

# School Uniform

Clearly the wearing of our uniform is a requirement of attending Thomas Adams School. We believe it allows students to gain a sense of equality, and identity and adhering to the uniform policy prepares them for the world of work. We would ask as parents/carers, that you support us on this issue and ensure that your son/daughter is appropriately dressed for school in the correct uniform.

We believe firmly that if our students are smartly dressed for school in a uniform consistent with school policy, they will be prepared for work in the classroom. As ever, your full support in this matter is appreciated.

It is gratifying that the vast majority of students wear our uniform with pride, but we would like to draw your attention to the following:

The length and style of some girls' black skirts remains a concern and we appreciate the difficulty many of you face when your daughter insists that 'all the other girls are wearing them'. For this reason, to ensure absolute consistency and total fairness, we ask that all skirts be purchased from our uniform supplier School Shop Direct and are of an appropriate length for school. (Alternatively girls can of course wear tailored school trousers if they prefer, but no canvas style, jeans, skinny fit or fashion trousers please).

Hooded tops should not be worn as a substitute for a coat. We would ask you not to buy such items for school, as your child will be asked to remove them. Cardigans are also not to be worn as a substitute for the sweatshirt.

School shoes for boys and girls should be plain black leather or leather-like material with no motifs. Boots of any kind, including Timberlands, are NOT acceptable unless we experience extreme weather conditions (snow), in which case we would expect school shoes to be carried in bags and for students to change into these on entering the building. Trainers and pumps are also unacceptable.

The rest of the Uniform Policy is below. Please take the time to study it so that you do not purchase items, which are unacceptable for school. Some of these items can be expensive so please be careful not to buy anything that the school would consider unsuitable.

A reminder that facial piercings, tattoos and extreme haircuts, including unnatural colours, are not permitted.

Thomas Adams branded school polo shirts and sweatshirts as well as PE kit should now be purchased from our supplier School Shop Direct. The recommended school skirt and trousers are also available for purchase in the same way. Purchases can be made in person at their store: School Shop Direct, Unit 13, Sundorne Trade Park, Featherbed Lane, Shrewsbury, SY1 4NS, tel 01743 440449, opening times: Monday to Friday 10am – 5pm & Saturday 10am – 4pm. Alternatively you can order on line at [www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk](http://www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk)

## **YEARS 8, 10 AND 11 ALL STUDENTS**

Navy blue Thomas Adams School polo shirt

Navy blue Thomas Adams School sweatshirt

Black or dark brown shoes with a low heel (no canvas or trainer style, no motifs)

Plain coloured outer coat (no hoodies or cardigans)

(Year 11 choose their own colour sweatshirt each year)

### **Girls**

School- Shop Direct Thomas Adams straight plain black skirt which should sit JUST ABOVE THE KNEE or

Smart plain black standard school trousers – appropriate for office wear (no jeans or tight fitting trousers, no canvas or stretchy material, no embellishments) or

Smart navy or black City shorts (knee length)

Plain white, black or natural socks or tights (no leggings)

### **Boys**

Charcoal grey or black standard school trousers (no large pockets)

Plain navy, black or grey socks

Outdoor winter scarves are acceptable during the cold weather, but must be removed on entering the building. No fashion scarves please. 'Fashion' belts are inappropriate for school.

## **YEARS 7 AND 9 or CAN BE WORN BY OTHER YEAR GROUPS - ALL STUDENTS**

Thomas Adams Blazer

Thomas Adams v-neck Jumper (optional)

White collared shirt (short or long sleeved)

Grey straight-leg trousers

Approved School Skirt (available from School Shop)

Knee length grey city shorts

Black leather shoes (no logos, motifs, no boots)

Thomas Adams House tie (house colours)

### **Jewellery**

Students are not allowed to wear any jewellery which is a risk to health and safety, e.g. eyebrow rings and bars, nose studs and piercings, large dangly earrings, heavy rings etc. Any bangles/necklaces should be out of sight. No silicone tunnels, stretchers or plug style earrings are permitted.

### **Hair Styles**

It is expected that all students will wear their hair appropriately to reflect a serious learning environment. "Exaggerated" hairstyles and colour are not acceptable.

### **Tattoos**

These are not allowed.

**In your own interest, it is vital that each item of school uniform is clearly marked with the owner's name.**

### **STANDARD PE KIT FOR ALL STUDENTS**

Training shoes (non-marking soles)

Football Boots (Only needed for part of the year's activities. PE staff will advise)

Navy blue tracksuit bottoms may be worn during cold weather at the discretion of the member of staff

Navy performance polo-shirt with the Adams emblem

Navy games shorts with Adams emblem

Students are required to wear shin guards for their own safety during team contact.

### **STANDARD PE KIT FOR GIRLS:**

Blue sweatshirt (Adams Wem emblem) OR

Navy blue fleece (Adams Wem emblem)

Blue football socks

Blue tracksuit bottom (Adams Wem emblem) [optional]

### **STANDARD PE KIT FOR BOYS:**

Blue rugby jersey

Blue tracksuit bottom (Adams Wem emblem) [optional]

Blue football socks with white hoops

Blue sport socks

All PE Kit can be purchased from School Shop Direct. Swimming caps MUST be purchased for students with long hair and can be bought from Wem Swimming Baths.