



SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- What is the C.A.C.?
- Parent Support Webinar Series
- Gains across S.E.A., CAPE and CSEC
- New Learning Resources for Secondary Schools
- School Visits
- Introduction of the Canada Club in South Trinidad
- St. Patrick Education District's second annual Emancipation Celebration
- San Fernando ASJA Primaray School 70th Anniversary

September marks an important period of renewal, as our students return to their classrooms with fresh aspirations, new opportunities and the promise of continued growth. It is also a timely reminder of our responsibility to ensure that every child is given the support, resources and encouragement needed to realise their fullest potential.

At the Ministry of Education, our focus remains firmly aligned to our Strategic Pillars with a Focus on the Child, Parent and the Education System.

This commitment must be reflected not only in our policies and programmes, but also in the everyday experiences of the students and families we serve. We remain dedicated to strengthening our education system, supporting our teachers, improving the learning environment and creating meaningful opportunities for every learner.

As we move forward into the new academic year, I encourage all members of our education community to embrace a renewed spirit of partnership, innovation and excellence. Together, we can continue building an education system that empowers our young people and contributes to a stronger, more prosperous Trinidad and Tobago.

Dr. Michael R. Dowlath

Dr. the Hon. Michael R. Dowlath
Minister of Education

Congratulations, Mrs Simone Williams!

The Ministry of Education extends heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Simone Williams on her appointment as Permanent Secretary. Her appointment was formally recognised at an event held on Thursday, 10th September 2026, at the Diplomatic Centre, St. Ann's, Port of Spain, under the theme, "Leading with Purpose, Serving with Distinction."

Mrs. Williams joined the Ministry of Education in 2023 as Deputy Permanent Secretary and assumed the role of Acting Permanent Secretary in July 2023. Throughout her tenure, she has demonstrated exemplary leadership, professionalism and an unwavering commitment to advancing our education system in which every child is supported and empowered to learn.

Dr. the Honourable Michael R. Dowlath, Minister of Education, together with the Ministry's Executive and staff, congratulates Mrs. Williams on this significant achievement and wishes her continued success as she assumes this distinguished leadership role and continues to serve the nation with dedication and excellence.

Our Executive Team

Minister of Education

Dr. the Honourable Michael Dowlath



Permanent Secretary

Simone Williams



Permanent Secretary (Ag)

Keshore Lutchman



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Dr. Peter Smith



Deputy Permanent Secretary (Ag)

Marlene Inniss-Joseph



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What is the C.A.C.?

The Continuous Assessment Component (CAC) is a school-based form of assessment that allows students to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and understanding through practical activities such as projects, investigations, and problem-solving tasks.

It will work alongside the written S.E.A. examination. Formal C.A.C. tasks will be completed in accordance with national guidelines.

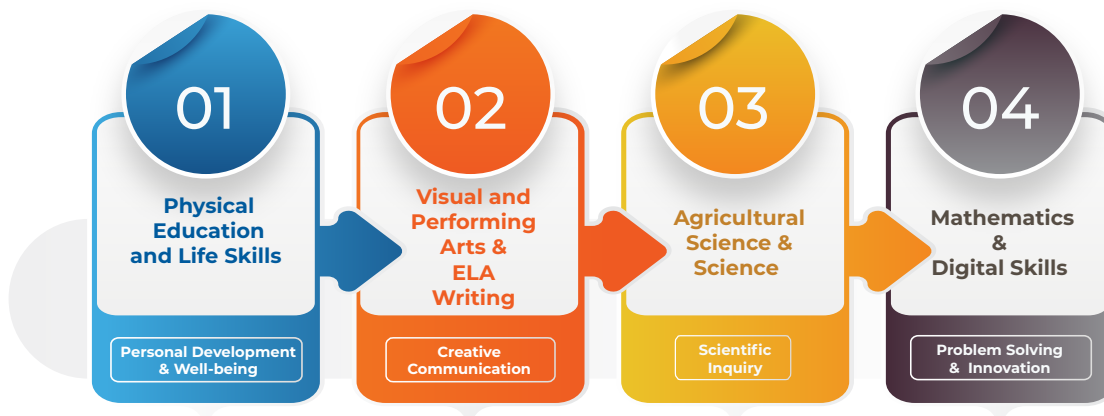
How will the C.A.C. be Introduced?

Phased Implementation –

Starting September 2026

The C.A.C. will be introduced **carefully to ensure success for students, teachers, and parents.**

Related learning areas are grouped into four cognate clusters with each group of related subjects assessed through an integrated task. Each cognate cluster aligns to an overarching theme.



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- Students will be introduced to simple, age-appropriate activities
- Focus on building confidence and skills
- **NO** formal assessment for S.E.A. at this stage

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Terms 1 & 2: Preparation and Practice

- Students will practise C.A.C.-style tasks
- Teachers will guide and support learning
- Students become familiar with expectations

Term 3: Assessment

- Students will complete **ONE assessment task**
- Only **Cognate Cluster 3** will be formally assessed
- The approach reduces stress and allows for a smooth transition

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- **No C.A.C. task is counted towards S.E.A. 2027. The written S.E.A. examination contributes 100% of the final result**

EDUCATION

WEBINAR

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National Examinations Parent Support Webinar Series

Topics covered in September:

- The Parent's Roadmap to Examination and Assessment Success
- Helping Children Overcome Examination Fear, Anxiety and Pressure
- Study Smarter: Study Skills, Time Management and Revision Techniques



COMING
UP NEXT

Tune in at:
5pm - 7pm

7 October 2026

Understanding SEA and the SEA School Choice Process

14 October 2026

Understanding TTNLA: Introduction and Purpose

21 October 2026

Building Mathematical Understanding and Confidence at Home

28 October 2026

Understanding SEA Mathematics Expectations and Problem-Solving

**All Webinars can be accessed on:*



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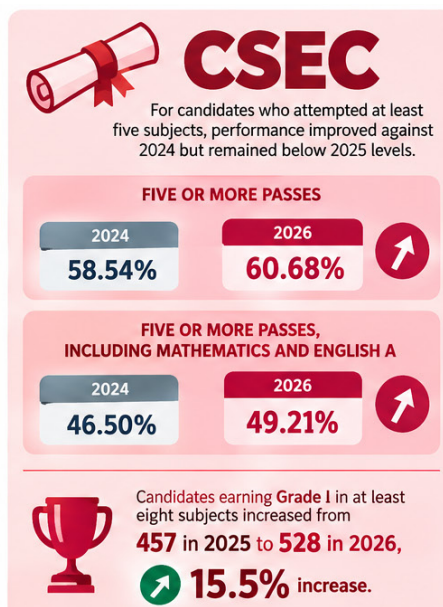
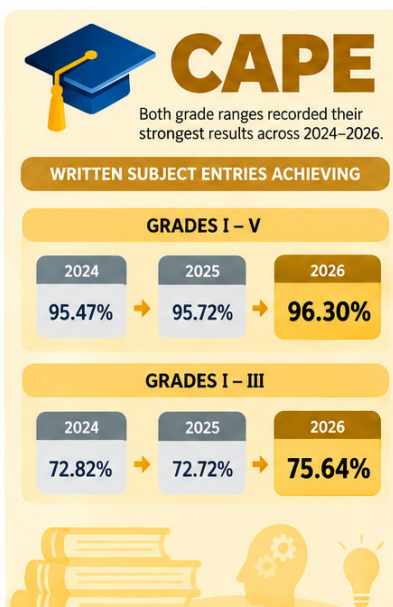
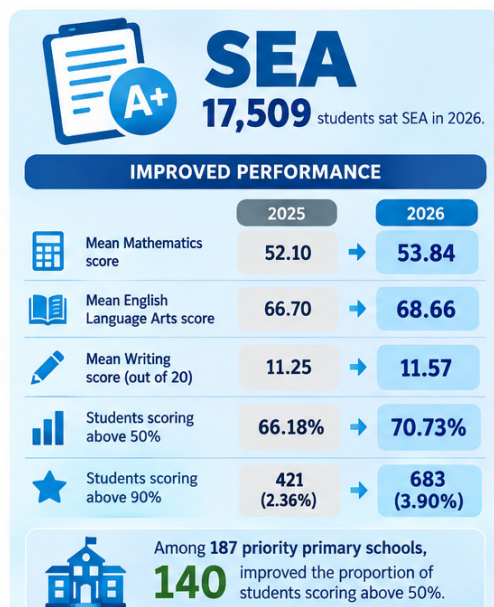
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Gains

Across SEA, CAPE and CSEC



CAPE recorded its strongest overall performance across the 2024-2026 period, SEA mean scores improved in all three assessed areas, and CSEC results remained broadly comparable to 2025 while exceeding 2024 performance on key measures.

PRIVATE CANDIDATES REGISTRATION

**HAPPENING
NOW**

Secondary Entrance
Assessment (S.E.A.) 2027
Registration for Private
Candidates

Ends: 23 October 2026

May/June 2027 CSEC & CAPE
Examinations

Ends: 12 October 2026

January 2027 CSEC Examinations **CLOSED**

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Launch of New Learning Resources for Secondary Schools

On Wednesday 2nd September, 2026 Dr. the Honourable Michael R. Dowlath, Minister of Education, introduced an expanded suite of AI Digital Learning Resources covering Mathematics, English Language Arts, Social Sciences, Integrated Science, Information and Communication Technology and Spanish. The resources support the Form 1 curriculum for Terms 1 and 2, as well as the Form 2 curriculum for Term 1.



Teacher Induction Programme Graduation

The Ministry of Education recognised two hundred and twelve (212) early-career teachers at a graduation ceremony held on Tuesday 22 September 2026, marking their successful completion of the Teacher Induction Programme.



Cohort 2 of the Professional Development Programme for Secondary School Spanish Teachers

The Ministry of Education continues to invest in teacher development with the commencement of Cohort 2 of the Professional Development Programme for Secondary School Spanish Teachers on Friday 11th September, 2026. On Friday 25 September 2026, the Ministry of Education held the Closing Ceremony for Cohort 2 of the Professional Development Programme for Secondary School Spanish Teachers of Forms 4 to 6.



School Visits

Throughout the month of September, Dr. the Honourable Michael R. Dowlath, Minister of Education, led a series of visits to schools across the country, accompanied by senior Ministry officials, including Permanent Secretary Mrs. Simone Williams; Ag. Permanent Secretary Mr. Keshore Lutchman; Mr. Earl Horne, Manager Health Safety Security Services Unit (HSSSU); representatives of the Educational Facilities Planning and Procurement Division (EFPPD); School Supervisors; and other Ministry personnel. Mr. Nicholas Kanhai, Chief Executive Officer of MTS, and representatives of MTS also participated in the school visits.

At various schools, the delegation was joined by Members of Parliament and Government officials, including the Honourable Barry Padarath, MP, Minister of Public Utilities and Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister; the Honourable Saddam Hosein, MP, Minister of Land and Legal Affairs and Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries; the Honourable Jearlean John, Minister of Works and Infrastructure; and Mrs. Shivanna Sam, MP, Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Public Utilities. Key education stakeholders, including representatives of the National Parent Teachers Association (NPTA), also participated in the visits so that schools can be best supported.





Introduction of the Canada Club in South Trinidad

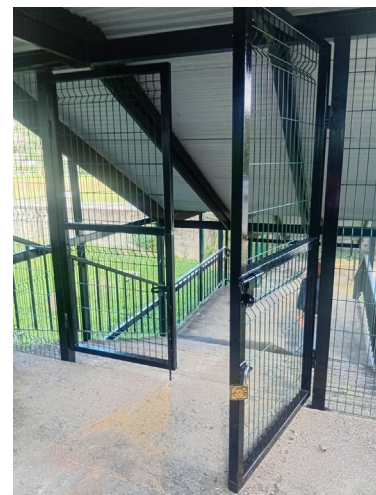
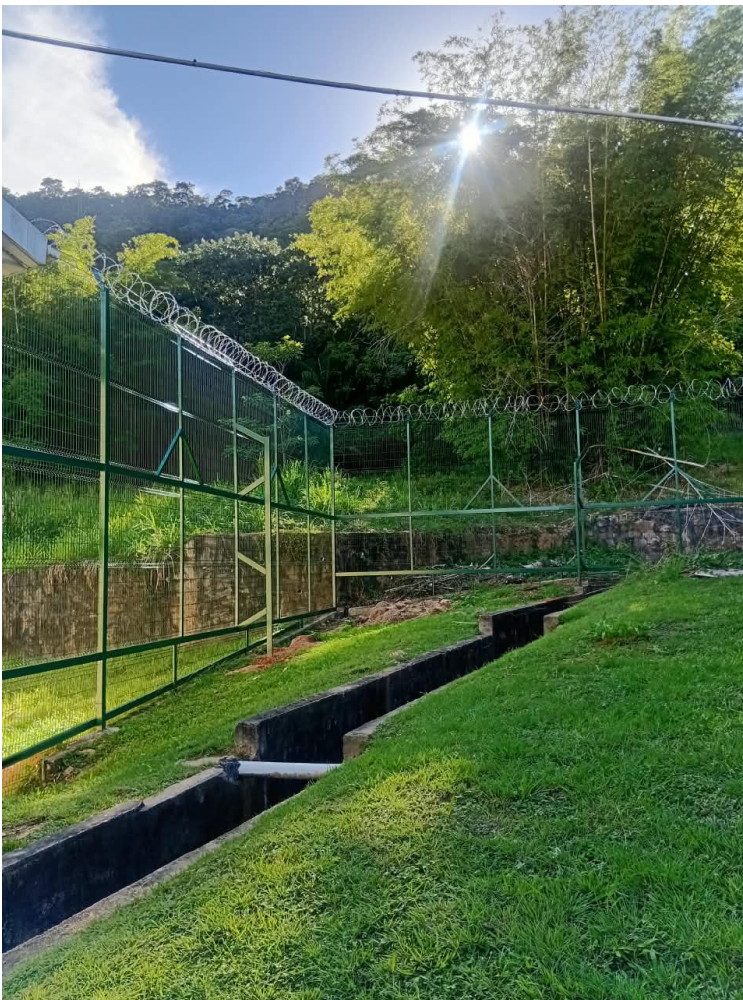
Dr. the Honourable Michael R. Dowlath, Minister of Education, attended a reception hosted by His Excellency Michael Callan, High Commissioner for Canada to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, to introduce the Canada Club in South Trinidad on Tuesday, 29th September, 2026. The ceremony was held at The Royal Hotel, San Fernando.



Safety and Security Upgrades

at San Juan North Secondary School

The Ministry of Education completed improvement works at San Juan North Secondary School to enhance safety and security on the school compound. The upgrades included the installation of fencing and lighting, along with the construction of staircase enclosures.



His Excellency Guillaume Pierre, Ambassador of France to Trinidad and Tobago Visit to Bishop Anstey High School

Through the Curriculum Planning and Development Division, the Embassy of France in Port of Spain and Alliance Française are collaborating on a series of visits to selected secondary schools during the 2026–2027 Academic Year.

Dr. the Honourable Michael R. Dowlath, Minister of Education and His Excellency Guillaume Pierre, Ambassador of France to Trinidad and Tobago attended the launch of this initiative at the Bishop Anstey High School, Port of Spain on Wednesday 9th September 2026.



St. Patrick Education District's second annual Emancipation Celebration

Dr. the Honourable Michael R. Dowlath, Minister of Education, Ms. Michelle Carter, Director of School Supervision & Management Division and other senior representatives of the Ministry of Education joined education stakeholders including representatives of Trinidad & Tobago Unified Teachers Association (TTUTA) and principals, teachers and students from the St. Patrick Education District in the St. Patrick Education District's second annual Emancipation Celebration on September 16th, 2026.



San Fernando ASJA Primary School 70th Anniversary

San Fernando ASJA Primary School became a centre of festivity as the school celebrated its 70th Anniversary on Thursday 17th September, 2026, under the theme "70 Years of Faith, Knowledge and Excellence: Honouring Our Past. Inspiring our Future."



NALIS

International Literacy Day Readings

In celebration of International Literacy Day, Dr. the Honourable Michael R. Dowlath, Minister of Education joined Standard 3 students of St. Gabriel's Girls' R.C. School led by their teacher Ms. Carol Bissessar for the International Literacy Day Readings event hosted by the National Library and Information System Authority (NALIS) at the San Fernando Public Library on Tuesday 15th September, 2026.





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