



## STUDENTS' EDGE

### Guide to Academic Excellence and Global Transitions

Welcome to the January 2026 edition of Students' Edge Newsletter. This month, we are focusing on the practical "how-to" of high-level success - from navigating the complexities of international universities admissions to mastering your presence in a room.

#### TIPS FROM TOPPERS SERIES : SESSION 3

09 January 2026

##### By CLASS OF 2024 A level Toppers

Our recent Tips from Toppers session inspired students with first-hand insights from our proud DPSIS alumni currently studying at NUS and NTU universities. The discussion was highly interactive and rich with practical guidance on navigating successful university applications and achieving board exam excellence.



Our Alumni Speakers : Anuyah Gobinath and Anvi Mulani shared their valuable insights during the session.

#### CRAFTING YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT

Write all your essays and personal statements in simple English, portraying your skills and experiences and what makes you special NUS specifically mentions not to use sophisticated vocabulary!

#### INTERVIEW TIPS

- Be concise but practical. Let your unique style and personality shine in your answers
- Often, interviews are more interested in what you, as a person, bring to the school outside of academics
- Search up model interview questions and practice answering them impromptu. Keep the points you prefer
- Rather than memorise scripts, remember important points for each question.
- If you get stuck on a question, take your time. You will usually be given a minute to think about your answer

#### Navigating Singapore's Elite Institutions

- The roadmap to university requires early planning and a strategic approach to your personal narrative.
- Start research and essays early, attend open houses, and place your course choices in strategic order, as higher preferences are often considered first.
- Personal Statements: Use simple English and avoid sophisticated vocabulary—NUS specifically advises against it. Focus on reflection rather than just listing achievements.
- Extracurricular Portfolio: Emphasize long-term volunteering commitment, internships related to your major, and professional shadowing for competitive fields like Medicine or Law.



# Public Speaking Skills Workshop

17 January 2026

## WORKSHOP TOPICS COVERED

Grade 1-3 : Impromptu speaking

Grade 4-5 : Overcome fear of public speaking

Grade 6-8 : Debate techniques

**Students received the "Certificates for participation"**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

\* **Tips from Toppers Australia Special by DPS Alumni**

**25 January 2026**

Zoom Webinar

\* **Junior Sports Day**

**27 January 2026**

DPS Grounds, Kovan

KG - Grade 3

\* **Digital Literacy by NLB Speaker**

**05 February 2026**

Students Session at School

Grade/Year 9

\* **Mental Wellness by Adolescent Counselling Expert**

**19 February 2026**

Students Session at School

Grade/Year 11



Master the Art of Public Speaking



Conquer Stage Fear with Confidence



Webinar Curated by **Ms. Sree Devi G.**



DPS International School conducted a series of Public speaking Workshops for students of Grades 1 to 8, engaging 200+ students in a structured & age appropriate learning experience focused on confidence, clarity, and communication.

### Highlights of the Sessions:

**Expert Facilitation:** Led by Mrs. Sreedevi Gundapaneni, a Harvard-qualified educator and acclaimed author of 37 books.

**Skill Focus:** Students were trained in core public speaking techniques and impromptu speaking.

**Interactive Learning Design:** Sessions were highly interactive, enabling students to practice speaking in a safe, supportive, and encouraging environment.

**Recognition:** All the students who joined the Workshop will receive "Certificate of Participation"

### SUMMARY

As we begin 2026, Student Careers Edge continues to focus on building clarity, confidence, and capability in our students. Through alumni-led insights, skill-based workshops, and thoughtfully designed upcoming sessions, DPS International School remains committed to supporting students in their academic journeys, personal growth, and global transitions.

# SPOTLIGHT

DPS International School is thrilled to celebrate our students emerging as **Silver Award winners** from a huge pool of 620 participants across 56 schools in the fast-paced, team-based **Singapore Informatics League (SIL) 2025**, organized by CeNCE (NUS)!

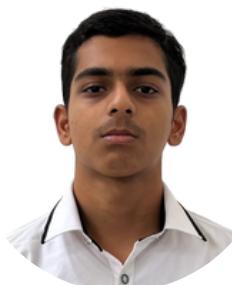
Held on 29 November 2025, this highly challenging contest tested competitive programming skills under intense time pressure, showcasing exceptional talent on a grand scale.



## Heartiest Congratulations to our Stellar Team



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SHANKAR,  
GRADE 12 ISC



DARSHAN SAI  
PRASANNA,  
GRADE 12 ISC



SAI HARITH  
VOURIGANTI,  
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SIDDHARTH  
SURIYAN,  
GRADE 11 ISC



KANNAN  
MURUGAPANDIAN,  
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## Our Students' problem-solving skills, teamwork and coding prowess have made us all proud!