

The Thomas Adams Sixth Form Enrichment programme

To supplement our academic programme, we offer students a wealth of enrichment opportunities. These are both timetabled and extra-curricular and give students an edge when it comes to competitive university applications and higher level apprenticeships.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) – universities value this AS qualification which develops independent research, essay writing and organisational skills. Students select their own research project, guided by their supervisor, and taught skills, such as referencing.

Further Maths – in high demand for careers such as engineering, Further Maths will allow our most able mathematicians to apply for the best universities and apprenticeships.

Sport – students wishing to strike a work-life balance and continue with their passion for sport will have the opportunity to enjoy a range of activities and gain coaching qualifications.

Maths and English GCSE Resit – students who still need to gain these essential Level 2 qualifications will be given individualised teaching.

Extra-curricular – students will be encouraged to sign up for the following:

MOOCs (massive online open courses) – offered through the portal Futurelearn (www.futurelearn.com), students can sign up for a diverse range of courses, from 'Come Rain or Shine – Understanding the Weather' to 'Begin Robotics'.

University Masterclasses – students sign up through us but travel independently to get a taste of university life early in Year 12.

UCAS Convention – we organise this trip in March to encourage students to start their research early.

Oxbridge Conference – for those students wishing to apply to the universities of Oxford or Cambridge.

Sutton Trust Summer Schools – opportunity to spend a week, absolutely free, at a Russell Group university.

Aberystwyth University Scholarships – students sit two exams in college with the possibility of an unconditional offer and scholarships funding.

Geographical Association Lectures at Shrewsbury School – the Geography department arrange these evening trips to enhance their students' knowledge.

Shrewsbury School Career Talks – opportunities to join students at a local independent school to supplement our information and guidance programme.

Field Trips – opportunities to apply learning in the classroom in a range of fieldwork contexts.

Student Ambassadors – an invaluable group who help us to inform and recruit prospective students on our open evening and taster days.

Sixth Form Committee – elected by their fellow students, these young people run the extra-curricular life of the college, including their leavers' ball and the senior citizens' Christmas party.

Residential Theatre Trip to London – the English and Drama departments take their students to see a range of top West End plays on this popular trip.

School Production – each October the whole school works together to put on an amazing production. Sixth form students often land lead roles and play an important part backstage with technical support. This year our performance was 'Chicago'.

Variety Concerts – college students lead the way, offering an eclectic mix of musical items to an enthusiastic audience.

Adjazz – our long-running jazz band regularly holds concerts, both at home and abroad.

Senior Choir – sixth form students set the standards for excellent choral pieces, both traditional and contemporary, culminating in our renowned Christmas Carol Concert at Wem Church.

Charity Events – the sixth form committee ensure we support a range of charities both at home and nationally.

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party – this annual community event has been organised for 25 years and students arrange everything from food and transport to entertainment.

RE Visit to Auschwitz – enriching the curriculum to deepen students' understanding and knowledge.