



MEDIA RELEASE

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Dear Editor / Head of Department,

Successful Start to Term III, 2025/2026 Academic Year

The Ministry of Education is pleased to report a successful start to Term III of the 2025/2026 Academic Year, with schools across the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), Primary, and Secondary levels reopening on schedule. Teaching and learning activities resumed nationwide without major disruption.

The Ministry also utilised the Easter Vacation period to advance critical repair works. This includes a total of 79 minor repairs to facilitate CSEC and CAPE examinations, and 16 emergency repairs at both Primary and Secondary schools.

The Ministry is further pleased to confirm the resumption of operations by the National Schools Dietary Services Limited (NSDSL). On the first day of service, approximately **62,091 breakfasts** and **75,605 lunches** were delivered to students nationwide, supported by **67 fully operational kitchens** across the country.

As students who sat the Secondary Entrance Assessment (SEA) 2026 begin their transition to the secondary level, the Ministry recognises this as a critical stage in their development. While this period brings both opportunities and challenges, the right support can help students adjust with confidence. To assist this process, the Ministry continues to implement the **Students Transitioning Effectively from Primary to Secondary (S.T.E.P.S)** Programme, which is designed to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for a successful transition. The programme also supports parents, families, and school staff, ensuring a holistic and positive experience for students entering secondary school. For more information on the STEPS 2026, please visit moe.gov.tt/Steps2026.

Form 5 and Form 6 students are reminded to review their CSEC and CAPE examination schedules for the term. Private candidates can access all relevant examination details on the Ministry's website at exams.moe.gov.tt. Additionally, to support improved student performance, particularly in Mathematics, the Ministry has expanded its **AI-powered academic support initiative**. Building on the success of the SEA Mathematics Solutions Platform, Form 5 students now have **access to 24/7 digital tutoring for Mathematics**. The platform offers guided revision practice and instant feedback to strengthen exam readiness. Students and parents can access the platform at: <https://studysupportai.com/login>.

Dr. the Honourable Michael Dowlath, Minister of Education, commended the successful start to the term, noting: *“Education is a shared national responsibility for safe and secure schools, and this smooth reopening demonstrates what is possible when all stakeholders work together to keep our children learning, safe, and supported. As we push forward in this new term, I urge all students to take full advantage of the resources available to them. Consistent effort, guided support, and effective use of these tools can make a meaningful difference in examination outcomes.”*

The Ministry further assures the public that school supervision, student support services, and district-level monitoring remain fully active.

The Ministry of Education extends sincere thanks to all stakeholders and looks forward to continued collaboration in ensuring a productive and successful academic term for all students.

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