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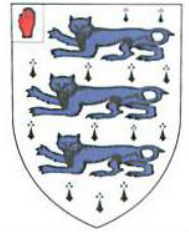
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ADAMS COLLEGE SIXTH FORM CENTRE

ADAMS HOUSE (BOARDING)

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of the year, I must take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their support and understanding in what has been an incredibly challenging time. I feel our school community has pulled together and has continued to face the ever-changing challenges that Covid has presented with resilience and resolve.

Summer school

On the week beginning the 9th of August, we are delighted to be hosting a summer school for our future Year 7s, here at Thomas Adams. The week will be focused on designing, making, and selling a chocolate bar. So far, we have over half of the new year group joining us for the week.

Exam Results

For information about the Year 10 GCSE English Literature, Year 11 and Year 13 result days along with guidance on the appeals process, please refer to the "TAG (Teacher Assessed Grades) Results Days and Appeals" letter issued on 8th July. The following link will take you directly to the letter on the school website (<https://thomasadams.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/TAG-letter-re-appeals-and-results.pdf>)

Next Year

Our intention is to return to 'normal' school in September. This will be without bubbles and a full return to all activities in the curriculum. We will obviously need to make some allowances for the lost learning during this year, so we will be completing several baseline tests and frequent low-stake assessments to ensure we can support progress for all learners.

It is extremely hard for me to predict where we will be with regards to the pandemic and the provision of education. I will send another letter during the final week of the summer holiday to confirm the plans for the start of the Autumn Term.

We will be slightly changing the structure of the school day. However, the day will continue to start at 8.45am and end at 3.20pm. We will start the day with pupils going straight into lesson 1 and we have moved Tutor Time to later in the day. We will be using Tutor Time to support our students back into school and to deliver a programme that will include the following - Literacy, Numeracy, Assembly, PSHE themes and reading.

Again, as a reflection on the COVID provision we have decided to continue with a split lunch - to support lunchtime opportunities.



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45 - 9:50	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1
9:55 - 10:55	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2
10:55- 11:15	20 min Break	20 min Break	20 min Break	20 min Break	20 min Break
11:15 - 12:15	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3
12:15 - 12:40	Lunchtime	Year 9-13 TutorTime	Year 9-13 TutorTime	Year 9-13 TutorTime	Year 9-13 TutorTime
12:40 - 12:50					
12:50 - 1:15	Year 7/8 TutorTime	Year 7/8 TutorTime	Year 7/8 TutorTime	Year 7/8 TutorTime	Year 7/8 TutorTime
1:15 - 2:15	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4
2:20 - 3:20	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5

PD Days

Can I remind you that the staff will be having PD days on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of September. This means the whole school reopens on Monday 6th September.

Year 7 induction on Friday 3rd September

If you are a Year 6 parent, I am sure you will have received information from Mr Winter about the rearranged Induction Day on Friday 3rd September. If you require further information about moving up to Thomas Adams School or details of the Induction Day – please visit our admissions section on our website - <https://thomasadams.net/admissions/>

COVID-19 Testing

Current advice from the Department for Education is that all secondary school pupils should receive two on-site lateral flow device tests, 3 to 5 days apart, on their return in the autumn term. We will be in touch closer to the time when we have full details. Please be aware that testing is likely to commence during the week before the start of term.

We will also encourage students to continue twice-weekly testing at home in the autumn term following the two initial on-site tests.

Uniform

In September, our uniform remains unchanged, but as I am sure you are aware we are keen to ensure all students are wearing it with pride. We will be conducting uniform checks regularly and will continue to do so throughout the new academic year.

Plain black leather/leather look shoes are compulsory, not trainers. We also need to remind the community that piercings (other than one pair of ear studs), false eye lashes, and extended nails are not appropriate for school. There is further guidance on our school web site about acceptable items and if you are in any doubt, please contact your child's HOY prior to purchasing items for advice. <https://thomasadams.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/School-Uniform-2021.pdf> For families who may need financial support in purchasing uniform please contact Mr McAleavy at school. We will continue to rely heavily on full parental support with uniform and thank you in advance for your help.

I hope this letter helps to keep you informed about Thomas Adams School. If there are any changes before we return in September, then I will write again in the final week of the holidays. It has been wonderful during the last few weeks to be able to hold our Sports Days and our Activity Week - Including Race for Life (Raising £1500+); hopefully, we will be able to do more things like this next year.

My thanks for your continued support this year, and I wish you and your families all the best for the summer break.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Mark Cooper
Headteacher