In Ghana, like many other countries, there is a strong tradition of schools having to do practical work as a part of the teaching and learning of science and its related disciplines. School practical work is in line with the requirements of the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NaCCA) and West African Examinations Council (WAEC), which feature test of practical work in the curriculum and in the examination of pupils and students in science and related disciplines.

The main aim of the curriculum is to essentially lead to a perfect attainment of scientific concepts and principles, and to the development of practical abilities, skills and values. It is widely acknowledged that for many learners, scientific concepts and theories may be abstract and difficult to grasp, hence, the use of practically stimulating activities to boost learner understanding of such concepts and theories.

Practical work is considered effective if it allows learners to have their learning experiences in abstract terms changed to concrete forms as it helps them to better internalise and to understand the various concepts and theories.

Some of the reasons for using practical approaches in the teaching and learning of science and related disciplines are as below:

- To use science practicals to clarify concepts and theories;
- To verify scientific principles and facts, which have already been taught;
- To arouse and to maintain the interest of learners in the learning of science and related disciplines;
- To develop specific expressive and manipulative skills in learners;
- To develop the skills of observation and experimentation in learners;
- To find scientific facts and to derive new, better principles and outcomes;
- To improve scientific investigative and problem-solving skills of learners;
- To demystify the teaching and learning of science and related disciplines;
- To emphasise the relevance of practical approaches to the teaching and learning of science and related disciplines;
- To reinforce the significance of science and related disciplines to the natural and social environment.

It is in this light that the Science Education Unit of Ghana Education Service has introduced the Ghana Science Olympiad (GSO) programme to introduce learners to practical ways of learning science and related disciplines. It is interesting to note that GSO has run for three consecutive years now with significant impact.

As we speak, the performance of learners in WAEC’s Integrated Science is said to have been increasingly tremendous in the past three years of GSO’s existence.

It is, therefore, believed that the more schools are supported to continue to make the teaching of science and related disciplines practical and stimulating to learners, the better it will be for our nation's education.
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The 39-year-old Information Communication Technology (ICT) Teacher, Eric Asomani Asante, has been crowned the most outstanding Teacher for the year 2020. Mr Asante of Naylor SDA Basic School in the Tema Metropolitan Assembly, was revealed at the University of Cape Coast, New Examination Centre, where the grand ceremony for 2020 Ghana Teacher Prize was held. The Most Outstanding Teacher had to sail strong competition from among fifteen (15) finalists shortlisted from district and regional preliminaries.

For his prize, he took away a miniature a three (3) bed room self contained house that will be built for him at a place of his choice valued at GHC 180,000.00. Mr. Asomani Asante demonstrated evidence of how his teachings in the classroom impacted his students past and present.

Gloria Anima Junior, Aboabo No.4 Presbyterian Primary and Sandra Osei Akwatia Technical Institute, took awards for first and second runner up positions respectively.

Gloria received keys to a brand-new VW double cabin pick up whereas Sandra drove away brand-new VW saloon car.

The Ghana Education Service under the auspices of Ministry of Education, has trained a total of 280 Regional and District Public Relations Officers of the Service on Ghana Accountability for Learning Outcomes Project (GALOP).

GALOP is an intervention by the Government of Ghana through the Ministry of Education and the Ghana Education Service aimed at improving learning outcomes in 10,000 deprived and disadvantaged Basic Schools in Ghana.

The objective of the programme is to “improve the quality of education in low performing Basic Education Schools and to strengthen the Education Sector Equity and Accountability in Ghana”.

The World Bank and the DFID are supporting the project with $218 million funding for the project for the next five years. The 10,000 schools were
selected scientifically using the BECE, EGRA and EGMA records. These schools selected include all the 28 Special Basic Schools in the country.

The Directors, Schools Inspections and Support Officers (SISOs) and School Management Committees (SMC) shall receive training on the latest models for school inspection and assessments of teaching and learning. Teachers in schools under GALOP shall benefit from training and retraining in order to update their pedagogical skills and knowledge base.

There shall be additional grants to District Directors, SISOs and School Heads meant to undertake measures to improve supervisory activities. In all, 2,328,750 pupils and 76,000 teachers have been projected to benefit from GALOP.

Director for Schools and Instructions, Mrs Patty E. Assan, GES Headquarters, in an address, read on her behalf, called on PROs of the Service to gear up fully in communicating the awesome benefits inherent in GALOP.

Mrs Assan said GALOP is a game changer for Basic Education in Ghana and it therefore requires the support of all stakeholders in ensuring that the ultimate objective of the project is achieved.

The One Day Orientation Workshop was held in two (2) cohorts, Northern and Southern sectors, at Anita Hotel, Ejisu and Blue Royal Hotel, Larteh Akuapem respectively.

GES HEADQUARTERS UNDERGOES FIRE SIMULATION EXERCISE

Ghana Education Service on Friday 9th of October 2020 underwent a fire simulation exercise at its Head Office premises. The exercise was to test the preparedness of the emergency elements put in place to ensure staff and visitors safety in emergency situations.

The lead conductor, DOI, Micheal Ato Korsah, Deputy Director, Safety, and his team from the Ghana National Fire Service (GNFS), elaborated on some activities that should be avoided during emergency situations. He stated that running back into restricted areas during emergencies to pick up valuable items should be avoided completely. The Deputy Director praised the staff for their swift response to the emergency alarm.

Speaking after the exercise, the Deputy Director General, in charge of Management Services, Mr. Anthony Boateng impressed on staff to extend these safety practices learned to their homes to ensure personal safety and the safety of their family members.

“Management of GES is collaborating with GNFS to extend fire safety measures to all Senior High Schools in the country”, Mr. Boateng Said.

Mr. Boateng further explained that GES engaged GNFS to conduct Safety audit in all the Senior High Schools.

According to the DDG the report has been submitted to management for consideration and further discussions.
The government through the Education Minister, Hon. Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh has handed over 16 Toyota Landcruiser Prado 4 x 4 vehicles to all Regional Directors of Education on behalf of President Akufo-Addo at a short ceremony at the Ministry of Education in Accra. This according to the Education Minister was in fulfillment of the government’s desire of ensuring Education Directors are provided with the needed logistics towards effective monitoring and supervision in the schools.

It will be recalled that in March 2020, the Vice President, on behalf of the President, presented 900 Science and Mathematics teachers to receive training from GES. According to the Director of Science Education Unit of the headquarters of the Ghana Education Service, Mrs Olivia Opare, the training seeks to enhance teacher performance in these critical subject areas (Science and Mathematics), so as to lead a transformation in students’ performances.

“The training aimed at pedagogy; teacher knowledge in challenging topics, preparation of learning materials, conditions in the classrooms, instructional materials, adaptive soft instructional materials (computer based) and digital learning materials set out in the smart classrooms”, Mrs. Opare further clarified. The workshops were held in five cohorts in different zones that spanned over a month, from 31st August to 28th September, 2020.

The resource persons were drawn from experienced educationists, seasoned WAEC examiners and Counselors who interacted with participants in solving WASSCE questions and discussions on Chief Examiner’s reports.

GES TRAINS OVER 900 SHS SCIENCE AND MATHS TEACHERS

The Ghana Education Service (GES), under the auspices of Secondary Education Improvement Project (SEIP) has trained a total of nine hundred and twenty-four (924) Senior High School Science and Mathematics teachers.

The training workshop was part of the routine exercise meant to update and refresh the content, and the pedagogical capacities of participants in all the two hundred and thirty-one (231) senior high schools under SEIP.

The Secondary Education Improvement Project is a World Bank facility, meant to achieve increased access to Senior Secondary Education in underserved districts, and to improve quality outcomes in teaching and learning.

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Isuzu Double cabin pickup vehicles to 260 Metropolitan, Municipal, and District Education Directors to support their management and supervisory roles.

The ministry has also provided over 2000 motorbikes to circuit supervisors to aid in their frontline roles.

The presentation was in furtherance of government’s commitment to provide the requisite tools and logistics to those at the forefront of the reforms government is pursuing in the education sector with a view to improving learning outcomes in this country.

Dr. Prempeh expressed his confidence that the vehicles will be properly taken care of and put to the use for which they have been provided, to ensure maximum efficiency and ultimately to support government’s vision for the education sector.

PRESEC, LEGON, WINS HISTORIC 6TH NSMQ 2020 TROPHY

After eleven (11) long years of being in the wilderness, the Presbyterian Boys Secondary School, Legon, put up a stellar performance in the grand finale leading to their historic and unprecedented 6th victory in the National Science and Maths Quiz competition.

The boys from Legon exhibited their determination to lift the trophy right from round one to the fifth round as they led in points round after round.

PRESEC had to beat off fierce competition from their arch rivals; Adisadel College, Cape Coast and Opoku Ware SHS, Kumasi, in a hotly contested grand finale held at the Economics Department, University of Ghana.

The Covid-19 edition of the final competition saw a contest among three leading cities in Ghana as well as three domineering orthodox churches that are famed for setting up excellent educational institutions. Thus, the former capital city, Cape Coast, represented by Adisadel College founded by the Anglican Church; the Garden City, Kumasi, represented by Opoku Ware, founded by the Roman Catholic Church; and the Presbyterians boys from Accra, the capital city, achieving host and win feat.

NSMQ 2020 gave us something to smile and cheer about from the Education sector as the novel Covid 19 had virtually grounded schooling. Government had closed down all schools at all levels as a measure to checkmate the spread of the pandemic in Ghana.

The usual social and traditional media bragging rights were in full swing as old boys and girls and associates of these schools jeered and trolled one another at the various platforms, homes and offices.

The NSMQ which started in 1994 with sponsorship from the Ghana Education Service and being produced by Primetime Media Production had generated intense national commentary occupying a threshold in the social discourse sphere.

It’s without doubt that the NSMQ has really rekindled interests in the teaching and leaning of science and mathematics in the senior high schools.
The lead contestant for PRESEC, Daniel Gakpetor Kekeli received the coveted 6th trophy from the Head Quizmistress, Dr Esie Kaufmann. Gakpetor also the recipient of a $40,000 worth of scholarship assistance to pursue medicine at the Accra College of Medicine, having been adjudged the Most Outstanding Contestant.

PRESEC received GHC 40,000 as a school, contestants had GHC 20,000 and teachers smiled with GHC 20,000 plus 10 gold medals for contestants and coaches.

The details of the prizes were as follows;

**AWARDS IN THE NATIONAL SCIENCE AND MATHS QUIZ 2020 NSMQ**

1. Best Contestant
   Scholarship from Accra College of Medicine
   Daniel Gakpetor Kekeli ($40,000)

2. Dr. Kwaku Mensah-Bonsu Award for Most Impressive Run Aburi Presby SHTS (GhC7000)

3. Prof. Maria Awurama Addy for the Best Team PRESEC Legon (GHC3,000).

4. Jacob and Elizabeth Bamfo Memorial Award for Most Impressive Run (Teachers)
   Aburi Presby SHTS(GHC10,000).

5. Three months supply of assorted Dano Milk products Boa Amponsem SHS.

6. Eugene Arhin’s (Director of Communications at the Presidency) Speed Award.
   OWASS: GHC2,000
   ADISCO: GHC3,000
   PRESEC, Legon: GHC5,000

7. Adansi Travels package for all three schools. A trip abroad.

8. MEDIFEM Multi Specialist and Fertility Centre package for all finalists.
   One-year full Medical care.

9. ABSA BANK SPECIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
   OWASS: GHC20,000
   ADISCO: GHC30,000
   PRESEC, Legon: GHC40,000

10. THIRD PLACE
    Walked home with GHC20,000 for the school; GHC15,000 for the contestants and GHC15,000 for the teachers. They also receive bronze medals OPOKU WARE SCHOOL.

11. SECOND PLACE
    Walked home with GHC30,000 for the school; GHC17,000 for the contestants and GHC17,000 for the teachers. They also receive silver medals ADISADEL COLLEGE.
12. FIRST PLACE
Walked home with GHc 40,000 for the school; GHc20,000 for the contestants and GHc20,000 for the teachers and Gold medals PRESEC Legon.

GES MANAGEMENT HOLDS ORIENTATION WORKSHOP FOR 205 NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTORS

The Management of the Ghana Education Service organized a 5-Day Orientation workshop for 205 potential district directors at the Noda Hotel, Fumesua, Ashanti Region. The orientation started on Monday 29 November and ended on Friday 4 December 2020.

These newly promoted Director Twos (IIs) are expected to occupy vacant positions in the Service at the District and Regional Education Offices and at the headquarters, Accra, as and when they become available.

Management members led by the Director General, Prof. Kwasi Opoku-Amankwa, Deputy Director General, Mr Anthony Boateng; Esq, (Management Services), Dr. Kwabena B. Tandoh, (Access and Quality), Mrs Adjoa van Vicker (Dir, HRMD), Mrs Patty Assan, Schools and Instructions), Rev. Dr. Christian Koramoah, (Financial Controller), Mrs Bernice Addae, Special Education) among other Divisional Directors took turns to make presentations to the participants.

The presentations centred on management processes and procedures in the Service and also on some of the institutional reforms being embarked by the service and supervisory responsibilities as Directors of Education.

SCHOLARSHIP PORTAL OPENED FOR FIRST BATCH OF FREE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

In a statement dated December 1, 2020, the Ghana Scholarship Secretariat has announced the opening of the online scholarship application portal for the first batch of graduates of the free SHS Policy.

This action was taken in adherence to a directive from the president of the Republic of Ghana, H.E Nana Addo Dankwa Akuffo- Addo. Local tertiary scholarship was introduced by H.E president Akuffo- Addo in the year 2017 and had it decentralized and digitized in 2019/2020 academic year.

All applicant who wrote the WASSCE in 2020 and have gained admission or have applied for admission into accredited local tertiary institutions are therefore eligible to apply according to the statement.

The scholarship covers academic facility user fees or tuition fees for all accredited local tertiary institutions both public and private.

Applicants can refer to the Scholarship Secretariat’s website for more information on the mode of application. www.scholarshipgh.com.
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2020 WASSCE GRADUATE, THOMAS AMOANING OFFERED FULL SCHOLARSHIP

Acting on the president’s directive, the Ghana Scholarship Secretariat has granted Thomas Amoaning, a past student of Adeiso Presby Senior High School (SHS) who scored 8As in the recently released WASSCE result a full scholarship.

Thomas Amoaning’s excellent performance in the just released WASSCE results became known to the president of the Republic, H.E. Nana Addo Dankwah Akuffo-Addo when he became a subject for discussion on social media after his interview with a journalist.

In a release dated 27th November 2020, the Ghana Scholarship Secretariat stipulates that based on recommendations of the Scholarships Review Committee, the student has been granted a full scholarship for studies in a university of his choice in the United Kingdom based on the justification of his academic excellence during the review process by the Scholarships Review Committee.

The Head of Education at the Ghana High Commission in the United Kingdom has been directed to immediately initiate the process of securing admission into an institution in the United Kingdom for the student.

The award package will entail full tuition, monthly stipend, return air tickets, accommodation, health insurance and any other benefits given to the foreign scholarship beneficiaries.

“It is no doubt that the president’s interest in the education of the citizens of the country is highly exhibited in this kind gesture of his, as it has warmed the hearts of many”.

“We would like to wish Thomas Amoaning all the best in his pursuit for higher levels in education and hope that he will someday be a great asset to our motherland Ghana”, the statement added.

GES PARTAKES IN 2020 EDUCATION FAIR

The Ghana Education Service fully participated in the two-day 2020 Education Fair organized by the Ministry of Education for its twenty two (22) agencies, held at the Accra International Conference Centre (AICC) between 26th and 27th October, 2020.

The Covid-19 edition of the annual Education Fair was an opportunity for education industry players to brainstorm on the various reforms being implemented by the respective agencies under the guidance of the Ministry of Education. The Ghana Education Service had a stand at the exhibition enclave that showcased achievements chalked for the past year.

Lawyer Anthony Boateng with other Directors at the Education Fair.

Thomas Amoaning paid a courtesy call on the Director-General of the Ghana Education Service.
The GES stand displayed pull-ups and pictures of its key activities undertaken by the various divisions and units for the year under review.

The pull-ups captured the vision and mission of the Service, the 93,000 plus staff recruited between 2017-2020, the radio learning programme among prominent other successes of the Service.

There were also on display brochures that contain in detail the achievements and the successes realized by the leading agency of the Education Ministry, GES. There were also take away leaflets from the Science Education, SHEP, Girl Child, Guidance and Counseling and the Early Childhood Units.

The stand in addition had a television set that scrolled videos on media campaign on Right Age of Enrollment in school.

The Minister of Education, Hon Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh, MP, twice visited the GES stand as he admired the pull-ups, particularly, the one on recruitment figures.

**WAEC RELEASES PROVISIONAL WASSCE RESULTS FOR 2020 CANDIDATES**

Management of the Ghana Education Service (GES) wishes to announce to the general public, that the provisional results for the 2020 batch of Senior High School (SHS) candidates who sat for the examination has been released. This was made known in a press release by West African Examination Council (WAEC) on reference:(WAEC/PRO.PRESS// Vol.3/99) and dated 13th November 2020.

A total of 375,763 candidates from 976 schools registered for the examination, this figure is 29,665 more than the 2019 entry figure of 346,098. A total of 3,343 of the entry figures did not sit for the examination.

The results will be forwarded to the respective schools. Candidates are therefore advised to see their heads of schools for their results.

Candidates may also access their results on the link provided by the Council, www.waecgh.org. The Council has cautioned all stakeholders, especially candidates to be wary of fake results websites and the activities of fraudsters who will promise to upgrade results for a fee. They also stated that, all results are secured and can be authenticated. Institutions are therefore urged to always verify results presented to them to expose incidents of forgery.

**TECHIMAN SHS WINS 3RD SCIENCE OLYMPIAD**

Techiman Senior High School in the Bono East Region, has been crowned champions of the 2020 Ghana Science Olympiad (GSO) at the grand finale held on Thursday 26 November, 2020, at the Science Resource Centre, Cantonments, Accra.

Techiman SHS beat tough competition from twenty other finalists during the three-day intensive three tier tests that consisted of Integrated Science practicals, theory written in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Agriculture Science and Mathematics.
The twenty (20) finalists (schools) have scaled competitions from the preliminary contests held at Sunyani and Tamale for the two hundred and thirty one (231) schools.

At the ceremony to crown participants for their scholarly arts in the sciences, speakers took turns to praise the organizers of this wonderful competition among the less endowed Senior High Schools in the country.

Prof Atinuke Adebanje, of the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science, KNUST, encouraged the participants and the awardees to strive towards academic heights in the sciences as there are opportunities for all students to pursue higher education to the best of their abilities.

The Director General of the Ghana Education Service, Prof Kwasi Opoku-Amankwa, in a goodwill message read on his behalf by Mrs. Felicia Agyeiaba Okai, Director at the DG's Secretariat, underscored the importance of science education as the nation moves towards industrialization via STEM through the application of vocational/technical skills in developing the country.

There were exclusive prizes for schools and individual participants for excelling. Techiman SHS received Minister of Education Special Award of a 55 inch smart board. This smart Board contains content installed to facilitate the teaching of the sciences in audio video character. The school also received a giant glittering trophy, plaque and a certificate.

Kumasi Senior High Technical and Wesley Grammar School, Dansoman, placed second and third respectively. They received trophies, plaques and certificates.

The Director General's Special Awards went to individuals for demonstrating brilliance among forty (40) participants. Master Mikail Tauhir of Kumasi Senior Technical School, was adjudged the overall Best Student. He received the Director-General's award of Laboratory Equipment, a Samsung tablet, plaque, books and a certificate. Master Derrick Nartey, Wesley Grammar SHS, Dansoman-Accra and Joseph Frimpong-Kotei, Techiman SHS, placed second and third respectively.

Victoria Mends of Armed Forces SHST, Burma Camp, came top as the Best Girl. She received a tablet, certificate and a set of books.

Director of the Science Education Unit of the Ghana Education Service, Mrs. Olivia Serwaa Opare, was grateful to Hon Minister of Education, the Director General and his able deputies, the management of GES, technicians, examiners, consultants and all persons who made this third edition of the Ghana Science Olympiad a huge success.
Good Impressions- Who knows who and when someone will visit your desk? A clean and tidy workspace makes you look efficient and presentable to anyone who decides to visit! Discourages Prying Eyes- We may sometimes leave sensitive information on our desk. Post-it notes are usually the worst culprit, containing names, phone numbers, and even user names and passwords visible in plain view. These habits encourage dishonest employees, cleaning crews, and maintenance staff to view information they should not have access to. Reduces Stress- A place for everything and everything in its place. When you are organized, you can spend more time concentrating on work rather than stressing out because you can’t find a report due in the next 10 minutes.

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PERSONAL

QUESTION: What are all your names please?

ANSWER: My names are Miss Monica Akosua Nyarko Ankrah, also known as Naa Ako.

QUESTION: Can you please give me a little background of who Aunt Monica is?

ANSWER: I will leave my birthdate out, hopefully, you all can deduce by the end of this read. Monica is a typical Akyem woman, born and bred in Asuom-Kwaebibrem in the Eastern Region, to an educationist and a petty trader. My formative ages, through to a greater part of my adulthood, was in Asuom. I am the eldest to three (3) other siblings and with my dad being an educationist, we grew up in a very strict home with a lot of discipline ‘difficult training, easy battle’ as my dad would always say. In our close knit nuclear family setting, our dad raised us to value time and honesty. My only sister happens to be the current Ag. Regional Director for Ahafo Region, Miss Lucy Ankrah. I’ve been married to Mr. Kwaku Anti Afran for 35 years now; we met in 1984, and got married in 1985, a year after completion of a 3 year post/sec education. Together, we’ve been blessed with a daughter, 7 children entrusted in our care and 3 grandchildren.

QUESTION: What about your educational journey? What has it been, please?

ANSWER: I had my basic school education at Asuom Presby Primary, middle school education at Asuom Roman Catholic (1974-1976) and secondary education at Asuom Secondary School (1976-1981), all in the Eastern region. I proceeded to Fosu Training College, Central Region (1981-1984) and then to the School of Ghanaian Languages, Ajumako, where I attained a Diploma in Akan (1987-1990). I was back to school between the periods of 2007-2010 and 2012-2014, to attain a Degree in Twi and a Masters in Twi, respectively, all at the University of Winneba.

My area of specialisation recounted in my educational history and work (which I will mention soon), has been Akan/Twi. I hold great expertise in the teaching, understanding and usage of the Language and hence was included in the team that saw the review of the Ghanaian Language Curriculum in 2012.

QUESTION: Do you have any skills or hidden talent(s) that most people don’t know about?

ANSWER: I consider myself a multitalented person. I’m a great cook, who sometimes cater for the food during events of friends. I’m also a very good dancer; if you’re looking for me on a Friday night, you’ll most probably find me at a live band session dancing my heart out. Also, I create; to date, I design/sketch out how I want all my dresses for a seamstresses for them to be made. I’m again into gardening; I enjoy and do so well at trimming and shaping hedges to beautify my house. I paint too. I do interior décor. Shall we go on? Haha...

QUESTION: Did you have any nicknames?

ANSWER: I have had many, but the 2 that stand out most are: ‘Jacuzzi’ given to me by my siblings because of my stylish ways and zeal for perfection; and ‘Margaret Thatcher’ which I got during my teaching days at Akim Swedru Secondary School because they said I was a disciplinarian.

QUESTION: Growing up, what was your career aspiration?

ANSWER: To be a Social Worker. I have always been one full of compassion for humanity, hence, I aspired for a career that’ll enable me serve the underprivileged. Fortunately or unfortunately, my father advised against a career in Social work and presented education as one with more career prospects. Till date, I do not have any regrets, as I’ve been able to touch even more lives and serve a great deal through the children I’ve encountered all these years as an educationist. My aspiration from the inception of my career in the GES has been, however, to become the Director-General.

QUESTION: Whom would you say has been the greatest influence in your life? And why?

ANSWER: The Renowned Pastor, Dr. Joyce Aryee. I met her when she was then a Secretary of Education. She visited the Ajumako School of Languages where I was a student.
Her grace, confidence, articulation, and excellence were traits I drew from and which I apply in all my endeavours till date.

**QUESTION:** What are your likes & dislikes?

**ANSWER:** I dislike meat since infancy and refrain from all ‘meaty’ meals. I also dislike filth and can’t exist in a dirty environment. I love all things vegan and seafood.

**QUESTION:** What gives you satisfaction apart from your work?

**ANSWER:** I would say, my many talents: gardening, decorating, painting, and all my many creative activities.

**QUESTION:** What is your favourite food?

**ANSWER:** Give me any local cuisine but made without meat, of course.

**OFFICIAL**

**QUESTION:** In which Organization did you start your working life?

**ANSWER:** My first work was with GES; I was posted right off training college in 1984 to teach at Agona Swedru Presby Middle School.

**QUESTION:** How long have you served in GES?

**ANSWER:** Since my first posting in 1984 to date, thus, 36 years.

**QUESTION:** Can you please share your working experience in GES with me? …the ranks you have gone through, the transfers and positions held?

**ANSWER:** In a chronological order, the transfers and positions I have held include:
- 1984-1987: Served as a Form 1 teacher at Agona Swedru Presby Middle School, Central.
- 1997-2003: Served as Assistant Headmistress and a Twi Teacher at St. Paul’s JHS, Tema.
- 2010-2014: Teacher at Salvation Army Basic School, Tema, Greater Accra.
- 2014-2016: District Director for Ahafo Ano North Education Office, Ashanti.
- 2019-date: Regional Director of Education, Greater Accra.

**QUESTION:** What do you think are the best skills that you bring to your job?

**ANSWER:** Excellent communication skills, lobbying skills, good human relations skills (especially with my staff) and leadership skills.

It is worthy to note that leadership has been part of my journey since infancy. I was an Office Girl during primary school, an Assistant Class Prefect in middle school, Girls’ House Prefect in secondary school, and Women’s Prefect in training college.

**QUESTION:** What would you say are some of the achievements or accomplishments you have attained during your working life at GES?

**ANSWER:** The opportunity to serve the vulnerable and underprivileged, above anything else. Other tangibles include: (i) moving Ahafo Ano North District from their 29th position in educational performance to 16th position under my 2-year tenure as the District Director; (ii) moving the Asokore Mampong Education Office from a rented space to an official, permanent space and securing an official accommodation (furnished) for the education directorate within the Assembly during my 1-year tenure as the Municipal Director; (iii) I’m proud of the major facelift done at the Eastern regional education office during my 1-year as Ag. Regional Director; and (iv) at just a year at my current station, I’ve secured an official accommodation for the regional directorate. I’m very proud of these major changes I’ve been able to effect across for my successors.

**QUESTION:** How do you want people to remember you?

**ANSWER:** The passion and dedication I attach to my work.

**QUESTION:** Any favourite quotation or biblical saying?

A: My go-to biblical saying is Psalms 23:4 and one thing you’ll find me saying always, is that ‘all that glitters is not gold’.

**QUESTION:** If you are to describe your working experience in GES using a fruit, what fruit will it be?

**ANSWER:** It would be ‘Alungutugui’; this local fruit, as neither sweet nor sour, represents the 2 equal sides of this work. Nothing compares to the joy one experiences when we see the products (students) we once nurtured succeed and take up positions in the society.
The Minister of Education, Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh delivered a speech at the Handing over of the buses.

The Director-General of Ghana Education Service Prof. Kwasi Opoku Amankwa gave a speech at the event.

The Minister of Education, Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh handing over the buses to the Director-General of Ghana Education Service Prof. Kwasi Opoku Amankwa.

The buses given to the selected schools.

The respective Heads of the selected Senior High Schools to receive the buses.
GES WAS PRESENT AT THE 2020 GHANA EDUCATION WEEK FAIR HELD AT AICC, ACCRA

2020 GHANA TEACHER PRIZE CEREMONY IN PICTURES
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