



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of the Secretary

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PRESS STATEMENT

EDUCATION SECRETARY ANNOUNCES THE 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR AND HOLIDAY DATES

Secretary Dr. Uke Kombra has announced the 2019 term and holiday dates for parents and guardians to prepare in advance for their children's education.

Dr. Kombra said that the early announcement of the term dates is to ensure that the parents and guardians and also interested individuals, Government Departments, business houses, churches, and Non-Government Organisations that also depend on the education calendar to plan their events and activities can have access to these dates earlier.

The term and holiday dates are as follows:

Term	Start of Term	End of Term	No. of Teaching Weeks	Term Holidays
1	January 28	April 12	11	April 15 – 19
2	April 22	June 28	10	July 1 – 12
3	July 15	September 20	10	September 23 – 27
4	September 30	December 13	11	Monday, Dec 16 – Friday, January 31, 2020

Teachers will officially resume duties on **Monday, January 21, 2019** and students will resume classes a week later on **Monday, January, 28, 2019**. Term one (1) will have 11 teaching weeks, Term two (2) will have 10 weeks, Term three (3), 10 weeks and Term four (4), 11 weeks.

The term breaks will see students having one week break in Term one, two weeks in term two and a week in Term three before the academic year ends on Friday, December 13, 2019.

Meanwhile, the National Examination dates are as follows:

EVENTS	DATES
Lower Secondary School Certificate Written Expression Exam (Grade 10)	Thursday 6 th June 2019
Upper Secondary School Certificate Written Expression Exam (Grade 12)	Monday 5 th August 2019
Lower Secondary School Certificate Examination (Grade 10)	Monday 7 th October – Friday 11 th October 2019 (1Week only)
Upper Secondary School Certificate Examination (Grade 12)	Monday 14 th October – Friday 18 th October 2019 (1week only)
Certificate of Basic Education Examination (Grade 8)	Monday 21 st October – Thursday 24 th October 2019

The Department has chosen the theme for 2019 as “**Christian and Values Education for a Better Future**”.

The theme was chosen to give prominence to the newly introduced Citizenship and Christian Values Education (CCVE) curriculum which has been made a compulsory subject from 2019 onwards.

With the inclusion of the CCVE subject as a compulsory subject in our schools we should be able to address the issues of Gender Based Violence (GBV), sorcery-related accusations and violence and many other law and order and behavioural issues affecting our children in such especially school fights.

The 2019 Education Calendar is being printed and will be distributed to the provincial education offices before the end of the year. It will also be uploaded on the Department's website for the public to access. The website address is **www.education.gov.pg**.

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