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# THE THOMAS ADAMS SCHOOL, WEM

incorporating

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

Headteacher: Mark Cooper BA (Hons)

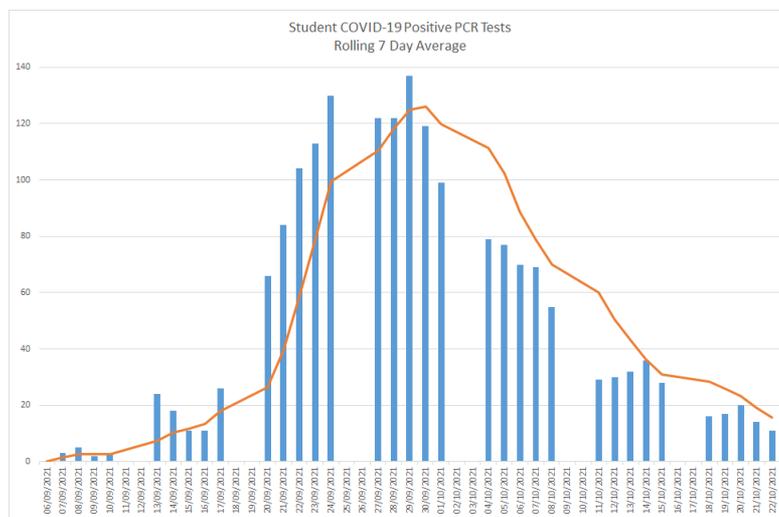
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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of this half term, 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. In many respects it has been very positive to relaunch a much fuller curriculum, providing our students with the opportunities that they should be receiving; we strive to maximise these experiences whilst continuing to sustain our Covid management measures moving forward.

This chart gives an idea of the impact of the virus at school, particularly at the end of September:



A significant factor in the containment of the virus has been the reintroduction of face coverings in classrooms as well as in communal areas, and we will continue to strongly recommend this action into the new half term.

Our Risk Assessment is updated regularly in accordance with advice from Public Health and the Department for Education; it is available on the 'Key Information' page of the school website.

On Thursday 11th November, our Year 11 students will be spending the day at our Sixth Form campus, experiencing a taste of A Level and BTEC lessons. After the half term break, students will be asked to select the five subjects they would like to experience. More information about this opportunity will be sent home to you at the beginning of November.

In order to accommodate our Year 11 students at Sixth Form, Year 12 and 13 will have two days of independent study on Thursday 11th November and Friday 12th November (our Taster Day for Year 11s in our feeder schools). The Study Hub will be available to sixth formers who wish to work at school on these days.



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The safety of the pupils is our priority. Therefore, if you drive your child to school or sixth form, please drop them off and collect them outside the premises to help reduce the risk of an accident occurring on the school site. I suggest that the best places to do this are either, at the bus stop adjacent to the school gate on Pyms Road, or on Noble Street outside the Sixth Form building.

We would like to thank the large number of parents who completed the parental questionnaires that we recently conducted. The results were very pleasing with over 90% of parents saying their child was happy at this school. The feedback given will be instrumental in driving forward change over the coming months. We are now in the process of reviewing your responses and an action plan will be created from this.

Finally, an amazing 67,500 Housepoints have been awarded to pupils over this half term. Please use the SIMS parent app to review your child's achievements. If you are able to put some home rewards in place over half term to celebrate your child's success and support the work we are doing in school, it would be very much appreciated.

My thanks for your continued support since September, and I wish you and your family all the best for the half term break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Cooper'.

Mark Cooper  
Headteacher