



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

STATEMENT

BY THE CABINET SECRETARY
ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2016 EXAMINATIONS BY
THE KENYA NATIONAL EXAMINATION COUNCIL

Further to the ongoing preparations for national examinations, the Ministry, in consultation with the Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) and in compliance with the provisions of the Kenya National Examinations Council Act, specifically Legal Notice No. 135 on Conduct of Examination Rules, is today announcing new measures meant to improve the administration of this important national exercise.

These measures include the reorganisation of school term dates, shortening of the examinations period, change of examination timetable, ban of social and related activities in schools during Third Term and scrapping of half term breaks during the Third Term:

1. REORGANISATION OF TERM DATES AND MID-TERM BREAKS

Third Term for all schools (Primary and Secondary) will commence on August 29th and end on October 28th for Standard One to Seven and Form One to Three. To accommodate this change, Term Two which was initially scheduled to end on August 5th will extend to August 12th.

Unlike the current practice, there will be no half term break during Third Term given the short period and the need to adequately and effectively prepare for the National Examinations.

2. EXAMINATION PERIOD AND TIMETABLE

The Ministry and KNEC have agreed to reorganise the examinations period and hence release a timetable corresponding to the new dates. Going forward, the full period for the examinations will be reduced to a maximum of four weeks as follows:

- The KCPE Examinations will start on November 1st and end on November 3rd 2016.

- The KCSE Examinations will start on November 7th and end on November 30th 2016.

3. BAN ON SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN THIRD TERM

To control and ensure effective preparation for the examinations, it has become necessary to control extra curricular and social activities during the Third Term.

Consequently, there will be no prayer sessions for candidates as has been the case in previous years when parents and outsiders visited schools during the Third Term. However, any prayer arrangements, as consistent with normal prayer and worship involving school chaplains and teachers will not be affected. The aim is to avoid unnecessary contacts between candidates and outsiders during the exam period.

Activities such as Annual General Meetings will now be conducted in the first and second terms of the schools calendar year.

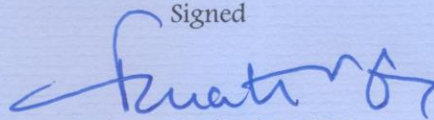
Prize giving, thanks giving and prayer days for candidates will be done in the Second Term.

4. APPOINTMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITY OF PRINCIPALS AND HEAD TEACHERS

The KNEC will appoint school principals and head teachers to be in charge of their examination centres with the assistance of carefully selected supervisors. Together with Board of Management (BOM) of their schools, these officials will take full responsibility and accountability for any exam malpractices that may be reported in their centres.

KNEC will also identify senior officials and responsible teachers to be supervisors and invigilators of the National Examinations.

Signed



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