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: The Secretary for Labour, Private Bag 344, Lilongwe 3.

: The Secretary for Gender, Children and Community Development,
Private Bag 320, Lilongwe 3.

I write to inform you that the calendar for the 2026/27 Academic Year will commence on 14th September, 2026 and end of 16th July 2027 and will have 40 learning weeks as follows:

TERM	OPENING	CLOSING	TOTAL WEEKS	HOLIDAY
One	14 th September, 2026	18 th December, 2026	14 weeks	2 weeks
Two	4 th January, 2027	25 th March, 2027	12 weeks	2 weeks
Three	12 th April, 2027	16 th July, 2027	14 weeks	8 weeks

- a) The first term will open on 14th September, 2026 and will close on 18th December, 2026, followed by a 2 weeks holiday.
- b) The Second term will open on 4th January, 2027 and close on 25th March, 2027 followed by a 2 weeks holiday.
- c) The third term will open on 12th April, 2027 and close on the 16th July, 2027 followed by an 8 weeks holiday.

All education institutions offering the National Curriculum and the general public are reminded that the school calendar is harmonised for all educational institutions, both public and private and at all levels. No educational institution is, therefore, allowed to operate outside this calendar. The Ministry shall, therefore, monitor total adherence to the Academic Calendar.

For any further information on the academic calendar, please contact the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology on the following phone number 01 789 422.



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