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Date: 21st August 2025.

To : **Parents of students from Year One to Year Thirteen & PARENTS OF NEWLY ADMITTED STUDENTS TO THE SCHOOL– REVISED KHDA APPROVED CALENDAR**

Dear Parents,

Greetings from Saint Mary's Catholic High School. We are writing to inform you about major changes to the approved **KHDA calendar** that we had shared with you along with our end of year circular. Over the summer break, we received news quite recently from the KHDA about changes to the already approved academic calendar for 2025 2026. Please disregard the approved calendar as well as the key dates that was shared in our end of your circular of June 2025.

Please find attached the new revised approved KHDA calendar along with key dates for events during the academic year. As always, dates are subject to change depending on any notifications received from the government.

We thank you for your understanding and we wish all of our students happy and blessed start to the new academic year 2025 2026.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)

ST. MARY'S *Catholic High School, Dubai*

KEY DATES IN THE APPROVED KHDA CALENDAR

Parents are strongly reminded not to plan holidays/ celebrations and other events outside the approved holiday slots in the calendar as these will be not be approved.

25 Aug 2025 — **FIRST ACADEMIC DAY**
SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR ALL STUDENTS

4 Sep 2025 — **GOVERNMENT HOLIDAY**
Subject to change

1 Oct 2025 to 10 Oct 2025 — **WINDOW FOR MID-TERM ASSESSMENTS**

13 Oct 2025 to 17 Oct 2025 — **MID-TERM BREAK**

7 Nov 2025 — **GRADUATION CEREMONY**
Subject to change

22 Nov 2025 — **FIRST REPORT DAY FOR PARENTS (PTM)**

2 Dec 2025 & 3 Dec 2025 — **NATIONAL DAY HOLIDAYS**

8 Dec 2025 to 4 Jan 2026 (Inclusive) — **WINTER BREAK**

KEY DATES IN THE APPROVED KHDA CALENDAR

5 Jan 2026

SCHOOL RE-OPENS AFTER THE WINTER BREAK

12 Jan 2026 to 26 Jan 2026

FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS
First Term Examinations in the morning.
Regular lessons after break. Students will not be allowed to go home after the morning's exam.

4 FEB 2026

SPORTS DAY (YEARS 5 TO 8)
Subject to change

5 FEB 2026

SPORTS DAY (YEARS 9 TO 13)
Subject to change

20 FEB 2026

SPORTS DAY (YEARS 1 TO 4)
Subject to change

9 Mar 2026 to 13 Mar 2026
30 Mar 2026 & 31 Mar 2026
6 Apr 2026 to 9 Apr 2026

MOCK EXAMINATIONS (YEARS 11 AND 13)

16 Mar 2026 - 27 Mar 2026 (Inclusive)

SPRING BREAK

30 Mar 2026

SCHOOL RE-OPENS AFTER THE SPRING BREAK

KEY DATES IN THE APPROVED KHDA CALENDAR

7 May 2026, 8 May 2026 & 11 May 2026

FINAL EXAMS
Final exams in parallel with regular lessons

12 May 2026 to 22 May 2026

FINAL EXAMS
Final Exams and students go home at 11:30 am

26 May 2026 to 29 May 2026

EID AL ADHA
Subject to government declaration.

11 May 2026 to 15 Jun 2026

GL EXAMINATIONS
Years 4 to 10

16 Jun 2026

GOVERNMENT HOLIDAY

11 Jun 2026 to 19 Jun 2026

RE-EXAMINATION WINDOW

27 Jun 2026

FINAL REPORT DAY

3 Jul 2026

LAST ACADEMIC DAY OF SCHOOL

📅 **KHDA** APPROVED CALENDAR

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August 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
.	.	.	.	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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School Days: **5**

September 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

School Days: **21**

October 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
.	.	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

School Days: **18**

November 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

School Days: **20**

December 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

School Days: **3**

January 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
.	.	.	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

School Days: **20**

February 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	
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School Days: **20**

March 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

School Days: **12**

April 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	.		

School Days: **22**

May 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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School Days: **17**

June 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

School Days: **21**

July 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
.	.	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

School Days: **3**

	Total days
Academic Year (Total School Days) (Minimum days required to submit the calendar is 182) The total number of days that students formally attend school and includes instructional days, examinations, academic and non-academic activities.	**182**

Icon	Event/Definition	Academic / School Days?	Max. No of days	Mandatory/Optional
	Summer break Summer break for students	No	Range of days	*Mandatory for April start schools.
	Winter break Winter break for students	No	Range of days	*Mandatory.
	Spring break Spring break for students	No	Range of days	*Mandatory for Sept start schools
	First midterm break (MoE Schools) Summer break for students	No		Optional
	Second midterm break (MoE Schools) Summer break for students	No		Optional
	Third midterm break (MoE Schools) Summer break for students	No		Optional
	First midterm break Summer break for students	No		Optional
	Second midterm break Summer break for students	No		Optional
	First academic day for pre-primary students The first day of the academic year for pre-primary students (do not use after winter and spring breaks)	Yes	Start date (1 day)	Optional
	Last academic day for pre-primary students The last day of the academic year for pre-primary students (do not use before winter and spring breaks)	Yes	Last date (1 day)	Optional
	First academic day for students The first day of the academic year for students	Yes	Start date (1 day)	*Mandatory
	Last academic day for students The last day of the academic year for students	Yes	Last date (1 day)	*Mandatory
	First working day of the year for teachers The first day of the academic year for teachers	N/A	Start date (1 day)	*Mandatory
	Last working day of the year for teachers The last day of the academic year for teachers	N/A	Last date (1 day)	*Mandatory
	External examination days during which there is no formal teaching Examination/assessment days fixed by examination boards (for example, IGCSE, IB, CBSE, A-level etc.). **Please specify the grade(s)/year(s)**	Yes	Range of days	Optional, but Comment is mandatory to fill
	Internal examination days during which there is no formal teaching Examination/assessment days organized and conducted by the school. **Please specify the grade(s)/year(s)**	Yes	Range of days	Optional, but Comment is mandatory to fill
	Internal examinations occurring in parallel with regular classes A regular school day during which internal examination/assessment takes place. **Please specify the grade(s)/year(s).**	Yes	Range of days	Optional, but Comment is mandatory to fill
	External examinations occurring in parallel with regular classes A regular school day during which external examination/assessment takes place. (e.g. National Agenda assessments, ASSET, GL tests, MAP tests, IELTS etc..). **Please specify the grade(s)/year(s).**	Yes	Range of days	Optional, but Comment is mandatory to fill
	Parent Teacher Conference Days for parent teacher meeting. Please specify the schedule and the grade(s)/year(s).	Yes	Range of days	Optional, but Comment is mandatory to fill
	Principal/ superintendent unavailability Days when the principal/superintendent of the school is unavailable for any reason (e.g., recruitment days, conferences, training, etc)	N/A	Range of days	Optional, but Comment is mandatory to fill
	Unavailability of any grade(s)/year(s) due to educational purposes for students Days when students are away on educational mission or field trips (Please specify the grade(s)/year(s) and the event). Kindly refer to KHDA guidelines for trips and events.	Yes	Range of days	Optional, but Comment is mandatory to fill
	Other school holidays Any other holiday (not public holiday) in which the school is off and/or students are not in school	No	Range of days	Optional
	Government holidays Any tentative public holiday whose exact dates will be announced by the government of the UAE. These holidays can be communicated to parents on a tentative basis in which the school is off, but must not be confirmed until officially declared by the UAE government.	No	Range of days	Optional
	Other events Any other events in school occurring in parallel with regular classes; such as celebrations, graduation of a phase, sport day etc. (Please specify)	Yes	Range of days	Optional, but Comment is mandatory to fill
	Professional Development (Students are in School) Days for continuous professional development and training for staff when students are in school	Yes	Range of days	Optional