

# Reopening Of Schools For The Next Academic Year

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# Background

- **March 16, 2020** – Closure of schools by HE the President due to COVID-19 pandemic. The initial directive allowed for final year students of both JHS and SHS to remain in school to continue with their examinations. When the West African Examination Council (WAEC) suspended the conduct of exams, the final year students of both JHS and SHS were also directed to go home.
- **June 15, 2020** – Gradual reopening of schools for final year students to return to face-to-face instructions and to sit for their terminal examinations while observing health protocols.
- **October 5, 2020** – JHS 2 and SHS 2 students return to school to complete the 2019/2020 academic year. It was further directed that all KG, primary, JHS 1 and SHS 1 students will *return to school in January 2021 to begin the next academic year.*



# Academic Calendar for 2021 – Reopening Dates

- **SHS Reopening Dates**
  - SHS 3 & SHS 2 (Green & Single Track – **January 15, 2021**)
  - SHS 1 & SHS 2 Gold Track – **March 10, 2021**
- **JHS Reopening Dates**
  - JHS 1 – 3 – **January 18, 2021**
- **KG/Primary Reopening Dates**
  - KG1 – P6 – **January 18, 2021**



# Conditions

- **Disinfection** of all schools
- Provision of **Veronica Buckets, Soaps, Hand Sanitizers and Paper Tissues**
- Provision of **washable** and **reusable Facemasks** for all students and staff
- Schools **not available for outside activities**



# SHS CALENDAR



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# All Existing Double-Track Schools run Double-Track for 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Students

	FIRST SEMESTER						SECOND SEMESTER						CONTACT HOURS
	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC	
	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	
SHS 3			VAC			VAC			WASSCE		END OF SCHOOL		1,080
SHS 2 GREEN				VAC					VAC				1,440
SHS 2 GOLD	VAC						VAC						1,440
SHS 1	FSHS ADMISSION						VAC						1,440

- Edmodo Learning Management System for all Pre-Tertiary students to support supplemental teaching and learning
- Implementing the National Digital Literacy Project to provide equipment to teachers and learners
- Provide digital literacy and proficiency training to teachers and students



# 2021 Academic calendar for all Double-Track SHS

FORM	SESSION	FIRST SEMESTER				SECOND SEMESTER			
		IN SCHOOL		VACATION		IN SCHOOL		VACATION	
		FROM	TO	FROM	TO	FROM	TO	FROM	TO
<b>3</b>	<b>1ST SESSION</b>	<b>15th Jan. 2021</b>	<b>4th March, 2021</b>	5th March, 2021	1st April, 2021	<b>30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021</b>	<b>UNTIL END OF WASSCE</b>	END OF ACADEMIC YEAR	
	<b>2ND SESSION</b>	<b>2nd April, 2021</b>	<b>28th May, 2021</b>	29th May, 2021	29th June, 2021	<b>NOTE</b> <b>WASSCE TO BE TAKEN SEPT./OCT. 2021</b>			
<b>2 Green</b>	<b>1ST SESSION</b>	<b>15th Jan. 2021</b>	<b>31st March, 2021</b>	1st April, 2021	31st May, 2021	<b>1st July, 2021</b>	<b>27th Aug., 2021</b>	28th Aug., 2021	30th Oct., 2021
	<b>2ND SESSION</b>	<b>1st June, 2021</b>	<b>30th June, 2021</b>	2ND SEMESTER BEGINS		<b>1st Nov., 2021</b>	<b>18th Dec., 2021</b>	END OF ACADEMIC YEAR	
<b>2 Gold SHS 1</b>		<b>10th March, 2021</b>	<b>25th June, 2021</b>	26th June, 2021	31st Aug., 2021	<b>1st Sept., 2021</b>	<b>18th Dec., 2021</b>	END OF ACADEMIC YEAR	





# 2021 Academic Calendar (SHS) All Single-Track Schools

	FIRST SEMESTER						SECOND SEMESTER						CONTACT HOURS
	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC	
	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	
SHS 3			VAC			VAC			WASSCE		END OF SCHOOL		1,080
SHS 2			VAC			VAC					VAC		1,440
SHS 1	FSHS ADMISSION					VAC						VAC	1,440



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		IN SCHOOL		VACATION		IN SCHOOL		VACATION	
		FROM	TO	FROM	TO	FROM	TO	FROM	TO
<b>3</b>	<b>1ST SESSION</b>	<b>15th Jan. 2021</b>	<b>4th March, 2021</b>	<b>5th March, 2021</b>	<b>1st April, 2021</b>	<b>30th June, 2021</b>	<b>UNTIL END OF WASSCE</b>	<b>WASSCE COMPLETED</b>	
	<b>2ND SESSION</b>	<b>2nd April, 2021</b>	<b>28th May, 2021</b>	<b>29th May, 2021</b>	<b>29th June, 2021</b>	<b>NOTE</b> <b>WASSCE TO BE TAKEN SEPT./OCT. 2021</b>			
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	<b>2ND SESSION</b>	<b>2nd April, 2021</b>	<b>28th May, 2021</b>	<b>29th May, 2021</b>	<b>29th June, 2021</b>				
<b>1</b>		<b>10th March, 2021</b>	<b>28th May, 2021</b>	<b>29th May, 2021</b>	<b>29th June, 2021</b>	<b>30th June, 2021</b>	<b>30th Nov., 2021</b>	<b>END OF ACADEMIC YEAR</b>	



# JHS CALENDAR



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# 2021 Academic Calendar (JHS) - Semester System for JHS

	FIRST SEMESTER						SECOND SEMESTER						CONTACT WEEKS
	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC	
	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	
JHS 3	FIRST SEMESTER					VAC	SECOND SEMESTER				BECE	END OF YEAR	39
JHS 2	FIRST SEMESTER					VAC	SECOND SEMESTER				VAC		42
JHS 1	FIRST SEMESTER					VAC	SECOND SEMESTER				VAC		42



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FORM	FIRST SEMESTER				SECOND SEMESTER			
	IN SCHOOL		VACATION		IN SCHOOL		VACATION	
	FROM	TO	FROM	TO	FROM	TO	FROM	TO
3	18th Jan., 2021	11th June, 2021	12th June, 2021	5th July, 2021	6th July, 2021	BECE IN NOV. 2021	END OF ACADEMIC YEAR	
	MIDTERM – March 15 – 19, 2021				MIDTERM – September 6 -10, 2021			
1 & 2	18th Jan., 2021	11th June, 2021	12th June, 2021	5th July, 2021	6th July, 2021	7th Dec., 2021	8TH DEC. 2021 - JAN, 2022	



**KG/PRIMARY CALENDAR**

# 2021 Academic Calendar – KG/PRIMARY

	FIRST TERM				SECOND TERM				THIRD TERM				NUMBER OF WEEKS
	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC	
	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	
P4-P6	FIRST TERM			VAC	SECOND TERM			VAC	THIRD TERM			VAC	42
P1-P3	FIRST TERM			VAC	SECOND TERM			VAC	THIRD TERM			VAC	42
KG	FIRST TERM			VAC	SECOND TERM			VAC	THIRD TERM			VAC	42



# 2021 Academic calendar for KG/PRIMARY

LEVEL	FIRST TERM				SECOND TERM				THIRD TERM		
	IN SCHOOL		VACATION		IN SCHOOL		VACATION		IN SCHOOL		VACATION
Primary	18th Jan. 2021	16th April, 2021	17th April, 2021	3rd May, 2021	4th May, 2021	6th Aug., 2021	7th Aug., 2021	5th Sept., 2021	6th Sept., 2021	10th Dec. 2021	11TH DEC. 2021 – JAN, 2022
KG	18th Jan. 2021	16th April, 2021	17th April, 2021	3rd May, 2021	4th May, 2021	6th Aug., 2021	7th Aug., 2021	5th Sept., 2021	6th Sept., 2021	10th Dec., 2021	11TH DEC. 2021 - JAN, 2022





# WASSCE & BECE 2021



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# Exams Date Options – 2021

## WASSCE

Proposed Dates	Hours Remaining	Hours Covered until WASSCE	Impact on Contact Hours
May/June 2021	<b>1,701</b>	980	<b>-721</b>
Aug./Sept. 2021		1,520	<b>-181</b>
Sept./Oct. 2021		1,700	<b>-1</b>
Oct./Nov. 2021		1,880	<b>+180</b>

Recommendation is to sit the **WASSCE for 2021 in September/October** and the **BECE in November 2021**



# Proposed 3-Year Exams Dates to bring Calendar Back to Normal

## WASSCE & BECE

Year	Proposed Dates WASSCE	Proposed Dates BECE
<b>2021</b>	SEPT./OCT.	NOV.
<b>2022</b>	JULY/AUG.	SEPT.
<b>2023</b>	MAY/JUNE	JUNE



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