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ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS

RELEASE OF THE 2026/2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR BASIC SCHOOLS

Management of the Ghana Education Service extends its compliments.

Management formally writes to inform you of the approved 2026/2027 Academic Calendar for all Basic Schools (Kindergarten, Primary, and Junior High Schools) as per the attached.

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

Thank you.

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2026/2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR BASIC SCHOOLS

FIRST TERM (15 WEEKS)

Reopening: 8th September, 2026
Closing: 17th December, 2026
Vacation: 18th December, 2026 – 4th January, 2027
Mid-Term Break: 5 & 6th November, 2026 (2 days)

SECOND TERM (12 WEEKS)

Reopening: 5th January, 2027
Closing: 25th March, 2027
Vacation: 26th March, 2027 – 19th April, 2027

THIRD TERM (14 WEEKS)

Reopening: 20th April, 2027
Closing: 22nd July, 2027
Vacation: 23rd July, 2027 [END OF ACADEMIC YEAR]

BASIC EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (BECE): The Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) is scheduled to take place from **Wednesday, 5th May to 12th May, 2027.**

Management of the Ghana Education Service at the headquarters 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.

Management of the Ghana Education Service at Regional, Metro, Municipal, District and school level are to take note of these dates and ensure adequate preparation for a smooth and effective academic year