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ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS

RELEASE OF THE 2026/2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR SECOND CYCLE INSTITUTIONS

Management of the Ghana Education Service extends its compliments.

Management formally writes to inform you of the approved 2026/2027 Academic Calendar for all Senior High Schools (SHSs) and Senior High Technical Schools (SHTSs) as per the attached.

Regional Directors are kindly requested to share this information with all Heads of Second Cycle Institutions within their respective Regions through the Metro/Municipal and District Directors of Education.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Smile Dzisi'.

PROF. SMILE DZISI (MRS.)
DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL (MS)
For: DIRECTOR-GENERAL

Cc: Director-General, GES, Hqtrs, Accra
Deputy Director-General (Q&A), GES, Hqtrs, Accra
Director, School and Instructions (Secondary Division), GES, Hqtrs, Accra
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2026/2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR TRANSITIONAL SHS/SHTS/STEM SCHOOLS

FORM	IN SCHOOL		DURATION (WEEKS)	OUT OF SCHOOL	
	FROM	TO		FROM	TO
3	18 th September, 2026	18 th December, 2026	13	19 th December, 2026	4 th January, 2027
	5 th January, 2027	18 th June, 2027	24	EASTER BREAK 25 th – 30 th March, 2027 END OF ACADEMIC YEAR 19 th June, 2027	
2	16 th November, 2026	5 th February, 2027	10 (in Sch)	19 th December, 2026	4 th January, 2027
	8 th February, 2027	5 th March, 2027	4 (Online at home)	6 th March, 2027	18 th April, 2027
	19 th April, 2027	27 th August, 2027	19(in Sch.)	(BREAK 17 th -20 th June, 2027) END OF ACADEMIC YEAR 28 th August, 2027	
1	18 th September, 2026	13 th November, 2026	8 (in Sch.)		
	16 th November, 2026	18 th December, 2026	5 (Online at home)	19 th December, 2026	7 th February, 2027
	8 th February, 2027 19 th April, 2027	16 th April, 2027 14 th May, 2027	10 (in Sch) 4 (Online at home)	15 th May, 2027	20 th June, 2027
	21 st June, 2027	27 th August, 2027	10 (in Sch)	END OF ACADEMIC YEAR 28 th August, 2027	

NB:

1. CHRISTMAS BREAK: 19TH DECEMBER 2026 - 4TH JANUARY 2027 FOR FORMS 2 & 3
2. TRAVELLING PERIOD : 3RD & 4TH JANUARY, 2027 FOR FORMS 2 & 3
3. EASTER BREAK : 25TH – 30TH MARCH, 2027 FOR FORM 3
4. WASSCE: 6TH APRIL TO 18TH JUNE, 2027

2026/2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR SINGLE TRACK SHS/SHTS/ STEM SCHOOLS

FORM	IN SCHOOL		WEEK	OUT OF SCHOOL	
	FROM	TO		FROM	TO
3	18 th September, 2026	18 th December, 2026	13	19 th December, 2026	31 st January, 2027
	1 st February, 2027	18 th June, 2027	20	EASTER BREAK 25 th – 30 th March, 2027 END OF ACADEMIC YEAR 19 th June, 2027	
2	18 th September, 2026	29 th January , 2027	17	30 th January, 2027	29 th March, 2027
	30 th March, 2027	30 th July , 2027	18	END OF ACADEMIC YEAR 31 st July, 2027	
1	18 th September, 2026	29 th January , 2027	17	30 th January, 2027	29 th March, 2027
	30 th March, 2027	30 th July , 2027	18	END OF ACADEMIC YEAR 31 st July, 2027	

NB:

1. CHRISTMAS BREAK : 19TH DECEMBER, 2026 - 4TH JANUARY 2027 FOR FORMS 1&2
2. EASTER BREAK : 25TH - 30TH MARCH, 2027 FOR FORM 3
3. MID SEMESTER: 27TH - 30TH MAY, 2027 FOR FORMS 1&2
4. WASSCE: 6TH APRIL - 18TH JUNE, 2027

NB:

18th – 20th SEPTEMBER, 2026 (Re-opening period for all single track and transition schools' forms 1 & 3)

14th- 15th NOVEMBER , 2026 (Re-opening period for SHS 2 in transition schools)

19TH DECEMBER, 2026 - 4TH JANUARY 2027 FOR FORMS 1&2 (Christmas Break)

4th- 5th January, 2027 (Re-opening period for SHS 3 in transition schools)

1st- 3rd February, 2027 (Re-opening period for SHS 3 in single track schools)

25th – 30th MARCH, 2027 (Easter break for SHS 3 both single and transition schools)

Public Holidays

SN	HOLIDAY	DATE	DAY
1	Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Day	21 st September 2026	Monday
2	Farmers' Day	4 th December, 2026	Friday
3	New Year's Day	1 st January, 2027	Friday
4	Constitution Day	7 th January, 2027	Thursday
5	Independence Day	6 th March 2027 (shifted to 8 th March)	Saturday (shifted to Monday)
6	Eid-ul-Fitr (End of Ramadan)	March (actual date to be communicated)	
7	Good Friday	26 th March, 2027	Friday
8	Easter Monday	26 th March , 2027	Monday
9	Labour Day / May Day	1 st May 2027 (shifted to 3 rd May)	Saturday (shifted to Monday)
10	Eid-ul-Adha	May (actual date to be communicated)	
11	Republic Day	1 st July, 2027	Thursday
12	Founders' Day	4 th August 2027 (shifted to 6 th August)	Wednesday (shifted to Friday)