

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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5 Oct-16 Oct - Y11 mock series 1
19 - 23 Oct - Half Term Break

November						
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2 - 4 Nov - Y5 (2x1night) Hatta residential
13 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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2nd, 3rd & 4th 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
29 Jan - Staff PD Day 3

February						
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7 Feb - 8 March - Ramadan (TBC)

March						
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8-12 March - Eid Al-fitr (TBC)
15 Mar-24 Mar - Y11 mock series 2
25 Mar-31 Mar - Y12 & Y13 mock series 2
26 March - 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)
28 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



Total Teaching/ Instructional Days	185
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August 31th, 2025 / Jul 2nd, 2026

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KHDA Approved
10-Apr-26