

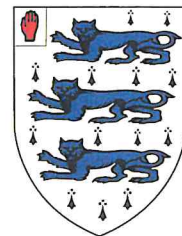


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THE THOMAS ADAMS SCHOOL, WEM

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**THOMAS ADAMS SIXTH FORM
ADAMS HOUSE (BOARDING)**

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Dear Parents,

New Year 7 Moving Up Day, 2021 – Update.

I am sure you are already aware that following consultation with Public Health England, Shropshire Council have taken the decision that Year 6 transition days will not be permitted to take place at the end of this academic year. I'm sure you'll share our huge disappointment regarding this news. Whilst not a complete shock when we consider the rising number of cases and the recent government decision to postpone the next phase of the route out of lockdown, it is such a shame for all children moving to their new secondary schools this year.

I am, however, incredibly pleased that over the last four weeks Miss Turner and I have been able to visit every child in their primary school and have met with their Year 6 teacher and/or SENDco in each school. The children have received their personal copy of our Moving Up Booklet and we have discussed any issues/anxieties they may have as well as the exciting opportunities/experiences they will encounter when they arrive at Thomas Adams.

As a result of the decision regarding the transition days, we have worked hard to establish alternative arrangements to ensure that all children (and parents and carers) are supported throughout the remainder of the summer term and through the summer holidays. We are delighted to announce the following arrangements:

1. **Moving Up Day** will now take place on **Friday 3rd September** – a new letter with full details will be sent out to students and parents in due course.
2. We are still able to offer our existing additional support arrangements for vulnerable students.
3. We will let children (and their parents!) know details of their **form group, form tutor and house** by letter during the first two weeks of July.
4. The planned **Information Evening for Parents** will now be in the form of a pre-recorded video and launched on the school website on Monday 5th July. The **Essential Guide for Parents** document will be posted home at the start of July and will also be available on the admissions area of the school website.
5. A series of short '**moving up videos**' for students will be produced and made available via the admissions area of the school website – in addition to the wealth of materials already available at this location. A reminder of the admissions website address: www.thomasadams.net/admissions.

We will, of course, keep parents/carers updated about all of these arrangements via text message, email, social media and, where necessary, by post. Please follow our social media (Facebook/Instagram - @thomasadamswem) which will alert parents when announcements are made and/or documents are sent out.

Thanks for your ongoing support during this challenging time. We will be in contact very shortly regarding the support, plans and arrangements listed above.

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