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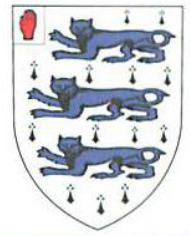
# THE THOMAS ADAMS SCHOOL, WEM

incorporating

ADAMS COLLEGE SIXTH FORM CENTRE  
ADAMS HOUSE (BOARDING)

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Re: Yr 6 Transition to Thomas Adams School – September, 2020

19 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that your child is looking forward to the transition to Thomas Adams School in September. Usually at this time I have been able to visit each child in their primary school setting and share information regarding the transition or 'Moving Up' to Thomas Adams. Whilst I have had remote conference meetings with Yr 6 teachers/headteachers regarding each and every child, I have obviously not been able to visit schools in person. I do hope to be able to make 'virtual' visits to each school before the end of term and I will be in touch with Yr 6 teachers to arrange this.

### **Moving Up Resources**

Clearly the transition process has been 'different' this year in these exceptional circumstances but we have been working hard to support your child and you as parents/carers. You will have received the **Moving Up Booklet** and the **Parents Guide** in the post which will hopefully have provided a wealth of information and answers to some of the questions you or your child may have. In addition, we have asked Yr 6 teachers to provide questions from students which has enabled us to construct a **Yr 6 Frequently Asked Questions** document. We have also added video messages for Yr 6 students from staff and Yr 7 students at Thomas Adams School and a Virtual Tour of Thomas Adams will be added shortly. All of these resources and more are available from our website – I would encourage you to make regular visits: [www.thomasadams.net/admissions](http://www.thomasadams.net/admissions)

### **Video Messages**

As mentioned above, we have produced a series of "Hello" video messages which are also on our website. These include greetings from staff and Yr 7 students. The students have made these themselves at home and they were asked to consider how they felt 12 months ago before they made the transition to Thomas Adams School. I hope you'll take a look with your child and that they prove useful. I will also be uploading a 'Virtual Tour' of Thomas Adams to show students where key locations are in the school – again to hopefully ease any anxiety to aid with their transition. This will be placed on the school website shortly along with "Hello" messages from the Yr 7 Tutor Team for next year.

### **Induction Day**

It has become clear from our own ongoing observations/discussions but also from documentation from the government that our Induction Day will not be able to take place during the summer term. We have therefore had to take the decision, in common with other secondary schools, that the **Induction Day will be postponed until September**. Precise information about the September Induction Day will be shared with parents as soon as we are able to do so – please ensure we have your contact details (see final section). I am obviously disappointed that we have had to take this decision to postpone the Induction Day, though I know you will understand and thank you in advance for your patience whilst we put alternative plans in place. I am so pleased that two-thirds of our students joined us at the Yr 5 Taster Day last April – but also recognise that there are a third of students who did not attend the Taster Day and even for those who did, this cannot replace the benefits of a Yr 6 Induction Day.



As soon as we can confirm our September Induction Day plans we will share the information with you. We have a number of potential plans in place but please understand that it may be mid-August before we know exactly what we are permitted and able to do for induction – it is therefore vital that we have your email/mobile contacts (see final section).

### **Parents' Information Evening**

In light of the current situation, it is not safe/practical to have our usual Yr 6 Parents Information Evening. This normally takes place in the main hall on the evening of Induction Day and all parents/carers are invited. Instead, we have decided to pre-record the talk and post it on the school website on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. We strongly recommend that you watch the pre-recorded video and hope that it will provide all the necessary information required. I would encourage you to have the Essential Guide for Parents to hand when you watch the online video (the Essential Guide was posted to you and is also available on the school website).

### **Form Groups / Houses Allocation**

I am delighted to be able to inform you/your child about his/her for group/house for next year. Enclosed with this letter is an additional sheet which gives details of your child's form group and house. As you are probably aware, each house has a different trim colour on the school tie so please remember to select/order the appropriate colour house tie when you purchase school uniform from School Shop Direct (for reference, house colours are: Clee-burgundy, Lawley-green, Haughmond-orange, Caradoc-purple, Corndon-red, Hawkstone-blue and Grinshill-yellow). Full details of the uniform are on the school website and in the Essential Guide for Parents.

### **Keeping in Touch**

Many of you have completed my previous request for parents/carers to provide us with email and mobile phone contact details. If you have not yet done so, please email Mrs Howells (PA to the Headteacher) at [enquiries@thomasadams.net](mailto:enquiries@thomasadams.net) with your **child's name** along with **your preferred email and mobile phone contact number**. This will enable us to share upcoming information with you quickly and efficiently. We will need be in touch with details of the Induction Day in September so it is vital that you have given us your contact details.

Finally, we will post updates and information on the school's social media channels via Facebook (Thomas Adams School – Wem) and Instagram (thomasadamswem). So please keep an eye on these platforms too as these are a valuable source of communication and information.

I will leave it there for now but please be sure to **provide us with your contact details** so that we can stay in touch. As soon as I can confirm the September Induction Day details I will do so.

Very best wishes and thanks for your ongoing support,



Lea Winter  
(Transition Coordinator)