

Ghana's oldest international school; Gold Coast International School was established on 1st September 1955. In 1957, after Ghana gained independence the name of the school was changed to Ghana International School. Today, Ghana International School is the oldest and leading international education provider with approximately 1400 students from over 40 countries around the world that has four sections (Infant, Junior, Lower Secondary and Upper Secondary Schools) providing the English National Curriculum to pupils and students between the ages of 3 years and 18 years.

Ghana International School History Timeline

1953	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mrs. Kathleen Lines, wife of then General Manager of Graphic Company and members of the International School Committee meet to discuss the creation of a school, school of international standard in the Gold Coast. - The International School Committee Members and Founders were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sir Kobena Arku Korsah, Justice of Gold Coast Supreme Court, Founder and First Chairman of Gold Coast International School Board. ● Justice Edward Akuffo Addo, Justice of Gold Coast Supreme Court ● Dr. Lusty, University College of Gold Coast (Now University of Ghana, Legon) ● Mr. Kenneth Humphreys, First Registrar of the West African Examinations Council (WAEC) ● Dr. Ruby Quartey- Papafio, An Educationist working with the Social Welfare Department ● Dr. Kofi George Konuah, An Educationist working with the Public Service Commission ● Mr. Edward James Bailey of the United Africa Company (UAC) of the Gold Coast and ● Mrs. Valerie Bailey <p>Other Members of the Committee included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Indian High Commissioner - The American High Commissioner
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The French Vice Consuls to the Gold Coast
1955	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gold Coast International School is opened on 1st September at the Legion Hall with 38 pupils in two primary classes and Mrs. Ellen Strong as its first Principal
1956	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In January, the school moves into a building (now Junior School Art and Music Department) at No. 19 Second Circular Road accommodating 200 children - On 29th October, the first Governor- General of the Gold Coast, Sir Charles Arden Clarke, lays the foundation stone for the construction. Moira Martin is made Principal
1957	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After the Gold Coast gains her independence, the school's name is changed to Ghana International School (GIS) - Inwood Block is in use by students
1958	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ghana International School gains global recognition due to its outstanding Common Entrance examination results - Dr. Kwame Nkrumah is Guest of Honour at the Speech day and presents prizes to deserving students
1961	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mrs. Irene Inwood replaces Moira Martin as Principal
1963	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GIS presents its first cohort of 'O' Level candidates for the London GCE Examination
1967	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First yearbook is published
1970	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mrs. Leonie Acquah replaces Irene Inwood as Principal
1972	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual Sponsored Walk and other fundraising activities are introduced to develop the school - First PTA Bazaar is organized - The Nursery Hall is built - Two New Classrooms - Infant School Assembly Hall is built - A library is built - Two new Classrooms for the Secondary School as well as Science Laboratory and an Art Room

1974	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mrs. Acquah and Mrs. Margaret Nkrumah attend the International Schools' Association (ISA) Conference in Ibadan, Nigeria
1980	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ghana International School celebrates Silver Jubilee Anniversary - First Miss GIS is Crowned (Now Annual Mr. and Miss GIS Pageant) - First GIS Play Adaptation; Pygmalion - There is Another Play, A Russian Classic in translation, " The Government Inspector"
1985	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mrs. Judith Sawyerr becomes Principal - Differential fees policy implemented - Leonie Acquah block is commissioned
1986	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Junior School is moved from the Secondary School compound to join the Infant and Nursery Section separating the Primary School from the Secondary School. Class Seven is dissolved
1987	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Sixth Form course is introduced.
1989	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The first international school sports competition with schools from Togo, Benin, Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana. GIS represents Ghana
1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The GIS Computer Programme is introduced with 11 ARL computers to prepare the first group of students to sit for the 'O' Level GCE computer studies examination
1991	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Second Yearbook is published - GIS reaches 1115 students
1993	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Guidance and Counseling Department is set up.
1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ghana International School Celebrates 40th Anniversary - On 8th December, the Secondary School Resource Center is Commissioned
1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GIS celebrates 25th Anniversary of Annual Sponsored Walk - Students travel to Burkina Faso for return matches with 'Ecole Saint Exupery in Ouagadougou
1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GIS switches from GCE 'O' Level to IGCSE
2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interim Management Committee is appointed to manage the School
2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. John Filby joins GIS as Principal - In June, Ghana International Schools begins accreditation process

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A fully resourced Human Resource Department is created
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Thomas Hunt replaces John Filby as Principal - The Primary School is restructured with the relocation of the Reception Section and Infant Section ending at Class 2 - Class 6 Annual 4-day Field Trip is introduced - A Satellite (VSAT) for Internet connectivity is installed
2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Golden Jubilee Celebration is launched - Mrs. Diana Nyatepe- Coo is made Principal - His Excellency Former President John Agyekum Kufuor visits GIS as Guest Speaker for Golden Jubilee celebration - Lower and Upper Secondary School are divided as two separate sections
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key Stage 3 curriculum is introduced in Form 3
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In December 2007, GIS is the first and one of eight schools in Africa to be accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) - Ghana International School Produces first Musical 'Annie'
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In January, the Council of International Schools (CIS), the European English Board confirms GIS Accreditation. - In February, Former US President, George Bush visits Ghana International School
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Junior School Class 6 block is commissioned with French and Science Laboratory fully furnished. - Premier Science, Mathematics and Information Technology Fair is organized
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sixth Form block is built - School-wide Art Week is organized - In March, first Ghana Week celebration is hosted by the Primary School
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ghana International School hosts Olympic torch - School Guiding Statements are adopted - Swimming Pool is commissioned
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GIS successfully undergoes five year accreditation review by NEASC and CIS

2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Mary Ashun is appointed as Acting Principal - EdAdmin Student Management System adopted by the entire school. This serves not only as a database but allows students and parents to view students' work & assessment. It is also used to access fee bills and to communicate with parents/teachers. - Teacher Action Research is introduced as a way for teachers to professionally develop. - Lower Secondary organizes first ever Leadership Day - Reggio Emilia is adopted as a philosophy to support the Early Years program at GIS. - GIS stages "In the Heights", a musical by Lin Manuel Miranda at the National Theatre
2015/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Ashun is appointed as Incoming Principal - Ghana International School celebrates 60th Anniversary - New Lower Secondary School Building is completed. All Form 1 - 3 students are moved from the Inwood Block to the new Building. Inwood Block now houses the Wellness Center, the PE Department and the newly created Special Educational Needs Classroom and the Learning Commons. - A new Primary School Cafeteria is built with generous sponsorship from Unibank and the Duffuor family. - Ghana International School Guiding Statements are revised to reflect internationalism and interculturalism. - The Assistant Vice Principal Role is added to the administrative ladder, giving Principal teachers the opportunity to assist their respective VPs in order to gain administrative experience. - In June, GIS hosts Nobel Laureate, Professor Wole Soyinka for 3 days - Dr. Robert Satcher visits GIS to share his experiences on Space Exploration and travel - Multi-Purpose Court is completed, allowing various sports disciplines to be held simultaneously. - GIS stages the musical "Sarafina" at the National Theatre. - GIS passes the pre-accreditation visit - Cambridge Primary Checkpoint was introduced for the Primary School. Students did exceptionally well, and above the average for all Cambridge Schools worldwide.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Annual GIS Musical "Sarafina" is co-staged with students from La Wireless Cluster of Schools as part of GIS' Corporate Social Responsibility - GIS successfully raised over GHS 97,000 for The Children's Heart Foundation to enable four children suffering from hole-in-heart to receive surgery - Cashless Canteen introduced to the Secondary School - Mrs. Nyatepe-Coo retires at the end of the school year after serving the school for 10 years as Principal.
2016-17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Ashun is confirmed as the Principal of Ghana International School - Fully fledged Admissions Office is open in the administration block. Mrs. Ocansey, formerly the Junior School Vice Principal assumes the role of Head of Admissions. - New Pastoral Care Program launched in the Secondary School to add another layer of care for our students. - Student Activities Center opened to manage student activities that are both co-curricular and extracurricular - International Experiential Trips begin for Secondary Students with trips to Senegal, Rome and Jamaica - The first ever conference is held on GIS campus. The TIME conference is organized and led by GIS teachers and participants comprise of GIS Teachers, teachers from other private schools and teachers from government schools. - The Annual GIS Golf Tournament is introduced as an addition to the fundraising efforts of the school - The Annual Musical "Prince of Egypt" is staged at the National Theatre in March 2017 - Dr. Auma Obama visits GIS as part of the Storymoja Festival in Accra, Ghana