective and talent-specific.
- Schools have different selection processes, criteria and schedules. Visit the schools' websites to learn more.



#### What are the possible DSA-Sec outcomes?

Confirmed Offer (CO) → Your child has a place reserved in the school, as long as his/her PSLE results qualify him/her for a Posting Group offered by the school.

Wait List (WL) → Your child will be given a place in the school if other students with Confirmed Offers do not take up those offers, and if his/her PSLE results qualify him/her for a Posting Group the school offers.

**Unsuccessful** Your child has not been given a place in the school. If your child still wishes to enter the schools he/she applied for, he/she can apply through the S1 Posting process using his/her PSLE results



#### **Selecting Preferred Schools**

If your child has a confirmed offer or is on a wait list, you will receive the instructions on submitting school preferences through SMS and email from postman.gov.sg.

Students with a confirmed offer or on a wait list will be able to submit up to 3 school preferences:

- Through the DSA-Sec Portal.
- Contact your child's primary school.



## If my child have a DSA-Sec Confirmed Offer, does it mean that his/her PSLE results will not matter?

- Your child's PSLE results will still be used to determine the secondary school Posting Group he/she is eligible for (i.e. G1, G2 or G3).
- Even if he/she has a Confirmed Offer, he/she must qualify for a Posting Group offered by the school to be admitted to the DSA-Sec school.



#### **Please Note:**

- Students successfully allocated to their DSA-Sec schools will NOT be allowed to participate in the annual S1 Posting to opt for secondary schools, and are expected to honour the commitment to the allocated DSA-Sec school for the entire duration of the programme to develop their talents.
- They will also NOT be allowed to transfer to another school after the release of the PSLE results.



#### The PSLE changes are Part of a bigger story

Over the years, we have been fine-tuning the education system to help our students discover and develop their strengths and interests, while moving away from an over-emphasis on academic results.

#### Our PSLE scoring changes aim to:

- Reduce fine differentiation at a young age
- •Recognise students' level of achievement, regardless of how their peers have done

The changes will not affect the curriculum and subjects tested at PSLE

However, MOE does review the curriculum regularly to ensure that it is relevant and up-to-date. This will continue as per current practice.







### The PSLE remains a useful checkpoint

To understand where our children are at in their learning after six years of primary school

Gauge their learning needs so that they can progress to a secondary school and take subjects at a suitable level



PSLE

## **PSLE Scoring**

## Reflects a student's individual level of achievement

Unlike the current T-score, students' AL for each subject will reflect their level of achievement, rather than how they have performed relative to their peers.

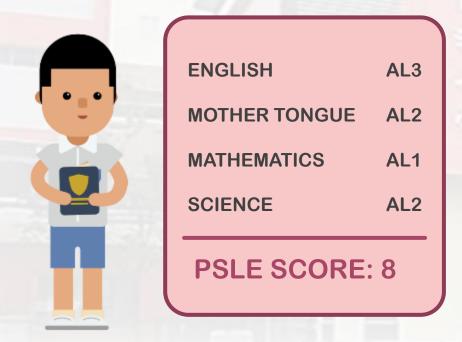
| AL | RAW MARK RANGE |
|----|----------------|
| 1  | ≥ 90           |
| 2  | 85 – 89        |
| 3  | 80 – 84        |
| 4  | 75 – 79        |
| 5  | 65 – 74        |
| 6  | 45 – 64        |
| 7  | 20 – 44        |
| 8  | < 20           |

| Foundation Level<br>AL Reflected on<br>Result Slip | Foundation Raw<br>Mark Range |
|--|------------------------------|
| A (AL6)  | 75 – 100                     |
| B (AL7)  | 30 – 74                      |
| C (AL8)  | < 30                         |



## Calculating the PSLE Score

- The PSLE Score replaces the T-score aggregate.
- It is obtained by adding the ALs of four subjects.
- The PSLE Score ranges from 4 to 32, with 4 being the best.

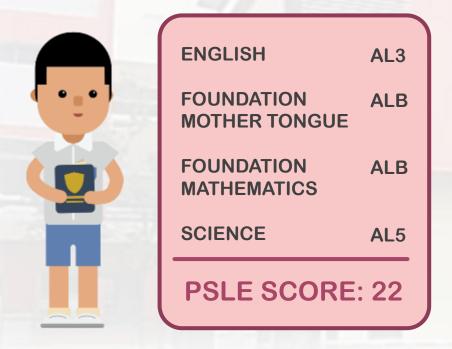


| Posting Groups                 | PSLE SCORE  |  |
|--------------------------------|---|--|
| G3<br>EXPRESS                  | 4 – 20  |  |
| G3 or G2<br>EXPRESS / N(A)     | 21 – 22   |  |
| G2<br>N(A)                     | 23 – 24   |  |
| G2 or G1<br>N(A) / N(T) option | 25  |  |
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## Sec 1 Posting

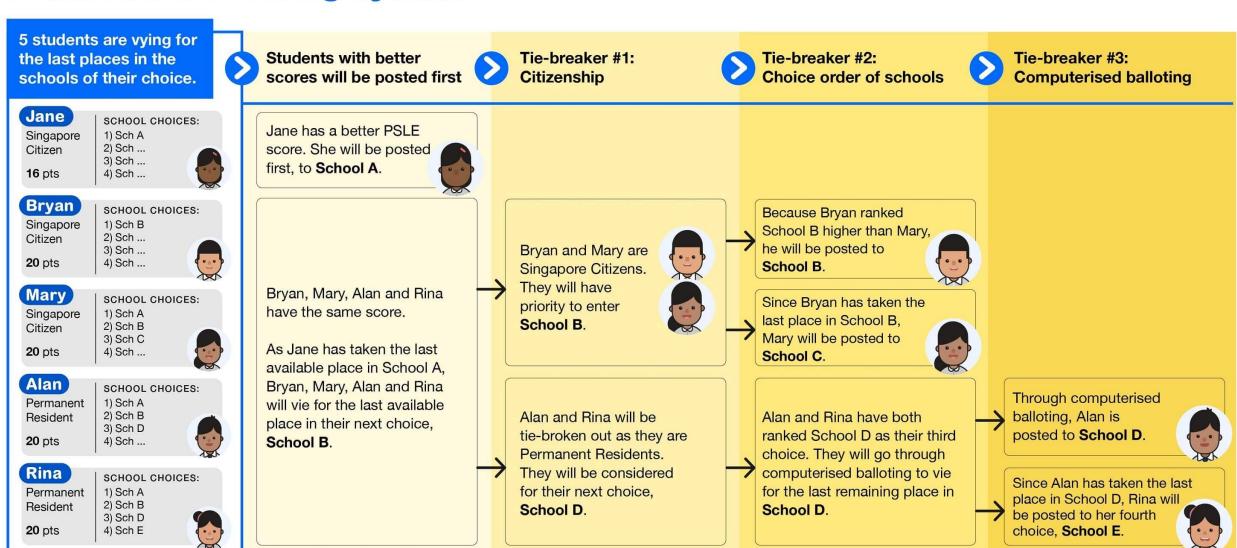
- Students will continue to be posted to a secondary school based on academic merit i.e. overall PSLE score.
- If two or more students with the same PSLE Score vie for the last remaining place in a school, tie-breakers will be used in the following order:
  - 1. CITIZENSHIP
  - 2. CHOICE ORDER OF SCHOOLS
  - 3. COMPUTERISED BALLOTING



## Tie-breakers

#### in the new S1 Posting System

Tie-breakers are used only if there are two or more students with the same PSLE score vying for the last available place(s) in a school. Here's a simplified example.





## Choosing a Suitable Secondary School

- Discuss with your child
- Consider your child's learning style, strengths and interests when making school choices in order to find a school that would help the child learn and thrive best.
- Discuss the options with the child, with the following considerations:
  - Values: What is the school's culture and ethos?
  - Learning environment: Is the school's learning environment right for the child?
  - Distinctive programmes and CCAs: Can the school support and develop the child's interests?
  - Location: Is it too far from home?
     How will the child get to school?





## Choosing a Suitable Secondary School

- MOE SchoolFinder tool More information on secondary schools can be found here and on school websites.
- Open Houses Secondary schools also hold open houses where you and your child can learn more about the school's programmes, and speak with teachers and students.
- Indicative cut-off points ranges for different school types
  - MOE will be providing indicative AL COPs for secondary schools, in the SchoolFinder.
  - The actual cut-off points may differ, depending on how students exercise their choices that year.



#### SBB (SEC) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA UNDER THE AL SCORING SYSTEM

 Under the new AL scoring system, the SBB (Sec) eligibility criteria is as follows:

| PSLE Standard / Foundation Subject | Option to take subject at |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Grade                              |                           |
| AL 5 or better in a Standard level | <b>G</b> 3                |
| subject                            | Express                   |
| AL 6 or better in a Standard level | G2                        |
| subject                            | N(A)                      |
| <u>OR</u>                          |                           |
| AL A in a Foundation level subject |                           |



## **Primary School Leaving Examination**

#### **Tentative Schedule:**

- 13 14 August (Oral papers EL & MT)
- 13 September (Listening Comprehension: EL & MT)
- 26 September 2 October (Written Papers)

## Parents' Involvement

 Commit some time every weekend to play games and have fun together.

 Visit places or take part in events that both of you enjoy.

 Encourage your child to make new friends.

• Try out FTGP\* Family Time activities.

 Encourage your child when he makes observations.

E.g. Say "That's interesting!" and ask why he/she said that.

 Recognise small successes. E.g. Say
 "You've made another new friend in class - well done!"

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· Find out

what primary schools have in store for students these days.

> Do practical things to ease your child into new routines.

E.g. Plan daily routines together, teach your child new habits like packing his/her bag.



- Teach your child words that describe feelings.
- Acknowledge your child's emotions.

E.g. "It's okay to feel anxious about starting school."

 Understand your child's needs. E.g. Start bedtime early. Children need a lot of sleep.



## Partnership with Parents

Partnering Parents to provide a supportive and nurturing home-school environment for the children to grow and glow.

#### A Sample of an "After School Schedule in a day"

| Time      | Mon                  |
|-----------|----------------------|
| 3 p.m.    | Complete my homework |
| 4 p.m.    | Water break          |
| 4.15 p.m. | Revise my work       |
| 5 p.m.    | Exercise             |
| 5.30 p.m. | Me Time              |
| 6.30 p.m. | Dinner               |
| 7.30 p.m. | Time with family     |
| 8.30 p.m. | Reading              |
| 9.00 p.m. | Washing up/ Bed Time |

## Monitoring your child's online activity

- Cyberbullying. Most kids who are <u>harassed online by cyberbullies</u> suffer emotional distress but never tell their parents. Monitoring can alert you if someone may be bullying your child or if <u>your child has been bullying</u> someone else.
  - Sexting. Teens might think it's sexy to take and send nude pictures of themselves to someone else, or they might think it's funny to forward along pictures of someone else. Monitoring lets you step in and stop the behavior.
- Online Predators. The Internet is the #1 tool of <u>child predators</u> for finding and developing friendships with children. You won't know if one has been talking to your child unless you're watching.
  - 4 Alerts you to cyberbullying and other dangers activities. If your child is chatting with friends about illegal activities, suspicious behavior or maybe even committing suicide, you will have the chance to intervene before anything actually happens.

Source: https://resources.uknowkids.com/blog/bid/159115/10-reasons-to-monitor-your-child-s-internet-activity



## **Educating Students on Cyber Wellness**

Lessons on Cyber Wellness (CW) have been incorporated in Form Teacher Guidance Period (FTGP) to address specific issues, reinforce the core values and social emotional competencies to enable your child/ward to apply them to specific contexts.

Topics covered in the Cyber Wellness lessons include:

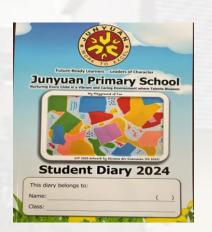
- Cyber Use
- Cyber Identity
- Cyber Relationships
- Cyber Citizenship
- Cyber Ethics



## Partnership with Parents

#### Communications with parents:

- JYPS Bulletin for Parents (School Website)
- Parents Gateway (MOE App)
- Student Diary



- Parent-Teacher Meeting / Briefing
- Class DOJO
- Emails (school/teachers)
- Phone calls (parents can call GO to leave a message for the teachers)



We seek your understanding that teachers will respond to your emails and phone calls between 7.30am to 5pm on Mon to Fri during School Term Time



# Thank you