

GHANA SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

116TH ANNIVERSARY & HOMECOMING 2025

Detailed Programme Outline

MONDAY, 1ST DECEMBER 2025 (BURGUNDY)

ITEM	ACTIVITY	ACTION	COMMENTS
SUB-PROGRAMME 1: AKWAABA – ARRIVAL & WELCOME RECEPTION			
Time: 14:00 – 15:00 GMT			
Venue: Headmaster's Office			
1	Opening Prayer	GSTS Management Representative	Invocation to formally commence proceedings
2	Introductions	All Participants & Homecoming Marshal Corps	Courtesy introductions; recognition of delegations
3	Official Welcome Address	Headmaster	Warm welcome to returning Giants
4	Official HC25 SYG Remarks	Grand Marshal	Response and goodwill message
5	Presentation of Programme	GAA Organiser	Orientation to the full week's activities
6	Any Other Discussions	All Participants & Marshals	Open floor for brief clarifications
7	Closing Prayer	GSTS Management Representative	Prayer to formally close the session
SUB-PROGRAMME 2: OFFICIAL OPENING OF HC25			
Time: 15:00 – 16:00 GMT			
Venue: Science Resource Centre Forecourt			
1	Opening Prayer & Minute's Silence	School Chaplain	Invocation and remembrance of departed Giants
2	Barracks Guard Activities	GSTS Armed Forces Cadet	Ceremonial parade and drills
3	Welcome Address	Headmaster	Official opening of the celebration
4	Response Address	Grand Marshal	Remarks on the significance of HC25
5	Presentation of Programme	GAA Organiser	Outline of key activities; copies for School Management
6	Introduction of Marshals	GAA Organiser	Official introduction of Homecoming Marshals
7	Declaration of HC25 Open	Grand Marshal	Hoisting of flags and singing of School Anthem
8	Closing Remarks	Grand Marshal	Brief closing comments
9	Announcements	MC	Logistics and updates
10	Closing Prayer	Giant	Prayer for a successful celebration
11	Adjournment	MC	Formal closure of the opening ceremony
SUB-PROGRAMME 3: SCHOOL HISTORY RECAP SESSION (Giants '75 & Giants '80)			
Time: 19:00 – 21:00 GMT			
Venue: Main Auditorium			
1	Opening Prayer	Giant	Invocation
2	Introduction of Speakers	MC	Formal presentation
3	Welcome Address	Grand Marshal	Context and purpose of the session
4	School History Recap	Giants '75 & '80	Historical journey; heritage reflections
5	Q&A Session	All Participants	Interactive engagement
6	Closing Remarks	Grand Marshal	Brief concluding message
7	Announcements	MC	Updates on next activities
8	Closing Prayer	Giant	Short prayer
9	Adjournment	MC	Session ends

TUESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER 2025 (WHITE)

ITEM	ACTIVITY	ACTION	COMMENTS
SUB-PROGRAMME 4: LEADERSHIP & CAREER TALK 1 (Giants '75 & '80)			
Time: 9:00 – 12:00 GMT			
Venue: Auditorium			
1	Opening Prayer	Giant	Invocation
2	Introduction of Speakers	MC	Formal presentation
3	Welcome Address	Grand Marshal	Context and purpose of the session
4	Talk	Giants '75 & '80	Experience sharing
5	Q&A Session	All Participants	Interactive engagement
6	Closing Remarks	Grand Marshal	Brief concluding message
7	Announcements	MC	Updates on next activities
8	Closing Prayer	Giant	Short prayer
9	Adjournment	MC	Session ends
SUB-PROGRAMME 5: COWBELL INTER-SCHOOL CHORAL FEST			
Time: 13:00 – 16:00 GMT			
Venue: Auditorium			

Note: Full programme to be provided by Cowbell.

SUB-PROGRAMME 6: ABOUT GAA – LED BY GAA LEADERSHIP			
Time: 19:00 – 21:00 GMT			
Venue: Auditorium			
1	Opening Prayer	Giant	Invocation
2	Introduction of Speakers	MC	Formal presentation
3	Welcome Address	Grand Marshal	Overview of seminar purpose
4	Presentation: About GAA	GAA Leadership	Vision, mission, objectives, benefits, strategic importance
5	Q&A Session	All Participants	Guided dialogue with students and staff
6	Closing Remarks	Grand Marshal	Summary and call to action
7	Announcements	MC	Reminders and next steps
8	Closing Prayer	Giant	Short prayer
9	Adjournment	MC	End of session

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WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER 2025 (BURGUNDY)

ITEM	ACTIVITY	ACTION	COMMENTS
SUB-PROGRAMME 7: LEADERSHIP & CAREER TALK 2 (Giants '85 & '90)			
Time: 9:00 – 12:00 GMT			
Venue: Auditorium			
1	Opening Prayer	Giant	Invocation

2	Introduction of Speakers	MC	Formal presentation
3	Welcome Address	Grand Marshal	Context and purpose of the session
4	Talk	Giants '85 & '90	Experience sharing
5	Q&A Session	All Participants	Interactive engagement
6	Closing Remarks	Grand Marshal	Brief concluding message
7	Announcements	MC	Updates on next activities
8	Closing Prayer	Giant	Short prayer
9	Adjournment	MC	Session ends

SUB-PROGRAMME 8: INTER-HOUSE BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Time: 13:00 – 16:00 GMT

Venue: GSTS Basketball Court

Officiating: Giants '05

SUB-PROGRAMME 9: HEALTH SCREENING, EYE SCREENING & BLOOD DONATION

Time: 9:00 – 16:00 GMT

Venue: Auditorium

Note: All-day activity managed by designated health partners.

THURSDAY, 4TH DECEMBER 2025 (WHITE)

ITEM	ACTIVITY	ACTION	COMMENTS
SUB-PROGRAMME 10: LEADERSHIP & CAREER TALK 3 (Giants '95 & '00)			
Time: 9:00 – 12:00 GMT			
Venue: Auditorium			
1	Opening Prayer	Giant	Invocation
2	Introduction of Speakers	MC	Formal presentation
3	Welcome Address	Grand Marshal	Context and purpose of the session
4	Talk	Giants '95 & '00	Experience sharing
5	Q&A Session	All Participants	Interactive engagement
6	Closing Remarks	Grand Marshal	Brief concluding message
7	Announcements	MC	Updates on next activities
8	Closing Prayer	Giant	Short prayer
9	Adjournment	MC	Session ends

SUB-PROGRAMME 11: INTER-HOUSE QUIZ COMPETITION

Time: 13:00 – 16:00 GMT

Venue: Auditorium

Moderators: GSTS Quiz Coaches

SUB-PROGRAMME 12: CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION (Led by Class of 1985)			
Time: 19:00 – 21:00 GMT			
Venue: Procession route ending at Field			
This solemn ceremony includes:			
Lighting of the Eternal Flame			
Hymns and Intercessory Prayers at Five Stations			
Memorial roll call of departed Giants & GSTS Community Members			
Benediction, announcements, and worship support by School Choir & Regimental Band			
1	Introduction of Intercessors	MC	Formal introduction of the Giants facilitating the spiritual segments
2	Welcome Address	Grand Marshal	Remarks highlighting the purpose and significance of the procession
3	Lighting of the Eternal Flame Chamber	Grand Marshal	Symbolic lighting of the flame to commence the ceremony
4	Hymn Session 1	All Participants	Hymns sung while assembled at the School Gate (Station 1)
5	Intercessory Session (Station 1)	Giants '85	Theme: Good health, strength, and long life
6	Hymn Session 2	All Participants	Hymns sung while marching toward the Science Resource Centre Entrance (Station 2)
7	Intercessory Session (Station 2)	Giants '85	Theme: Academic excellence, diligence, and discipline
8	Hymn Session 3	All Participants	Hymns sung while marching to the Auditorium Entrance (Station 3)
9	Intercessory Session (Station 3)	Giants '85	Theme: Spiritual growth, wisdom, and divine blessings
10	Hymn Session 4	All Participants	Hymns sung while marching to the Weston House Entrance (Station 4)
11	Intercessory Session (Station 4)	Giants '85	Theme: Safety, security, and peaceful coexistence on campus
12	Hymn Session 5	All Participants	Hymns sung while marching to the Field Centre (Station 5)
13	Intercessory Session (Station 5)	Giants '85	Theme: In memory of all departed Giants & GSTS Community Members
14	Memorial Roll Call	All Participants	Reading and remembrance of departed community members (2025), led by year-mates
15	Benediction	School Chaplain	Closing prayer
16	Announcements	MC	Updates and reminders on upcoming Homecoming activities
17	Praises & Worship	All Participants	Joint session supported by the School Choir & Regimental Band

FRIDAY, 5TH DECEMBER 2025 (BURGUNDY)

ITEM	ACTIVITY	ACTION	COMMENTS
SUB-PROGRAMME 13: PENULTIMATE AWARDS & PRIZE-GIVING			
Time: 9:00 – 12:00 GMT			
Venue: Auditorium			
1	Opening Prayer	School Chaplain	Invocation to begin the ceremony
2	School Anthem	All	Sung before formal proceedings
3	Introduction of Chairman & Dignitaries	MC	Recognition of special guests and invited officials
4	Chairman’s Opening Remarks	Grand Marshal	Short welcome address
5	Headmaster’s Address	Headmaster	Brief statement on academics and student excellence
6	First Set of Awards	School	Presentation of academic and special prizes
7	Musical Interlude	School Choir	Special performance
8	Second Set of Awards	School	Continuation of prize presentations
9	Musical Interlude	Regimental Band	Brief musical performance
10	Chairman’s Closing Remarks	Chairman	Final observations and encouragement
11	Vote of Thanks	Student Representative	Acknowledgement of contributions

12	Announcements & Adjournment	MC	Information on subsequent activities
13	Closing Hymn	All	Hymn led by the School Choir
14	Benediction	School Chaplain	Prayer to formally close the event
SUB-PROGRAMME 14: FLOAT & GIANTS GOLF TOURNAMENT			
Time: 13:00 – 16:00 GMT			
Venue: Auditorium (Assembly Point)			
1	Event Marshal's Opening Remarks	Giants '15	Brief address; protocol and safety reminders
2	Procession	All Participants	Procession through the principal streets of Takoradi
3	Announcements	MC	Updates on subsequent Homecoming activities
SUB-PROGRAMME 15: GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING			
Time: 18:00 – 20:00 GMT			
Venue: Auditorium			
1	Opening Prayer	Giant	Short invocation
2	Introductions	MC	Recognition of dignitaries and formal introduction of the Speaker
3	Speaker's Opening Remarks	Speaker	Purpose of gathering, outline of agenda, announcement on voting procedures
4	Chairman's Remarks	Grand Marshal	Brief address
5	Special Remarks	Senior Giants of the Assembly	Reflections and guidance
6	Induction of Giants 2015	GAA President	Symbolic admission of the Year Group into the GAA
7	Report Submission	Select Committee Chairmen	Presentation of General Assembly reports
8	Executive Committee Report	GAA President	Comprehensive report on GAA activities for 2025
9	Discussions	All Participants	Interactive session per agenda, inclusive of Q&A
10	General Remarks	GAA General Secretary	Key highlights and closing observations
11	Induction of New GAA Executives	GAA Judicial Committee	Formal swearing-in of incoming Executives
12	Speaker's Closing Remarks	Speaker	Brief concluding speech
13	Announcements & Adjournment	MC	Final updates and adjournment to next activity
14	Closing Prayer	Giant	Prayer leading GAA Feast

SATURDAY, 6TH DECEMBER 2025 (GAA/GSTS CLOTH)

ITEM	ACTIVITY	ACTION	COMMENTS
SUB-PROGRAMME 16: SPEECH & PRIZE-GIVING DAY			
Time: 9:00 – 12:00 GMT			
Venue: School Field			
1	Procession	Dignitaries, Anniversary Groups, Staff, Students	Procession led in the order: School Management, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95, '00, '15
2	School Anthem	All	Sung after all have been seated
3	Opening Prayer	School Chaplain	Short invocation
4	Students & Guests Seated	All	Ensures decorum before commencement of speeches
5	Introduction of Chairman & Dignitaries	MC	Reading of the Chairman's profile and recognition of special guests
6	Chairman's Opening Remarks	Grand Marshal	Short welcome address
7	Cadet Parade / Inspection of Guard	GSTS Cadet Corps	Standard parade; inspection by Headmaster, Chairman, and GAA President
8	School Anthem	All	Sung before the Senior Prefect's address

9	Senior Prefect’s Speech	Senior Prefect	Speech
10	Poetry / Spoken Word	Student	Presented as an appellation to honour the Headmaster
11	Headmaster’s Speech	Headmaster	Formal address to the school community
12	GAA President’s Speech	GAA President	Short solidarity message
13	Musical Interlude	School Choir	Special rendition prepared for the occasion
14	Silver Collection	All	Fundraising segment
15	Keynote Address	Giants ’80	Main address reflecting the event’s theme
16	Presentation of Prizes	School	Awards for outstanding students and staff
17	Marshals’ Handing Over Ceremony	2025 → 2026 Representatives	Formal transition between anniversary groups
18	Chairman’s Closing Remarks	Giants ’75	Closing summary and encouragement
19	Vote of Thanks	Student (Assistant Senior Prefect)	Appreciation on behalf of the student body
20	Announcements & Adjournment	MC	Final updates on upcoming activities
21	Closing Hymn	All	Led by the School Choir
22	Benediction	School Chaplain	Closing prayer
23	Recession	MC	Exit of dignitaries, staff, and students in an orderly manner

SUB-PROGRAMME 17: PROJECT COMMISSIONING & SOD-CUTTING

Time: 13:00 – 16:00 GMT

Venue: Across Campus

SUB-PROGRAMME 18: BONFIRE PARTY

Time: 19:00 – 21:00 GMT

Venue: School Field

SUNDAY, 7TH DECEMBER 2025 (WHITE)

ITEM	ACTIVITY	ACTION	COMMENTS
SUB-PROGRAMME 19: THANKSGIVING SERVICE			
Time: 9:00 – 10:30 GMT			
Venue: Auditorium			
According to Chaplaincy guidelines.			
SUB-PROGRAMME 20: HC25 OFFICIAL CLOSING CEREMONY			
Time: 10:30 – 12:00 GMT			
Venue: Science Resource Centre Forecourt			
1	Opening Prayer & Minute’s Silence	School Chaplain	Invocation and remembrance of departed Giants
2	Barracks Guard Activities	GSTS Armed Forces Cadet	Ceremonial parade and drills
3	Farewell Address	Headmaster	Official opening of the celebration
4	Declaration of HC25 Closure	Grand Marshal	Hoisting of flags and singing of School Anthem
5	Closing Remarks	Grand Marshal	Brief closing comments
6	Announcements	MC	Logistics and updates

7	Closing Prayer	School Chaplain	Prayer for a successful end of celebration
8	Adjournment	MC	Formal closure of the closing ceremony