

DSA General Training for P6 Students

10 May 2024



Shuqun Primary School

BRIEFING OUTLINE

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- What does a DSA Application entail?

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PSLE Posting Exercise

After PSLE results are released, students are given the PSLE certificates and an option form to apply for the schools that they qualify for.

After 3-4 weeks, the posting results are released, and students learn about which school they will go to.

Under DSA, students apply to join a secondary school before PSLE. After the application, students will have to undergo an interview or more (June Holidays to Term 3), to be selected to join the secondary school.

Upon successful application, students will be offered a chance to join the secondary school (partially based on PSLE results).

What is DSA-Sec?

DSA-Sec seeks to broaden the recognition of talents and achievements beyond academic grades. P6 students can gain direct entry to certain secondary schools based on their talent in sports, CCAs and specific academic areas, etc, before taking the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE).



Reminder:

- Application for 2024 DSA-Sec is from 11am on Tuesday, 7 May 2024 to 3pm on Monday, 3 Jun 2024.

Taken from: <https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/dsa>

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What to do if you are interested?

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Who can apply

P6 students can apply for DSA-Sec based on a wide-range of talents, including:

- Sports and games
- Visual, literary and performing arts
- Debate and public speaking
- Science, mathematics and engineering
- Languages and humanities
- Uniformed groups
- Leadership

How to apply

Students can apply through the DSA-Sec portal. There are no application fees.

[VIEW DSA-SEC SCHOOLS →](#)

Timeline

Tue, 7 May to Mon, 3 Jun 2024

Apply

Once you have explored and shortlisted the schools, submit your child's application online through the DSA-Sec Portal by 3pm on Monday, 3 Jun 2024.

- [How to apply](#)

By Mon, 9 Sep 2024

Attend interviews, auditions or trials

Different schools have different selection processes. Check the DSA-Sec schools' website for details. If shortlisted, your child will have to attend interviews, auditions or trials conducted by DSA-Sec schools.

Selected students will receive DSA-Sec offers directly from schools by Monday, 9 September 2024.

- [Overview](#)
- [Selection outcomes](#)

Timeline

Mon, 21 Oct to Fri, 25 Oct 2024

Select preferred schools

Choose up to 3 school choices in order of preference using the DSA-Sec Portal by 3pm on Friday, 25 October 2024.

- [Overview](#)
- [Understand DSA-Sec Commitment](#)
- [Submit school preferences \(Mainstream primary school child\)](#)
- [Submit school preferences \(Non-mainstream school child\)](#)
- [Withdraw from DSA-Sec](#)

Between Wed, 20 Nov and Fri, 22 Nov 2024

Receive school allocation results

SchoolFinder

Explore schools based on their distance from your home, locations, CCAs, subjects and programmes offered.

What to do if you are interested?

☐ Research

- Using SchoolFinder and the school's website. Check what the school offers

☐ Shortlist

- List down the schools that are suitable for you (Only 3 applications)

☐ Preparation

- Prepare your portfolios and be ready for interviews, auditions or trials. Different schools have different selection processes.

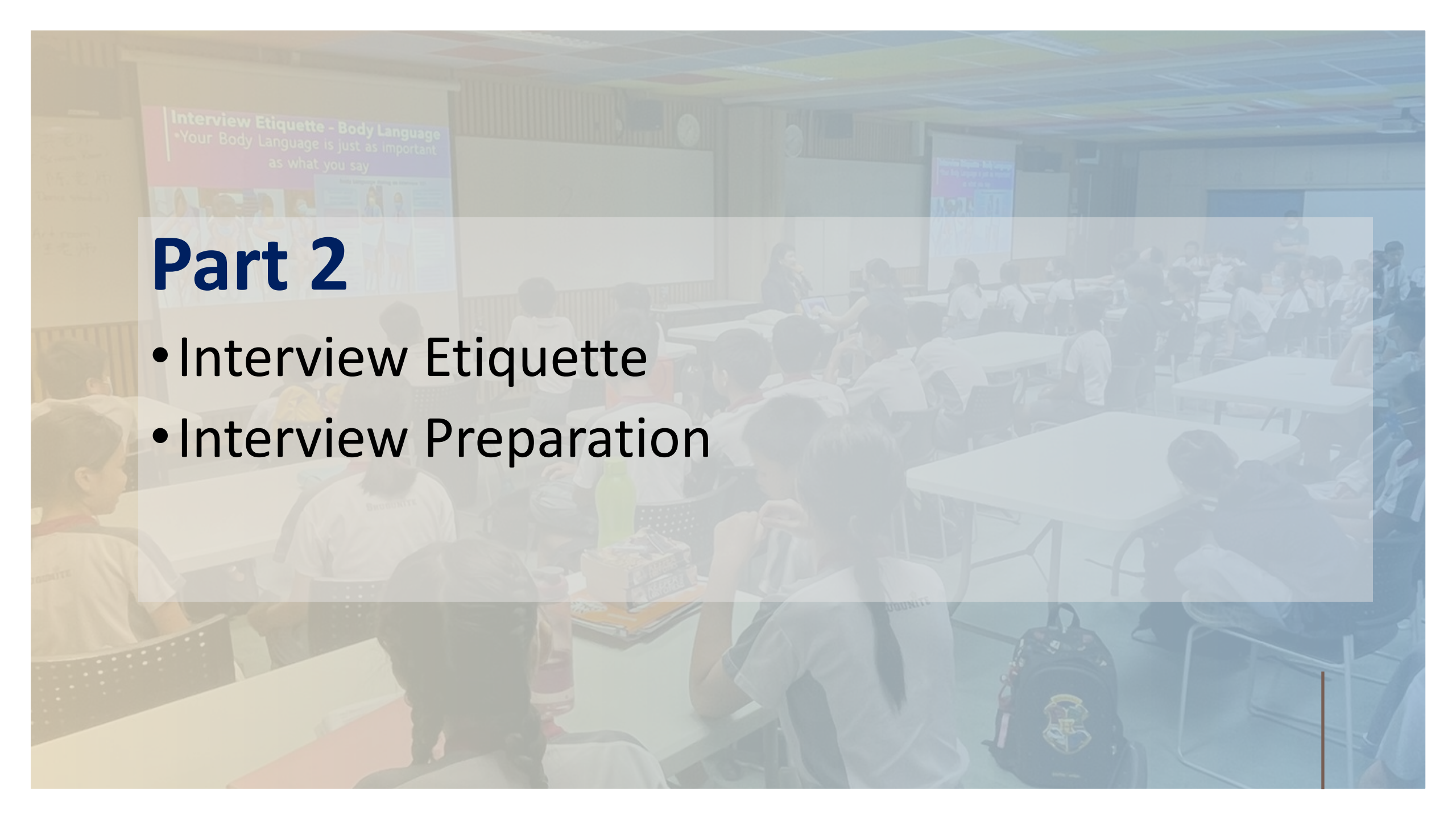
☐ Application

- Check the DSA application timeframe

What to do if you are interested?

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- ☐ Continued commitment to CCA or area of strength
- ☐ Character First
- ☐ Find out more from the DSA website
- ☐ Keep tab of your DSA interviews/ selection tests and keep the School and Form Teachers informed



Part 2

- Interview Etiquette
- Interview Preparation

Interview Etiquette

Face-to-face

- First Impressions (Appearance)
- Eye Contact
- Posture
- Body Language
- Voice (Clear and Confident)
- Manners (Respectful and Polite)

Interview Etiquette - Appearance

- First Impressions Count

Eye

- No coloured contact lenses

Face

- Beards and moustaches are not allowed
- Sideburns should not extend below the middle of the ear

Sleeve

- Should not be rolled up

Hand

- No jewellery or bands

Pants

- No belt loops on the waist band
- No belts
- No baggy / tight / tapered pants
- No slits at end of pants

Shoes

- Only track or canvas school shoes



Hair

- Should not touch ear, eyebrows and collar
- No tinted, permed or outlandish hairstyles (No side/under-shave)
- No accessories

Ear / Neck

- No jewellery
- No accessories

Collar Badge

- Should be pinned on the left collar

Shirt

- No oversized / tight fitting shirts
- Must be properly tucked in and buttoned up
- Only school PE or white T-shirt can be worn underneath
- Approved House/CCA T-shirts can be worn on Wednesdays and Fridays

Socks

- Must be plain and visible above the shoes

Eye

- No coloured contact lens

Ear

- Only a pair of small ear-same design allowed

Neck

- No jewellery

Sleeve

- Should not be rolled up

Hand

- No jewellery or bands
- No nail polish

Skirt

- Knee length

Shoes

- Only track or canvas school shoes



Hair

- Should not touch eyebrows and collar
- Neatly tied up once hair touches collar
- No tinted, permed or outlandish hairstyles
- No accessories

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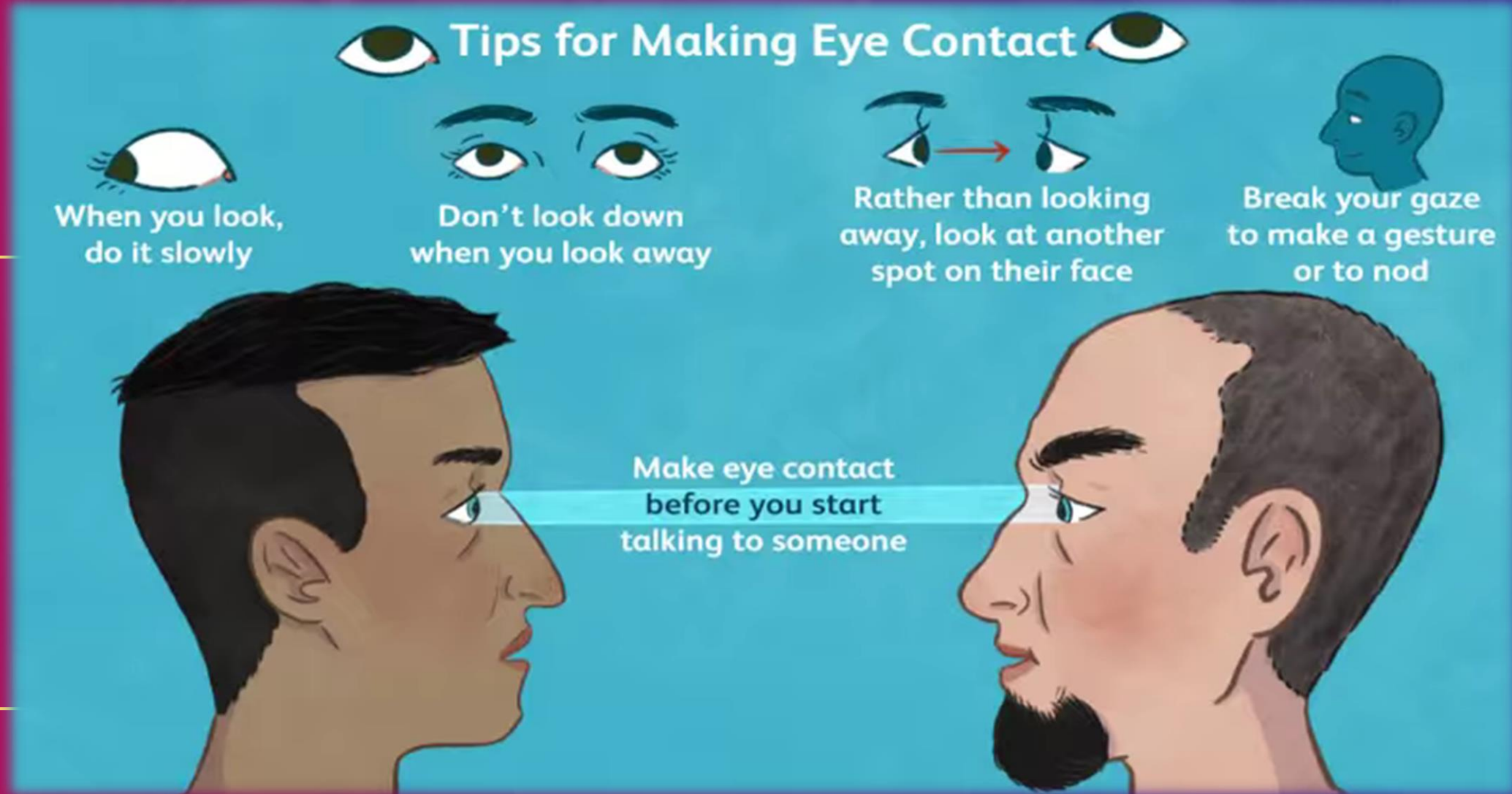
Socks

- Must be plain and visible above the shoes,

No make-up to be worn when student is in school uniform

Interview Etiquette – Eye Contact

- Your Eyes Speak too!



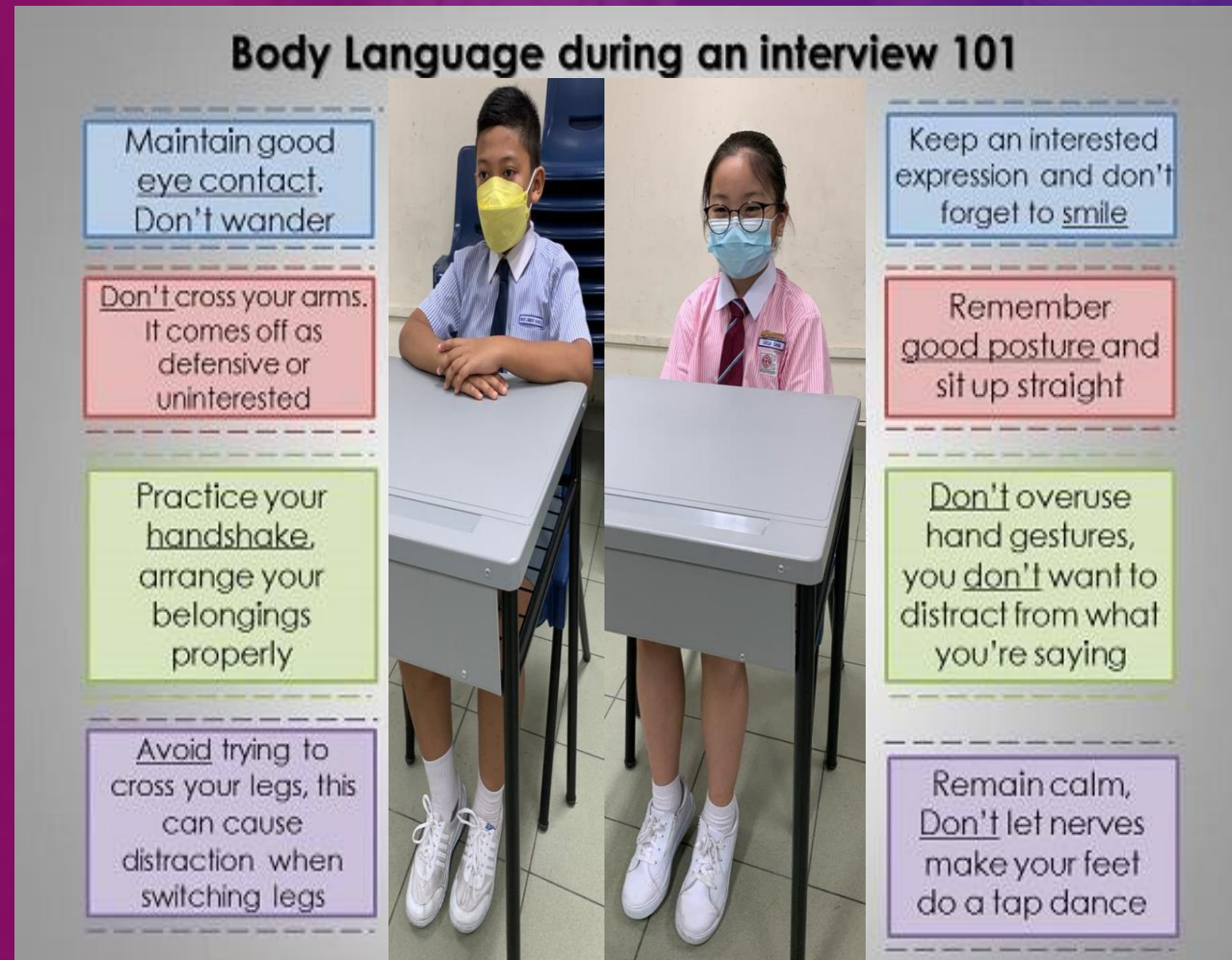
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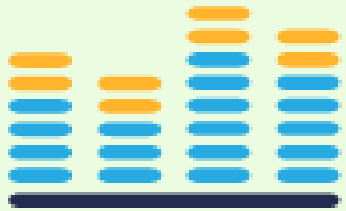


Interview Etiquette - Voice Projection

- You must be heard clearly

Speak Clearly

to pronounce words in a way that makes it clear to the listener exactly what you are saying



Speak Up

to raise your voice a little so everyone can hear what you have said

Well-Spoken

someone who speaks clearly, concisely and in an assured fashion

Interview Etiquette – Do's and Don'ts

Do's

Do prepare

Do answer to the question clearly

Do listen actively to the interviewer

Do research about the school you are applying to

Do ask positive questions if given the opportunity

Do thank the interviewer at the end

Group Interviews – Speak up assertively

Don'ts

Don't be late

Don't be distracted

Don't be impatient

Don't give one word answer

Don't speak negatively

Don't assume the interviewer can read your mind

Group Interviews – Don't hog attention

How do we support you?

20 June (Thu)
1230-1330



Academics

English Language
/ Math / SC

Mother Tongue
Language



Student Leadership

Student Leaders

21 June (Fri)
1230-1330



Sports

Basketball /
Netball /
Badminton etc



Arts

Visual Arts / Music /
Performing Arts



All the Best. Choose wisely!