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**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  
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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**

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