



Year 1 Direct School Admission (DSA-Sec)

Communication, Malay Language, and STEM (Mathematics & Science)

The Language & STEM domain comprises the following talent areas:

- 1) Communication
- 2) Malay Language
- 3) Mathematics
- 4) Science

Applicants should apply for **ONLY ONE** talent area from the Language & STEM domain. Applying to multiple talent areas within this domain may **void your DSA-Sec application**. Appeals or changes will not be permitted.

A) Communication Talent Area Selection Criteria

- ▶ This talent area is for students with exceptional English verbal-linguistic abilities and a confident command of spoken and embodied communication. We seek individuals who go beyond mere speaking and listening they use the English language masterfully to connect, persuade, perform, and lead.
- ▶ We are looking for individuals who are not only articulate but also intuitive - students who can read a room, adapt their tone and message on the fly, and leave a lasting impression. Whether it's in the form of persuasive speech, dramatic monologue, spoken word poetry, or even everyday conversation, these students communicate with purpose, presence, and flair.

2026 Schedule for Communication Talent Area

MOE DSA-Sec application period starts	06 May (Wed), 11:00
MOE DSA-Sec application period ends	02 Jun (Tue), 16:30
Announcement of Shortlisted Applicants via email - including details of a video performance that is to be submitted online (All applicants, including unsuccessful ones, will be notified) Note: Details of video performance will be shared with shortlisted applicants only.	03 Jul (Fri), 18:00
Deadline to submit video performance (for shortlisted applicants only)	07 Jul (Tue), 09:00
Announcement of Shortlisted Applicants for the DSA Interview via email (All applicants, including unsuccessful ones, will be notified)	22 Jul (Wed) - 24 Jul (Fri)



DSA Communication Selection Trial and Interview (for shortlisted applicants only) Note: Selection Trial and Interviews will be in the afternoon	29 Jul (Wed) - 31 Jul (Fri)
Announcement of the DSA-Sec Results (CO/WL/UNS)	24 Aug (Mon) - 28 Aug (Fri)
<i>**Kindly note the dates/timing for the selection trial and interview in your calendar to ensure availability and prevent any scheduling conflicts during the selection process.</i>	

B) Malay Language and STEM Talent Area Selection Criteria

- ▶ This talent area is for students who demonstrate interest and talent in either Malay Language, Mathematics or Science, beyond the abilities of children in their age group, and/or have a history of consistently high academic accomplishment.

2026 Schedule for Malay Language & STEM Talent Areas

MOE DSA-Sec application period starts	06 May (Wed), 11:00
MOE DSA-Sec application period ends	02 Jun (Tue), 16:30
Announcement of Shortlisted Applicants for the Selection Test via email (All applicants, including unsuccessful ones will be notified)	03 Jul (Fri), 18:00
DSA Selection Test for Malay Language & STEM (for shortlisted applicants only) Note: Selection tests will be in the afternoon	07 Jul (Tue)
Announcement of Shortlisted Applicants for the DSA Interview via email (All applicants, including unsuccessful ones, will be notified)	22 Jul (Wed) - 24 Jul (Fri)
DSA Interview for Malay Language & STEM (for shortlisted applicants only) Note: Interviews will be in the afternoon. Interviews for Malay Language are expected to be conducted in both Malay and English.	29 Jul (Wed) - 31 Jul (Fri)
Announcement of the DSA-Sec Results (CO/WL/UNS)	24 Aug (Mon) - 28 Aug (Fri)
<i>**Kindly note the dates/timing for the selection test and interview in your calendar to ensure availability and prevent any scheduling conflicts during the selection process.</i>	



C) Commitment Requirement

Successful applicants for the Language & STEM domain will be required to join the designated programme/ CCAs below:

Talent Area	Required CCA/ Programme
Malay Language	Required Programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elective Malay Language Programme for Secondary School (EMAS)
Mathematics	Required CCA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics Club
Science	Required CCA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science & Astronomy Club
Communication	Successful applicants will be allocated to one of the CCAs/ Programme below. They will be required to undergo the necessary trials or selection processes after admission to RI to determine their final allocation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raffles Debaters • Raffles Players • AfterWord+ Programme

Important Notes

- ▶ The primary mode of communication is via email. Parents/guardians are reminded to **regularly check both the inbox and junk/spam folders of the main contact email address** provided in the MOE DSA-Sec Portal throughout the DSA period for important updates, announcements, and instructions.
- ▶ Meeting all criteria does not guarantee the student will be shortlisted or given an offer.
- ▶ We will not disclose details of the DSA-Sec selection process or interviews and reserve the right to neither discuss nor disclose reasons for non-selection.
- ▶ For any further enquiries, please email admissions@ri.edu.sg.