

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

INDEPENDENCE DAY	6TH MARCH, 2024
GOOD FRIDAY	29TH MARCH, 2024
EASTER MONDAY	1ST APRIL, 2024
EID-UL-FITR	10TH APRIL, 2024
WORKERS' DAY (MAY DAY)	1ST MAY, 2024
EID -UL- ADHA	17TH JUNE, 2024
FOUNDERS' DAY	4TH AUGUST, 2024
KWAME NKRUMAH MEMORIAL DAY	21ST SEPTEMBER, 2024
FARMER'S DAY	1ST TDECEMBER, 2024

COMMEMORATIVE DAYS

AFRICAN UNION DAY	25TH MAY, 2024
REPUBLIC DAY	1ST JULY, 2024
ELIZABETH AHENKORAH MEMORIAL DAY	16TH AUGUST, 2024
BECE 2024	JUNE / JULY

ACTIVITIES FOR 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

- MEETING FRESH PARENTS 21ST OCTOBER, 2023
- 1ST QUARTER EXAMS STARTS 7TH, 8TH, 11TH, 12TH & 13TH DECEMBER, 2023
- END OF YEAR PARTY @ AGS 9TH DEC, 2023
- EXCURSION 14TH MARCH, 2024
- TECHNOLOGY & OPEN DAY JULY 2024
- ELIZABETH AHENKORAH MEMORIAL DAY 16TH AUGUST, 2024
- VISA DAY 2024 AUGUST 2024

ACCRA GRAMMAR SCHOOL; 2023/2024 **PRE-SCHOOL, PRIMARY & JHS ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

1ST
QUARTER
3RD OCTOBER –
14TH DECEMBER
2023

VACATION
PERIOD
15TH DECEMBER –
8TH JANUARY
2023

2ND
QUARTER
9TH JANUARY –
14TH MARCH
2024

VACATION
PERIOD
15TH MARCH –
1ST APRIL
2024

3RD
QUARTER
2ND APRIL –
6TH JUNE
2024

VACATION
PERIOD
7TH JUNE –
24TH JUNE
2024

4TH
QUARTER
25TH JUNE –
22ND AUGUST
2024

VACATION
PERIOD
23RD AUGUST –
30TH SEPTEMBER
2024

TOTAL NUMBER OF WEEKS IN SCHOOL = **40 WEEKS**

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#NEWSLETTER
EDITION
2024

RETOOLING STUDENTS TO COMPETE IN A GLOBALIZED SOCIETY... THE KEY INGREDIENT TO A PROMISING FUTURE

We praise the Almighty God we serve for granting us life and ushering us into the 2023/2024 academic year. Management of Accra Grammar School (AGS) warmly welcomes you to a new academic year (2023/2024). We would like to take this opportunity to thank our cherished continuing parents for their strong allegiance to AGS. We appreciate your continuing support and dedication in entrusting your wards in our care. We appreciate your continues recommendations on behalf of AGS which has led to increased student enrolment and diversity and community enrichment.

To all new parents, we say a big Akwaaba! (welcome) to AGS. You really made the right choice. We acknowledge the high hopes you have bestowed on AGS in educating and training your ward(s). AGS will deliver on its promise.

INSIDE STORY

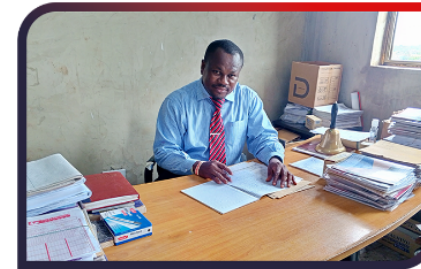
With a staff strength of about 70 and a student population of about 700, AGS has over the years excelled in shaping students to take up their place in this globalized society. We can proudly say that we have met the needs of parents and students over the years. In our continuous quest not to derail from our core objectives together with our mission and vision of establishment, AGS has embarked on a vigorous face lift in terms of development, infrastructure, technology, teaching and learning resources, professional staff recruitment, and many more. It has been a school policy that after every five years, some facilities would be changed to improve the needs of students and increase efficiency in teaching and learning.

AGS embarked on re-tiling every room space which covered an area of over 25,000 square meters. This is to enhance beauty in all classrooms, hallways and other departments. Learning environments improve student's confidence level and we can see the pride and confidence in them. Again, AGS purchased over 500,000 pieces of tailored pavers (pavement bricks) in paving the parking lot and the whole compound, not only that, areas without pavement bricks have seen carpet grass been planted and unsightly water tanks have been buried. Flowering trees and plants have also been planted around our walls inside. Our commitment to horticulture and landscaping which is a core value of the founders has been greatly enhanced.

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JHS:

AGS Junior High is the final hurdle every student must cross to gain access to the Senior High. Beginning this academic year (2023/2024), final year students (ninth graders) will be writing the final exams (BECE) based on the new curriculum (common core). The hard work exhibited by JHS teachers did pay off when AGS received an award on academic excellence and social responsibility from the Kpone Katamanso Education Directorate during the 10th Anniversary celebration & Award giving ceremony on October 12, 2023 at Kpone. Special mention was made on the excellent BECE results AGS keeps making each year. Management of AGS has purchased 50 brand new fans to be fixed in all the classrooms. Our Mission and Vision of establishment still holds. To our foreign students from Germany, USA and other francophone countries, we welcome you to AGS. I assure you of a wonderful and enjoyable stay in AGS community.



Ephraim Kukah
(Vice Principal – JHS Dept.)

Students Conner:

Short Story

The Golden Touch

There once was a king named Midas who did a good deed for a satyr- a spirit of nature. Dionysus, the god of wine, then granted him a wish. For his wish, Midas asked that whatever he touched would turn to gold. Despite Dionysus' efforts to prevent it, Midas pleaded that this was a fantastic wish, so it was bestowed. Excited about his newly-earned powers, Midas started touching all kinds of things, turning each item into pure gold. But soon, Midas became hungry. As he picked up a piece of food, he found he couldn't eat it. It had turned into gold in his hand. Hungry, Midas groaned, "I'll starve! Perhaps this was not such an excellent wish after all!" Seeing his dismay, Midas' beloved daughter threw her arms around him to comfort him, and she, too, turned to gold. "The golden touch is no blessing", Midas cried.

Moral Lessons from the story:

One needs to be patient to analyze and think critically before settling on a decision.

Also, when your wishes are granted in whatever form, we shouldn't abuse such opportunity.

***By Brian Aseda Asare
Grade 8 Royals.***

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Refurbishment off toilets and sanitation; hand washing sinks and showers is ongoing. Over 20 new toilet stalls have been replaced. The new classroom block has about 50 new toilet seats, 15 hand washing sinks and 6 bathrooms with showers. In order to improve security on campus and also check on student's behaviour, AGS has installed over 80 CCTV cameras. There is 24 hour surveillance in all hallways, classrooms and the entire compound. Parents are here by notified that there is continuous video monitoring at the school.

Other notable improvement are as follows:

- AGS has procured over 50 fans for its classrooms.
- Fixing of solar panels to ensure constant power supply
- Fixing of two teaching laboratories
- Relocating the existing ICT Lab to a 50 seater computer Lab
- Creating a multi-purpose 5 in 1 sports court (Tennis, basketball, volley/net ball, badminton)
- By popular request we have started branding our buses.

These upgrades in facilities will go a long way to prepare our students for quality life achieving professions now and in the near future.

AGS hires a permanent/Resident counsellor

AGS recognizes some communication and welfare gaps and to solve that we are happy to have **Ms Rebecca Gamadeku** who is a parent, professional counsellor and a psychologist. She will join us help students and manage their behaviour, and keeping up academically, plan for their future. She will also work with management, teachers and parents to develop a comfortable healthy school environment free of bullying or illegal activities. Parents are encouraged to see her with any issues they may have about welfare, non-academic issues concerning their wards and students.



Ms Rebecca Gamadeku

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Departmental News:

Pre-School:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all parents (fresh & continuing) to AGS. The Pre-school department has 20 lovely teachers and attendants, Academic targets for each year is met, leading to much satisfaction from parents. The preschool department has seen massive renovation and face lift over the period. The classrooms have been retiled, washing sinks and bath showers have also been changed to modern child friendly ones. The toilet pots have been replaced (smaller sizes), which makes it easier and comfortable for children. The class size is at the barest minimum to make it easier for teachers and attendants attach utmost care and attention. AGS shall always deliver as promised. I wish all my cherished parents an enjoyable 2023/2024 academic year. Thank you.



Victoria Atieno-Akuffo
(Vice Principal - Preschool Dept.)

Primary:

Bienvenue! to all new parents. AGS is obviously the best choice. To my continuing parents, I duly acknowledge the dedication and trust you have kept with us over the years. AGS shall forever cherish you. The primary stage in AGS community is very critical in the life of students. This is when children begin to establish their identity and start to understand who they are and those around them. AGS Teachers in general are passionate about teaching, they are Challenging and Inspiring, very humorous and cheerful, Respectful, Resourceful and open minded. A second Ghanaian Language (Ga) has been introduced from grades 4 to 6. Currently, the Ga teacher is taking these grades through the basics, students will get to opt for a particular language next quarter. Thank you.



Benedicta Jackson
(Vice Principal - Primary Dept.)

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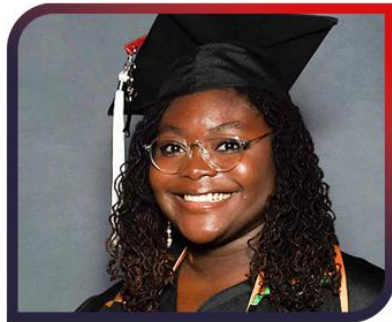
AGS Alumni News

AGS has come far and can boast of a vibrant, productive professional alumnus who are contributing immensely here in Ghana and all over the world. AGS is happy to profile three former students of AGS. A personal Message and profile from

1. Miss Vanessa Selasi Vowotor.

I, Miss Vanessa Selasi Vowotor, 22 years of age, graduated from AGS in 2015, I was placed in Achimota Senior High School where I offered a Science programme. I proceeded to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach Florida, where I graduated with a Bachelors degree in Aviation Maintenance Science with an Area of concentration in Safety and Aircraft Accident Investigation and a minor in Avionics Line Maintenance. I have worked in the Reciprocating Engine Overhaul shop as a Repairer Station Coordinator. Currently, I work for United Airlines as a Line Technician based out of Washington Dulles International Airport. I work on the entirety of the United Airlines fleet, ensuring safety of Aircraft.

Accra Grammar School (AGS) was the integral foundation for my education, and I do believe I would not be where I am today without the experience I had in AGS. The role I play in United Airlines is a very important one because aircraft maintenance technicians are integral in ensuring the safety of a flight. I still learn something new every day and I encourage you students to believe in yourself and have passion in anything and everything that you do. Never be afraid to ask questions and to speak up if you feel passionate about something. Good luck!



Miss Vanessa Selasi Vowotor



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New Hires

Excursion:

Students of AGS (KG 1 –G9) will be embarking on an excursion in the Greater Accra and central region simultaneously in March 2024. These trips are designed to relieve the student off classroom stress and also learn at first-hand information. We encourage parents to take note and help make this count.

AGS Prefectural Board 2023/2024

Boys Prefect – Kpoosu Jonathan
Asst. Boys Prefect – Nana Adu Boahene
Girls Prefect – Rayzel Addo
Asst. Girls Prefect - Benedicta Doe Ayernor
Compound Prefect - Charisa Bill-Richardson
Asst. Compound Prefect - Micheal Asare
Sports Prefect - Benjamin Frimpong
Asst. Sports Prefect - Sandra Obuobi
Chaplain Prefect - Elisha Ayiglo
Asst. Chaplain Prefect - Abba Anna Adzo
Entertainment Prefect - Comfort Belinga
Asst. Entertainment Prefect - Jeffery Asamoah
Dining Hall Prefect - Princess Thelma Frimpong
Asst. Dining Hall Prefect - Akwasi Agyle Appiah



Alfred Kwame Asare
(Principal- AGS)

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2. Dr. Joseph Kwablah Tetteh-Tsu

I graduated from **Accra Grammar School(AGS) in 2012**. I was placed at **PRESEC Legon** and offered science with Biology, from there I enrolled at the university of Ghana Legon medical school. Currently, I work at the **37 Military Hospital maternity ward (1st year doctor)**. AGS is an exceptional school with dedicated teachers, supportive staff, and engaging curriculum which creates an environment where students thrive academically and personally.

To the students: Embrace each challenge as an opportunity to grow, and every setback as a chance to learn. With determination and a positive attitude, you can achieve greatness.



Dr. Joseph Kwablah Tetteh-Tsu

3. Miss Daisy Majoie Agbenyah

I am one of the first batch of six students who wrote the first ever BECE in AGS in 2011. I was placed in Aburi Girls Senior High School where I offered science program. I enrolled at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST). Currently, I work at the Shai-Osudoku District Hospital, Dodowa. I am a Senior Administrative Manager, Health Training Institutions' Unit, HR-MOH. AGS is simply the school you wished to have attended. A home away from home, is my simplest description of it. To many of us alumini, it's one of the best foundation blocks we were privileged to have had and for which we are forever grateful.

The incredible ambience of warm staff-and-pupil relations, an exuberant bunch of kids and the beautiful architecture of facilities and ornamental plants has left many of us with lovely memories, a big family of long-lasting friends and guardians, and a strong foundation of life's values, knowledge and skills which has molded us into who we are now and that which would propel us to even

3. Miss Daisy Majoie Agbenyah cont....

greater heights. AGS is an institution of both academic excellence and non-academic development, committed to giving that and more to their students. And to us who can always and proudly refer to it as our alma mater, we wouldn't have it any other way. To current and incoming students, I entreat you to appreciate this opportunity granted and make good use of it.

To our lovely and able staff, most especially our amazing teachers, many thanks for your constant warmth, selflessness and dedication. God bless you!!

To our dear parents, I say well done for your perfect choice and a big thank you for this tremendous sacrifice of giving such excellent education to your children. And finally to the parent reading this newsletter but yet to bring in your ward(s), what are you waiting for? Please, don't hesitate much!

Thank you!!



Miss Daisy Majoie Agbenyah

New Hires

AGS has hired new staff members to enhance efficiency. Please help me welcome;

1. Sandra Mensah – Class Teacher G4 Nobles
2. James Matey Tetteh – ICT G7 to G9
3. Seth Nuerthey Noah Noi – Ga Teacher (G4 – G6)
4. Francis Vuvor – Repair works, Spare Driver & Maintenance
5. Janet Arthur – Janitor
6. Edith Avissey – Janitor
7. Bernice Amemasor – Janitor

