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Information Note on 2018 Direct School Admission – Junior Colleges (DSA-JC) Exercise

Dear Student,

You will be completing your secondary education soon. At this juncture, you may wish to find out more about the Direct School Admission - Junior Colleges (DSA-JC) Exercise, which provides you an alternative avenue for seeking JC admission.

What is the DSA-JC Exercise?

2. Introduced in 2005, the DSA-JC Exercise provides students with the opportunity to seek admission to a Junior College (JC), based on a diverse range of academic and non-academic achievements and talents that they can demonstrate beyond the GCE 'O' Level Examination.

How is the DSA-JC Exercise conducted?

3. The 2018 DSA-JC Exercise will be conducted in two Phases according to the following schedule.

Phase	Stage	Dates	Remarks
Phase 1 & 2	Application		Application deadline for each DSA-JC school may be different. Students should visit the individual schools' website for information on application period, procedures and selection criteria.
Phase 1	Offer Stage	25 Jun to 24 Jul	Schools conduct selection and make Phase 1 offers during this stage.
	Acceptance Stage	25 Jul to 27 Jul	A student may accept only <u>one</u> Phase 1 offer within this stage, regardless of the number of offers received. Phase 1 offers that are not accepted expire at the end of this stage.
	Cooling-Off Stage	30 Jul to 1 Aug	Students may cancel earlier acceptance of Phase 1 offers if they wish to consider Phase 2 offers.
Phase 2	Offer Stage	30 Jul to 24 Aug	Schools make Phase 2 offers during this stage.
	Acceptance Stage	27 Aug to 30 Aug	A student who has yet to commit to an offer may accept only <u>one</u> Phase 2 offer within this period, regardless of the number of offers received.

4. You may find more details on the 2018 DSA-JC Exercise at **Annex A** and the list of participating schools and their websites at **Annex B**. You should check the detailed exercise schedule of the schools that you would like to apply to, by visiting their websites or contacting them directly way before the start of Phase 1. Please consider carefully what your own strengths are, and which school best meets your own needs, before you commit yourself to participating in tests or trials conducted by the schools.

5. By the end of the Offer Stage of each Phase, schools will make offers to their selected students. If you are selected by a school, you can decide whether to accept or reject the offer. If you accept an offer



before its expiry date, you will be guaranteed a place in the JC, so long as you meet the eligibility criteria for JC admission based on your GCE 'O' Level examination results¹. Please note that **you are NOT allowed to accept more than one offer at any time**. If you do so, you will be disqualified from the DSA-JC Exercise, and will have to participate in the Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE) if you still wish to seek JC admission.

6. **Once you have accepted an offer under the DSA-JC Exercise, you are not allowed to participate in the JAE** if you meet the eligibility criteria for JC admission based on your GCE 'O' Level examination results. **You are also not allowed to transfer to another school after the release of the GCE 'O' Level examination results as you are expected to honour your commitment to the DSA-JC school**. Hence, please consider very carefully before you accept an offer to be admitted to a school under the DSA-JC Exercise.

7. Students who change their mind after accepting an offer and wish to withdraw from the 2018 DSA-JC Exercise have to submit their withdrawals personally to the **MOE Customer Service Centre**, no later than **5 Oct 2018, 5pm**. Once you have submitted your withdrawal from the DSA-JC Exercise, you will be allowed to participate in the JAE.

Early Admissions Exercise (EAE)

8. 'O' Level students who wish to gain admission to a polytechnic can also participate in the Polytechnic EAE (Poly EAE), which will commence on **21 Jun 2018**, for admission in **AY2019**.

9. Students may also participate in the Institute of Technical Education EAE (ITE EAE) if they wish to gain admission to ITE. Applications open on **21 May 2018**, for admission in **AY2019**.

10. If you have accepted an EAE offer from a polytechnic or ITE and have met the criteria for admission to the course you have been offered, you will be guaranteed a place in that polytechnic or ITE course and you will not be allowed to participate in the JAE.

Participation in DSA-JC and EAE

11. Students can participate in the DSA-JC Exercise and EAE concurrently. However, they may accept only one offer i.e. either a DSA-JC or EAE offer. Students found to have accepted both DSA-JC and EAE offers concurrently will be disqualified from these exercises, unless they cancel either of their offers before the end of the Acceptance Stage.

For Further Information

12. For more information on the 2018 DSA-JC Exercise, please refer to the MOE website at www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/dsa-jc or call MOE Customer Service Centre at 6872-2220. If you do not wish to apply for JC admission via DSA-JC Exercise, you can seek admission through the JAE that is conducted in the first quarter of 2019 after the release of the GCE 'O' Level examination results.

13. For more information on Poly EAE for 'O' Level students, you may refer to the MOE website at www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/eae. For more information on ITE EAE for 'O' Level students, you may refer to the ITE website at www.ite.edu.sg.

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¹ Students who do not meet the eligibility criteria for JC admission based on their GCE 'O' Level examination results will not be admitted to the JC under the DSA-JC Exercise. These students may participate in the Joint Admissions Exercise to seek admission to MI, Polytechnics, or ITE, if they qualify for a course offered by the institution.

**PHASE 1 PROCESS
(All JCs)**

**PHASE 2 PROCESS
All JCs except ACS(I), EJC, HCI,
NJC, RI, SJI, TJC, VJC, SOTA)**

<p>APPLICATION (The application deadline for each DSA-JC school may be different)</p>	<p>Students interested in applying for Direct School Admission to JCs for admission in 2019 should submit the DSA application before the deadline. They should visit the individual schools' websites for information on application periods, procedures and selection criteria, which may differ across schools.</p>	
<p>25 Jun - 24 Jul 2018</p>	<p>OFFER STAGE</p>	
<p>25 Jul - 27 Jul 2018</p>	<p>ACCEPTANCE STAGE</p>	
<p>30 Jul - 1 Aug 2018</p>	<p>A student may accept only one offer by submitting his acceptance form to the JC. He is guaranteed a place in the JC if he accepts the offer during this stage and meets the eligibility criteria for JC admission.</p>	
<p>30 Jul - 24 Aug 2018</p>	<p>COOLING-OFF STAGE</p>	
<p>30 Jul - 24 Aug 2018</p>	<p>Students may cancel their Phase 1 acceptances during this stage if they wish to accept a Phase 2 offer.</p>	<p>OFFER STAGE</p>
<p>30 Jul - 24 Aug 2018</p>		<p>JC may shortlist and make offers to selected students.</p>
<p>27 Aug - 30 Aug 2018</p>		<p>ACCEPTANCE STAGE</p> <p>A student may accept only one offer by submitting his acceptance form to the JC. He is guaranteed a place in the JC if he accepts the offer during this stage and meets the eligibility criteria for JC admission.</p> <p>Note: Students can participate in the DSA-JC Exercise and Early Admissions Exercise (EAE) concurrently. However, they may accept only one offer i.e. either a DSA-JC or EAE offer. Students found to have accepted both DSA-JC and EAE offers concurrently will be disqualified from these exercises, unless they cancel either of their offers before the end of the Acceptance Stage.</p>
<p>By 5 Oct 2018 (Phase 1 & 2: Withdrawal)</p>	<p>WITHDRAWAL STAGE</p>	
	<p>Students who wish to participate in the Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE) must submit their withdrawals from 2018 DSA-JC Exercise by 5 Oct 2018, 5.00pm.</p> <p>Students successfully admitted to a school via the DSA-JC Exercise are not allowed to participate in the annual JAE. They are also not allowed to transfer to another school after the release of the GCE 'O' Level examination results. They are expected to honour the commitment to the DSA-JC schools</p>	



List of Schools Participating in the 2018 DSA-JC Exercise

Name of JC	Website
Anderson Serangoon Junior College ^①	http://ajc.moe.edu.sg
Anglo-Chinese School (Independent) ^{# ^}	http://www.acsindp.moe.edu.sg
Anglo-Chinese Junior College [*]	http://www.acjc.edu.sg
Catholic Junior College [*]	http://cjc.moe.edu.sg
Eunoia Junior College [^]	http://www.eunoiajc.moe.edu.sg
Hwa Chong Institution ^{# ^}	http://www.hwachong.edu.sg
Jurong Pioneer Junior College ^②	http://www.pioneerjc.moe.edu.sg
Nanyang Junior College [*]	http://www.nanyangjc.moe.edu.sg
National Junior College [^]	http://www.nationaljc.moe.edu.sg
Raffles Institution ^{# ^}	http://www.ri.edu.sg
School Of The Arts, Singapore ^{@ ^}	http://www.sota.edu.sg
Singapore Sports School [@]	http://www.sportsschool.edu.sg
St. Andrew's Junior College [*]	http://www.standrewsjc.moe.edu.sg
St. Joseph's Institution ^{# ^}	http://www.sji.edu.sg
Tampines Meridian Junior College ^③	http://meridianjc.moe.edu.sg
Temasek Junior College [^]	http://temasekjc.moe.edu.sg
Victoria Junior College [^]	http://www.victoriajc.moe.edu.sg
Yishun Innova Junior College ^④	http://www.yishunjc.moe.edu.sg

① Anderson Serangoon JC - merger of Anderson JC and Serangoon JC in 2019; to be located at Anderson JC site

② Jurong Pioneer JC - merger of Jurong JC and Pioneer JC in 2019; to be located at Pioneer JC site

③ Tampines Meridian JC - merger of Tampines JC and Meridian JC in 2019; to be located at Meridian JC site

④ Yishun Innova JC - merger of Yishun JC and Innova JC in 2019; to be located at Yishun JC site

* Government-aided JC

Independent School offering JC or equivalent courses / Independent JC

@ Specialised Independent School

^ JCs participating in Phase 1 only