

Academic Year 2026 - 2027

School: GEMS Founders School Dubai

System: National Curriculum for England

August						
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24 Aug - First working day for teachers

31 Aug - First day of the academic year

September						
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30 Sep - Staff PD Day 1

October						
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12 - 16 Oct - Half Term Break

November						
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9 Nov - Staff PD Day 2

16 Nov - 27 Nov - Y12 & Y13 mock series 1

17 Nov - 18 Nov - Y6 Al Ain Residential

December						
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2, 3 & 4 Dec - National Day

7 Dec - 11 Dec - Week without walls

14 Dec - 1 Jan - Winter Break

January						
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1 Jan - Winter Break

4 Jan - 2nd Term Start

19 Jan - 22 Jan - Primary Sports Day

25 Jan - Staff PD Day 3

February						
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7 Feb - 8 Mar - Ramadan (TBC)

March						
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8 - 12 Mar - Eid Al-fitr (TBC)

15 Mar - 24 Mar - Y11 mock series 2

25 Mar - 31 Mar - Y12 & Y13 mock series 2

29 Mar - Staff PD Day 4

April						
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1 Apr - 2 Apr - Y12 and Y13 mock series 2

5 Apr - 9 Apr - Spring Break

May						
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15 - 18 May - Eid Al Adha (TBC)

24 May - Staff PD Day 5

June						
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July						
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2nd Jul - Last day of the academic year

First Working day for Teachers

First and Last working day for students

School Public Holidays/Days to note

School breaks (Half term, Winter, Spring, Summer)

Staff Professional Development (Half day for students)

School events

Principal signature




Total Teaching/ Instructional Days

185

31 August 2026 / 2 July 2027

KHDA Approved

10-Apr-26