



## 2025 DIRECT SCHOOL ADMISSION-SEC (DSA-SEC) FOR 2026 YEAR 1 INTAKE WRITE-UP, TIMELINE AND TALENT SELECTION TRIALS

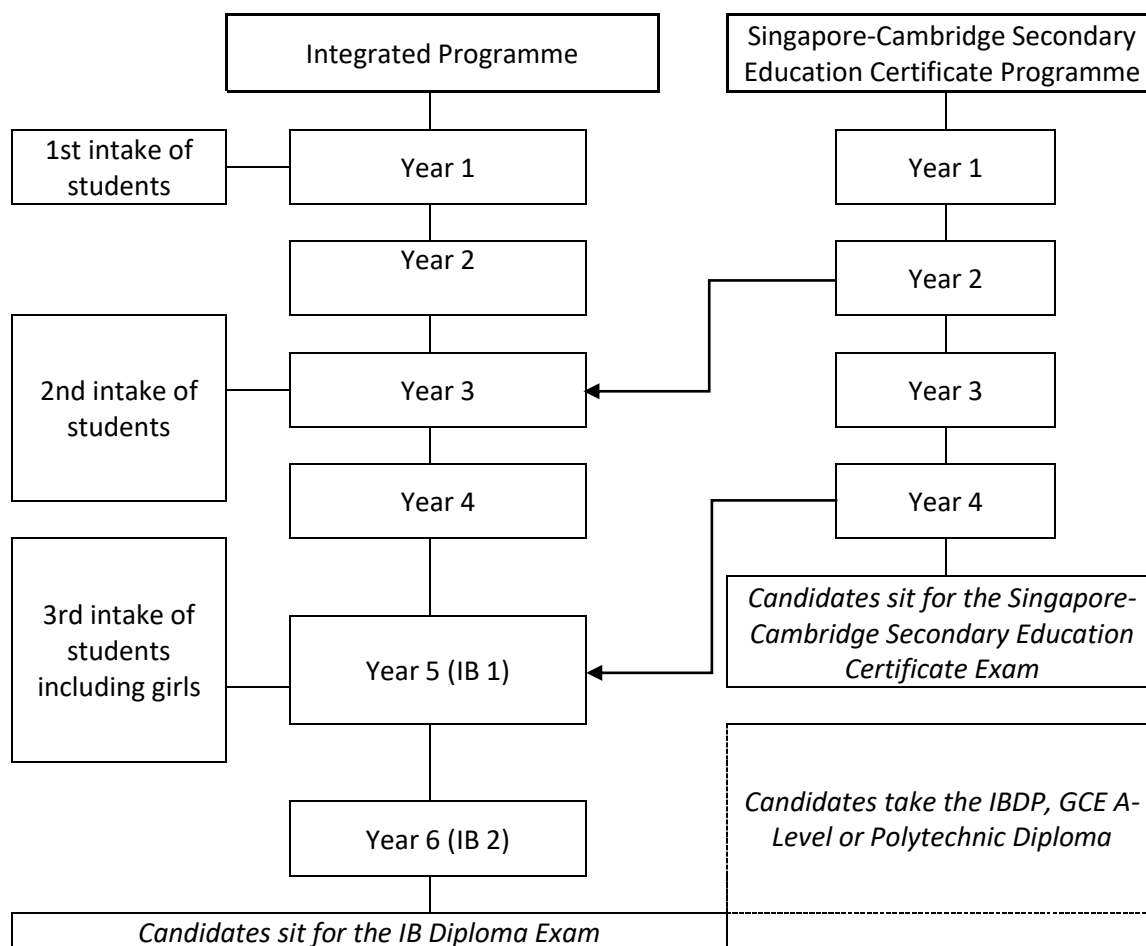
The Direct School Admission-Sec (DSA-Sec) provides students with the opportunity to seek admission to a secondary school, based on a diverse range of specific academic and non-academic achievements and talents that they can demonstrate beyond the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE). Participation in DSA-Sec is optional. Primary 6 students who do not want to participate in the DSA-Sec will continue to seek admission based on their PSLE results through the MOE Secondary 1 (S1) Posting.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

2025 Direct School Admission-Secondary (DSA-Sec) for admission to Secondary 1 in 2026 **will commence from 7 May 2025, 11am to 3 June 2025, 3pm**. Boys who wish to participate in Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)'s DSA-Sec exercise are required to apply through the online MOE DSA-Sec Portal. For more details, please refer to MOE website – <https://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec>.

Applicants can opt for Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) Programme, Integrated Programme (IP) or No Preference (i.e., to be considered for IP and SEC Programme).

- **Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) Programme** is a four-year course which leads to the Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate.
- **Integrated Programme (IP)** is a six-year through-train course which leads to the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma.



Students may apply through DSA-Sec to Anglo-Chinese School (Independent) for the listed specific talent areas. The final selection is dependent on various factors such as the number and quality of applications received, the school's talent requirements, the availability of suitable candidates, and vacancies. There is no guarantee that at least one offer will be granted for every listed talent area as selection is dependent on these factors.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Admission Criteria for the ACS (Independent) four-year Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) Programme or six-year Integrated Programme (IP) is open to **male** students only. Applicants who do not have prior experience may also apply. The school will assess applicants based on the selection criteria, which may include assessing the potential of the applicants.
  - a) For admission into the ACS (Independent) SEC Programme or IP, students will be selected based on the following:
    - Primary 5 and Primary 6 academic results or equivalent results.
    - Talent in the following areas: Badminton, Basketball, Bowling, Canoeing, Cricket, Cross Country, Golf, Humanities, International Chess, Mathematics, Music Elective Programme, Robotics, Rugby, Sailing, Science, Shooting, Softball, Squash, Swimming, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball and Water Polo.
    - Records in the MOE DSA-Sec Portal to be considered for selection includes national age group rankings and/or results from national inter-primary school competitions and/or results from other competitions sanctioned by the respective National Sports Associations or relevant competition organisers. Physical fitness test results, experience, qualifications and participation in the Co-curricular Activities (CCAs) will also be considered.
      - For **Bowling, Cricket, Cross Country, Rugby, Softball, Squash, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball and Water Polo**, all applicants must participate in our talent selection trials. For details on selection trial date, time and venue, please refer to the document titled **'2025 DSA-Sec Talent Selection Trials for 2026 Year 1 Intake'**.
      - For **Badminton**, to be eligible to attend selection trials, applicants should have competed at SBA sanctioned National Age-Group competitions or NSG Zonal and National Schools' competitions at the primary school level. The selection trial dates are 9 July 2025 (Wed) or 10 July 2025 (Thu).
      - For **Basketball**, only selected applicants will be invited for trial. Strong consideration will be given to an applicant's competitive experience, including participation in NSG Zone and National Schools competitions at the primary school level as well as age-group competitions sanctioned by Basketball Association of Singapore (BAS) and International Basketball Federation (FIBA). The first round of selection trial is on 11 July 2025 (Fri) and the final round for shortlisted applicants only is on 18 July 2025 (Fri).
      - For **Canoeing, International Chess, Sailing and Swimming**, we do not conduct selection trials and records from MOE DSA-Sec Portal will be used for consideration.
      - For **Golf**, applicants must have a Golf handicap of not more than 15. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interviews/selection trials.

- For **Humanities and Science**, shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interviews.
  - For **Mathematics**, we do not conduct selection trials. Only Asia-Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (APMOPS) organized by HCI, Round 1 Platinum awardees will be considered. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interviews.
  - For **Music Elective Programme**, shortlisted applicants will be contacted for auditions. The audition dates are 9 July 2025 (Wed) afternoon or 16 July 2025 (Wed) afternoon in ACS(I) Music Room 1, Level 4 Old Block where Clock Tower is located.
  - For **Robotics**, shortlisted applicants will be contacted for selection trial. The Main Trial Date is 12 July 2025 (Sat) from 9 am to 11:30 am and the Make-up Trial Date is 18 July 2025 (Fri) from 2:30 pm to 5 pm in ACS(I) Auditorium 1, Level 3 Old Block where Clock Tower is located.
  - For **Shooting**, strong consideration will be given to an applicant who has prior shooting experience. Including participation in Singapore Cup (Monthly Shoot) held at SAFRA Yishun. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interviews/selection trials. Trial Date and Interview is 11 July 2025 (Fri) from 2 pm to 4:30 pm.
- **There is no need for applicants to contact our teachers. After 30 June 2025, our teachers will contact the applicants for talent selection trials, interviews, or auditions, where applicable.**
  - **Meeting all the criteria does not guarantee the student will be shortlisted/given an offer. Due to different profiles of applicants, selection/shortlisting trends may differ year on year.**
- b) Depending on vacancy, students admitted into the Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) Programme via the DSA-Sec may be offered the Integrated Programme (IP) if the student's PSLE score meets our PSLE cut-off score for IP after the release of the MOE S1 Posting results for Secondary Schools in December. The IP PSLE cut-off score based on 2024 PSLE students posted to our school for 2025 Secondary 1 IP was 6.
- c) There are two other entry points into the ACS (Independent) Integrated Programme - at Year 3 and Year 5 (see diagram above). Details on Year 3 and 5 admissions will be released the year prior to the intake year.
2. **Students successfully allocated a school via DSA-Sec are NOT allowed to participate in the MOE Secondary 1 (S1) Posting as they are expected to honour the commitment made to the DSA-Sec school when they exercise their Confirmed Offer (CO) or Waitlist offer (WL). 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 schools for the duration of the programme they are admitted to (4 years for the Secondary Education Certificate Programme or 6 years for the Integrated Programme) and participate in activities related to the talent they are selected for from Year 1 to 4. If they are not able to fulfil the DSA commitment without valid reasons, they may be required to transfer out to another school with vacancies by MOE. Hence, please consider carefully before you accept an offer to be admitted to a school through DSA-Sec.**
3. **Parents and students are encouraged to choose schools wisely based on the student's aptitudes and strengths, bearing in mind the schools' academic and non-academic requirements, and the programmes available to develop the child's area of talent. In addition, students in MOE mainstream primary schools must sit for the PSLE and obtain a PSLE score of 22 points or less.**

## DSA-SEC TIMELINE

Activity	Applicable to	Timeline
<p>After 30 June 2025, our teachers will contact the applicants for talent selection trials, interviews or auditions, where applicable.</p> <p>All applicants must participate in our selection trials for the following talent areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bowling</li> <li>• Cricket</li> <li>• Cross Country</li> <li>• Rugby</li> <li>• Softball</li> <li>• Squash</li> <li>• Tennis</li> <li>• Track and Field</li> <li>• Volleyball</li> <li>• Water Polo</li> </ul> <p>No selection trials and records from the MOE DSA-Sec Portal will be used for consideration for the following talent areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canoeing</li> <li>• International Chess</li> <li>• Sailing</li> <li>• Swimming</li> </ul> <p>Shortlisted/selected/invited applicants will be contacted for interviews/selection trials for the following talent areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Badminton</li> <li>• Basketball</li> <li>• Golf</li> <li>• Humanities</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• Robotics</li> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Shooting</li> </ul> <p>Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for auditions for the following talent area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music Elective Programme</li> </ul>	<p><b>All</b></p>	<p>Application is through <b>online MOE DSA-Sec Portal from 7 May 2025, 11am to 3 June 2025, 3pm.</b> Each applicant can indicate <u>up to three choices</u>. Each choice consists of a secondary school and a talent area offered by that secondary school.</p> <p>Of the three choices, an applicant may use a maximum of two choices to apply to the same school, for two different talent areas of that school.</p> <p>If a talent area is offered for both the Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) Programme and Integrated Programme (IP) in a dual-track school, applicants are to indicate a preference or no preference. The school may offer the applicants a track that is different from their indicated preference, based on the school's assessment of their suitability. <b>It is recommended to indicate "No Preference" so that you can have 2 considerations, i.e., IP and SEC Programme.</b></p> <p><b>There is no need to pay application fee.</b></p> <p>Below are the details of applying through online MOE DSA-Sec Portal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Applicants studying in MOE mainstream primary schools:</b> Only one parent's SingPass is needed to log in. If parent/guardian is unable to apply online, they can approach the child's primary school for assistance.</li> <li>• <b>Applicant <u>NOT</u> studying in MOE mainstream primary schools:</b> You need to apply for a Registration Number (RGxxxxxxx) via MOE DSA Website (online form) to access the online MOE DSA-Sec Portal. Please refer to MOE website at <a href="https://go.gov.sg/nmsdsa-sec-application">https://go.gov.sg/nmsdsa-sec-application</a>. Such students include Returning Singaporeans, International (foreign) Students studying overseas or in local international schools, students in Special Education Schools or religious schools (e.g., Pathlight, Madrasah, San Yu Adventist) and home-schoolers. All successful International (foreign) Students are reminded to register and take part in the Admission Exercise for International Students (AEIS) test conducted by MOE as the offers given to them remain as conditional offers till they fulfill the requirements of the AEIS.</li> </ul> <p><b>There is <u>no need</u> to contact our teachers. After 30 June 2025, our teachers will contact the applicants for talent selection trials, interviews or auditions where applicable.</b></p>

Activity	Applicable to	Timeline
<p>Issuance of Confirmed Offer letters or Wait List letters to successful applicants by email.</p> <p>Unsuccessful applicants will be informed by email.</p> <p>Please be informed that the school will not accept any appeals.</p>	All	25 August 2025 – 4 September 2025
Issuance of School Preference Form to successful applicants by MOE through email and SMS notification from Postman.gov.sg	Successful DSA-Sec applicants	27 October 2025
Submission of DSA-Sec choices through login to the MOE DSA-Sec Portal using both parents' Singpass. Parents will receive an email instruction and SMS from Postman.gov.sg regarding the School Preference Submission before the submission period starts. If unable to submit online, parents can approach applicants' primary schools for assistance to submit on their behalf.	Successful DSA-Sec applicants	27 – 31 October 2025
Release of DSA-Sec results	Successful DSA-Sec applicants	During the release of PSLE results in late November 2025
Release of MOE S1 Posting results	All	3 <sup>rd</sup> week of December
Sec 1 Registration at posted schools	All	After the release of MOE S1 Posting results in December. The link for registration will be made available on the school website.



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## 2025 DSA-Sec Talent Selection Trials for Academic Year 2026 Year 1 Intake

- All applications are through online MOE DSA-Sec Portal from 7 May 2025, 11am to 3 June 2025, 3pm. There is no need to contact our teachers. After 30 June 2025, our teachers will contact you for the talent selection trials, interviews or auditions, where applicable.
- Please wear your school CCA T-shirt and bring along your sports gear and equipment (if necessary) on day(s) of trial. All talent selection trials, interviews and auditions will adhere to safe management principles and the prevailing Safe Management Measures and Guidelines for CCAs and school activities.

SN	Talents	Trial Date(s)	Trial Time (Estimated)	Reporting Time	Venue	Name of Teacher(s)	Teachers' email address	DID Tel No.
1.	<b>Badminton</b>	9 July 2025 (Wed) 10 July 2025 (Thu)  To be eligible to attend the selection trials, applicants should have competed at SBA sanctioned National Age-Group competitions or NSG Zonal and National Schools' competitions at the primary school level.	3.45pm to 5.30pm	3.30pm	ACS(I) MPH 2, Level 3, IB Block (above the Squash Courts)	Mr Samuel Sim Mr Khoo Kian Teck Mr Chong Koi Choy Ms Tan Hui Ming Mr Dicky	<a href="mailto:samuel@acsindep.edu.sg">samuel@acsindep.edu.sg</a> <a href="mailto:khookianteck@acsindep.edu.sg">khookianteck@acsindep.edu.sg</a> <a href="mailto:koichoy@acsindep.edu.sg">koichoy@acsindep.edu.sg</a> <a href="mailto:huiming@acsindep.edu.sg">huiming@acsindep.edu.sg</a> <a href="mailto:dicky@acsindep.edu.sg">dicky@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700656 68700674 68700401 68700435 68700658
2.	<b>Basketball</b>	11 July 2025 (Fri) Only selected applicants will be invited for trial. Strong consideration will be given to an applicant's competitive experience, including participation in NSG Zone and National Schools competitions at the primary school level as well as age-group competitions sanctioned by Basketball Association of Singapore (BAS) and International Basketball Federation (FIBA).	2:30pm to 6 pm	2pm for registration	ACS(I) multi-Purpose Hall next to Swimming Pool & Track	Mr Bennett Cheong	<a href="mailto:bennettcheongsh@acsindep.edu.sg">bennettcheongsh@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700491

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	<b>Basketball</b>	<b>Final Round</b> including a short interview session and school tour <b>on 18 July 2025 (Fri) for shortlisted applicants only.</b>	<b>Final Round:</b> 2:15pm to 5:30pm	2pm				
3.	<b>Bowling</b>	8 July 2025 (Tue) 15 July 2025 (Tue)	4pm to 6pm	3:45pm	SuperBowl Mount Faber @ SAFRA, 2 Telok Blangah Way	Mr Benjamin Wong	<a href="mailto:benjaminwongzm@acsindep.edu.sg">benjaminwongzm@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700349
4.	<b>Canoeing</b>	Do not conduct selection trials.				Mr Jeffrey Tan	<a href="mailto:jeffreyt@acsindep.edu.sg">jeffreyt@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700657
5.	<b>Cricket</b>	12 July 2025 (Sat) 19 July 2025 (Sat)	9:30am to 12:15pm 9:30am to 12:15pm	9:30am 9:30am	ACS(I) multi-Purpose Hall next to Swimming Pool & Track	Ms Tengku Nurhafiza Mr Shariff Ms Kavita Mr Halim Susanto	<a href="mailto:tengkunurhafiza@acsindep.edu.sg">tengkunurhafiza@acsindep.edu.sg</a> <a href="mailto:shariff@acsindep.edu.sg">shariff@acsindep.edu.sg</a> <a href="mailto:kavita@acsindep.edu.sg">kavita@acsindep.edu.sg</a> <a href="mailto:halimsusanto@acsindep.edu.sg">halimsusanto@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700466 68700467 68700687 68700613
6.	<b>Cross Country</b>	12 July 2025 (Sat) 19 July 2025 (Sat)	7:30am to 8:30am (depending on weather conditions)	7:30am (Registration & Safety Briefing) 8:15am (Time-Trial Begins)	ACS(I) School Track	Mr Gavin Ang Mr Jason Lai Mr John Foenander Mr Ong Kian Jie	<a href="mailto:gavinang@acsindep.edu.sg">gavinang@acsindep.edu.sg</a> <a href="mailto:jasonlaijr@acsindep.edu.sg">jasonlaijr@acsindep.edu.sg</a> <a href="mailto:foenanderjohnpaul@acsindep.edu.sg">foenanderjohnpaul@acsindep.edu.sg</a> <a href="mailto:ongkianjie@acsindep.edu.sg">ongkianjie@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700677 68700695 67768563 68700647
7.	<b>Golf</b>	Must have a golf handicap of not more than 15. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interviews/selection trials.				Mr Jax Leong	<a href="mailto:jaxleongcw@acsindep.edu.sg">jaxleongcw@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	67739527
8.	<b>Humanities</b>	Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interviews.				Mr Benjamin Yuan Mr Jason Lai	<a href="mailto:benjamin yuanjx@acsindep.edu.sg">benjamin yuanjx@acsindep.edu.sg</a> <a href="mailto:jasonlaijr@acsindep.edu.sg">jasonlaijr@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700490 68700695
9.	<b>International Chess</b>	Do not conduct selection trials.				Mr Kenneth Ong	<a href="mailto:kenneth@acsindep.edu.sg">kenneth@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700675
10.	<b>Mathematics</b>	Do not conduct selection trials. Only Asia-Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (APMOPS) organised by HCI, <b>Round 1 Platinum</b> awardees will be considered. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interviews.				Mr Jonas Chow	<a href="mailto:jonaschowjl@acsindep.edu.sg">jonaschowjl@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700489

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11.	<b>Music Elective Programme</b>	Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for auditions. <b>Audition Session 1:</b> 9 July 2025 (Wed) afternoon <b>Audition Session 2:</b> 16 July 2025 (Wed) afternoon Venue: ACS(I) Music Room 1, Level 4 Old Block where Clock Tower is located.				Mr Benjamin Yeo Ms Poh Ning Mr Derek Lim	<a href="mailto:benjaminyeokg@acsindep.edu.sg">benjaminyeokg@acsindep.edu.sg</a> <a href="mailto:pohning@acsindep.edu.sg">pohning@acsindep.edu.sg</a> <a href="mailto:dereklimhk@acsindep.edu.sg">dereklimhk@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	67769536 68700611 68700405
12.	<b>Robotics</b>	Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for selection trial. Main Trial Date: 12 July 2025 (Sat), 9am to 11:30am, report at 8:45am Make-up Trial Date: 18 July 2025 (Fri), 2:30pm to 5pm, report at 2:15pm Venue: ACS(I) Auditorium 1, Level 3 Old Block where Clock Tower is located.				Mr Foo Kam Meng	<a href="mailto:kammeng@acsindep.edu.sg">kammeng@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700375
13.	<b>Rugby</b>	<b>2 sessions (both compulsory)</b> <b>Session 1:</b> 12 July 2025 (Sat) Non-Feeder schools: 8:30am - 10am (Registration at 7:45am) Feeder schools: 10am - 11:30am (Registration at 9:30am)  <b>Session 2:</b> 19 July 2025 (Sat) Non-Feeder & Feeder schools: 8:30am - 11:30am (report at 7:45am)				Mr Chia Choy Kian	<a href="mailto:choykian@acsindep.edu.sg">choykian@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700361
14.	<b>Sailing</b>	Do not conduct selection trials.				Mr Rasdeen	<a href="mailto:rasdeen@acsindep.edu.sg">rasdeen@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700364
15.	<b>Science</b>	Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interviews.				Mr Loh Kum Leong Ms Jess Wong	<a href="mailto:kumleong@acsindep.edu.sg">kumleong@acsindep.edu.sg</a> <a href="mailto:jesswong@acsindep.edu.sg">jesswong@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700692 68700676
16.	<b>Shooting</b>	Strong consideration will be given to an applicant who has prior shooting experience, including participation in Singapore Cup (Monthly Shoot) held at SAFRA Yishun. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interviews/selection trials. Trial Date & Interview: 11 July 2025 (Fri) from 2pm to 4:30pm				Ms Toh Ling Lee	<a href="mailto:linglee@acsindep.edu.sg">linglee@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700634
17.	<b>Softball</b>	9 July 2025 (Wed)  18 July 2025 (Fri)	3:30pm to 6:30pm 3pm to 6pm	3:15pm 2:45pm	ACS(I) Astro Turf near roundabout	Mr Brian Chirnside	<a href="mailto:brian@acsindep.edu.sg">brian@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700622
18.	<b>Squash</b>	12 July 2025 (Sat)	9am to 11am	9am	ACS(I) Squash Court, Level 1 IB Block	Mr Jerel Chen Ms Shirley Lim	<a href="mailto:jerelchenys@acsindep.edu.sg">jerelchenys@acsindep.edu.sg</a> <a href="mailto:shirleylimxt@acsindep.edu.sg">shirleylimxt@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	67769526 68700678

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19.	Swimming	Do not conduct selection trials.				Mrs Goh Hwee Hwee Mdm Lim Wan Hoon	<a href="mailto:hweehwee@acsindep.edu.sg">hweehwee@acsindep.edu.sg</a> <a href="mailto:limwanhoon@acsindep.edu.sg">limwanhoon@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700637 68700640
20.	Tennis	8 July 2025 (Tue) 10 July 2025 (Thu)	3:30pm to 5:30pm	3:30pm	ACS(I) Outdoor Tennis Courts	Ms Audrey Tay	<a href="mailto:audrey@acsindep.edu.sg">audrey@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700450
21.	Track and Field	12 July 2025 (Sat) 19 July 2025 (Sat)	8:30am to 10:15am	8.15am	ACS(I) multi-Purpose Hall next to Swimming Pool & Track	Mr Lawrence Ang Mr Benjamin Yuan	<a href="mailto:lawrence@acsindep.edu.sg">lawrence@acsindep.edu.sg</a> <a href="mailto:benjaminjuanix@acsindep.edu.sg">benjaminjuanix@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700659 68700490
22.	Volleyball	19 July 2025 (Sat)	8:30am to 12:30pm	8.15am	ACS(I) multi-Purpose Hall next to Swimming Pool & Track	Mr Chan Chee Wei	<a href="mailto:cheewei@acsindep.edu.sg">cheewei@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700655
23.	Water Polo	8 July 2025 (Tue).  Shortlisted students will be contacted to participate in the <b>final round of the selection trial on 15 July 2025 (Tue)</b> .	2pm to 5:30pm  2pm to 5:30pm	1:45pm  1:45pm	ACS(I) Swimming Complex	Mr Ho Yee Cheong Mr Ai Xinghuan Mrs Joshi P Samir	<a href="mailto:Ycho@acsindep.edu.sg">Ycho@acsindep.edu.sg</a> <a href="mailto:aixinghuan@acsindep.edu.sg">aixinghuan@acsindep.edu.sg</a> <a href="mailto:joshipranjalsamir@acsindep.edu.sg">joshipranjalsamir@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700361 68700601 68700693