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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 18th 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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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
The Deputy Director-General (Q&A), GES HQ, Accra
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2025/2026 TRANSITIONAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FORM	IN SCHOOL		WEEKS	BREAK/OUT OF SCHOOL	
3	27 th Oct., 2025	13 th Feb., 2026	14	20 th Dec., 2025	4 th Jan., 2026
	14 th Feb., 2026	21 st June, 2026	18	1 st April, 2026 WASSCE: 20 TH APRIL – 20 TH JUNE, 2026	8 th April, 2026 WASSCE: 20 TH APRIL – 20 TH JUNE, 2026
2	5 th Jan., 2026	17 th April, 2026 (16 th March – 17 th April online/external mode)	15 (5 weeks online)	18 th April, 2026	17 th May, 2026
	18 th May, 2026	4 th Sept., 2026	16	END OF ACADEMIC YEAR	
1	18 th Oct, 2025	30 th Jan., 2026 (9 weeks onsite, 4 weeks offsite)	13 (4 weeks online)	(20 th Dec., 2025 - 4 th Jan., 2026) 31 st January, 2026	31 st Jan, - 15 th Mar., 2026
	16 th March, 2026	12 th June, 2026 (9 weeks onsite, 4 weeks offsite)	13 (4 weeks online)	13 th June, 2026	2 nd July, 2026
	3 rd July, 2026	4 th Sept., 2026	9	END OF ACADEMIC YEAR	

NB 1:

18TH – 20TH OCTOBER 2025 (Re-opening Week for SHS 1)

27TH OCTOBER – 29th October ,2025 (Re-opening Week for SHS 3)

20TH -22nd DECEMBER,2025 (Travel Period)

20TH DECEMBER, 2025 - 4th JANUARY, 2026 (Christmas Break)

5TH -7TH JANUARY ,2026 (Re-opening Week for SHS 2)

5TH -7TH JANUARY ,2026 (Resumption for SHS 3)

14TH MARCH -17TH MAY 2026 (Vacation for SHS 2)

1ST – 8TH APRIL, 2026 (Easter Break)

NB 1: WASSCE: 20TH APRIL – 20TH JUNE, 2026

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

2025/2026 SINGLE TRACK ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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

NB 1:

11TH OCTOBER, 2025 (Re-opening for SHS 3)

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

20TH -22ND DECEMBER,2025 (Travel Period)

20TH DECEMBER, 2025 - 4th JANUARY, 2026 (Christmas Break)

27TH FEBRUARY - 1stMARCH ,2026 (Vacation/Travel Period for SHS 3)

4TH – 6thMAY, 2026 (Re-opening /Travel Period for SHS 1& 2)

21ST – 23rdAUGUST, 2026 (Vacation /Travel Period for SHS 1& 2)

NB 2: WASSCE: 20TH APRIL – 20TH JUNE, 2026

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