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## **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **2025/2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR BASIC SCHOOLS**

The Management of the Ghana Education Service (GES) wishes to inform all Basic School heads, teachers, learners and stakeholders of the approved 2025/2026 Academic Calendar for Basic Schools (Kindergarten, Primary, and Junior High Schools). Details of the calendar are as follows:

#### **FIRST TERM (15 WEEKS)**

- Reopening: 2nd September, 2025
- Closing: 18th December, 2025
- Vacation: 19th December, 2025 – 7th January, 2026
- Mid-Term Break: 31st October – 3rd November, 2025 (2 days)

#### **SECOND TERM (12 WEEKS)**

- Reopening: 8th January, 2026
- Closing: 1st April, 2026
- Vacation: 2nd April, 2026 – 20th April, 2026

#### **THIRD TERM (13 WEEKS)**

- Reopening: 21st April, 2026
- Closing: 23rd July, 2026
- Vacation: 24th July, 2026

#### **BASIC EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (BECE)**

The Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) has been scheduled to take place from **4th May to 11th May, 2026**.

GES wishes to remind all stakeholders that public holidays within the academic year are to be observed accordingly. In addition, a two-day mid-term break will be observed in each term for all basic schools. All heads of schools, teachers, parents, and guardians are urged to take note of these dates and ensure adequate preparation for a smooth and effective academic year.

Management also wishes to thank all school heads, teachers, parents, students and all stakeholders for the dedication and hard work in ensuring a successful 2024/2025 academic year which ends on Thursday, 24th July, 2025.

**SIGNED**

**DANIEL FENYI**  
**HEAD OF PUBLIC RELATIONS, GES**

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**20<sup>th</sup> August, 2025**

**ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS, GES**

## **2025/2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR SECOND CYCLE INSTITUTIONS**

The Management of the Ghana Education Service (GES) wishes to inform Heads of all Second Cycle Institutions of the 2025/2026 Academic Calendar.

**Reporting Date for First-Year Students (Single Track and Transitional Schools) is 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2025.**

Other key term dates and holidays have been clearly outlined in the attached academic calendar. Footnotes have also been provided to offer further guidance on special arrangements and considerations for the smooth running of the school year.

By a copy of this letter, Regional Directors are kindly requested to disseminate the attached Academic Calendar to all Heads of Second Cycle Institutions under your jurisdiction, and ensure that Heads strictly adhere to the calendar to guarantee consistency and smooth implementation across all schools. Provide the necessary monitoring and support to Heads of Schools in the execution of the calendar.

The Service counts on your usual cooperation to ensure effective teaching and learning in our institutions for the 2025/2026 academic year.

Thank you

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**For: AG. DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

CC: The Chairman, GES Council, Accra  
The Director-General, GES HQ, Accra  
The Director-General, TVET Service, Accra  
The Deputy Director-General (MS), GES HQ, Accra  
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2025/2026 TRANSITIONAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR					
FORM	IN SCHOOL		WEEKS	BREAK/OUT OF SCHOOL	
<b>3</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct., 2025	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb., 2026	14	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec., 2025	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan., 2026
	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb., 2026	21 <sup>st</sup> June, 2026	18	1 <sup>st</sup> April, 2026 WASSCE: 20 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL – 20 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2026	8 <sup>th</sup> April, 2026 WASSCE: 20 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL – 20 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2026
<b>2</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan., 2026	17 <sup>th</sup> April, 2026 (16 <sup>th</sup> March – 17 <sup>th</sup> April online/external mode)	15 (5 weeks online)	18 <sup>th</sup> April, 2026	17 <sup>th</sup> May, 2026
	18 <sup>th</sup> May, 2026	4 <sup>th</sup> Sept., 2026	16	END OF ACADEMIC YEAR	
<b>1</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 2025	30 <sup>th</sup> Jan., 2026 (9 weeks onsite, 4 weeks offsite)	13 (4 weeks online)	(20 <sup>th</sup> Dec., 2025 – 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan., 2026) 31 <sup>st</sup> January, 2026	31 <sup>st</sup> Jan, - 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar., 2026
	16 <sup>th</sup> March, 2026	12 <sup>th</sup> June, 2026 (9 weeks onsite, 4 weeks offsite)	13 (4 weeks online)	13 <sup>th</sup> June, 2026	2 <sup>nd</sup> July, 2026
	3 <sup>rd</sup> July, 2026	4 <sup>th</sup> Sept., 2026	9	END OF ACADEMIC YEAR	

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**NB 1:**

18<sup>TH</sup> – 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025 (Re-opening Week for SHS 1)  
 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER – 29<sup>th</sup> October ,2025 (Re-opening Week for SHS 3)  
 20<sup>TH</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER,2025 (Travel Period)  
 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2025 - 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2026 (Christmas Break)  
 5<sup>TH</sup> -7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY ,2026 (Re-opening Week for SHS 2)  
 5<sup>TH</sup> -7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY ,2026 (Resumption for SHS 3)  
 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH -17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026 (Vacation for SHS 2)  
 1<sup>ST</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2026 (Easter Break)

**NB 1: WASSCE: 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2026**

**NB 3: Proposed Starting Date For 2026/2027 Academic Year is 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026**

2025/2026 SINGLE TRACK ACADEMIC CALENDAR					
FORM	IN SCHOOL		WEEKS	BREAK/OUT OF SCHOOL	
<b>3</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> Oct., 2025	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb., 2026	18	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec., 2025	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan., 2026
	13 <sup>th</sup> March, 2026	21 <sup>st</sup> June, 2026	14	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb.,2026 WASSCE: 20 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL – 20 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2026	12 <sup>th</sup> March,2026 WASSCE: 20 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL – 20 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2026
<b>2</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> Oct., 2025	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb.,2026	17	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec.,2025	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan., 2026
	4 <sup>th</sup> May,2026	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug., 2026	16	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb., 2026	3 <sup>rd</sup> May, 2026
	END OF ACADEMIC YEAR				
<b>1</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> Oct., 2025	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb.,2026	17	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec.,2025	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan., 2026
	4 <sup>th</sup> May,2026	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug., 2026	16	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb., 2026	3 <sup>rd</sup> May,2026
	END OF ACADEMIC YEAR				

**NB 1:**

11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2025 (Re-opening for SHS 3)

18<sup>TH</sup> – 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025 ( Re-opening for SHS 1 & 2 Single Track)

20<sup>TH</sup> -22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER,2025 (Travel Period)

20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2025 - 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2026 (Christmas Break)

27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - 1<sup>st</sup>MARCH ,2026 (Vacation/Travel Period for SHS 3)

4<sup>TH</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>MAY, 2026 (Re-opening /Travel Period for SHS 1& 2)

21<sup>ST</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>AUGUST, 2026 (Vacation /Travel Period for SHS 1& 2)

**NB 2: WASSCE: 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2026**

**NB 3: Proposed Starting Date For 2026/2027 Academic Year is 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2026**