



THOMAS ADAMS SCHOOL, WEM
incorporating
ADAMS COLLEGE SIXTH FORM CENTRE
ADAMS HOUSE (BOARDING)

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Deputy Headteacher: Mark Cooper BA (Hons)



Newsletter - July 2018

Dear Parent

As I complete the last full year of my time at Thomas Adams it is a time of reflection and I find myself thinking “this is the last Sports Day, the last Year 7 Induction day” and so on I realise as I contemplate just what a huge number of events, activities and opportunities that the school takes part in or instigates and also what an amazing bunch of students we have at this school. Currently some students are raising money for a trip to Peru where they will help underprivileged children and poor communities. Other students are having a charity sleep out for the homeless, and at the same time raising awareness of plastics in the environment by asking the Ironworks in Oswestry to donate a gorilla to fill with plastic bottle tops.

We have just completed our Olympic Days, with some amazing individual achievements, whether being first or coming last for the team points students show amazing resilience and courage. Now we look forward to our Race for Life – a whole school event which really shows what our students are made of!

A lot of change continues to happen in the school but with our deficit paid off and our financial planning for the next two years in place, we look forward to some positive years.

I would like to offer congratulations to Mr Mark Cooper (who has been at the school for 22 years) on his promotion to Head from January 2019 and take the time to wish him all the very best in this new challenge. Hopefully, this will mean a period of smooth transition during the next term.

At the end of the year we have a number of staff leaving us, many who have been here for a long time, but also some exciting new staff joining us (see table below). Worthy of particular mention is Deputy Head Mrs Julie McGurrin who is leaving after 27 years dedicated service to this school beginning as an RE teacher and doing so many Pastoral roles before becoming Deputy five years ago. Her wealth of experience in this field will be sorely missed. I would like to thank Julie for all her hard work and, I am sure, so would many students who have benefitted from her input. Similarly Mrs Rachel Parker, who has been a stalwart of the Modern Foreign Languages department for 26 years and I know many of her students are very sad she is retiring. We wish them all the best in their future exploits.

Leavers

Mrs Julie McGurrin, Deputy Head
Mrs Rachel Parker, MFL
Mrs Julie Morgan, MFL
Mr Ian Bailey, Maths
Mrs Stacey Everton, Maths
Mr Nick Munro, D&T
Mr Richard Phipps, English

New Starters

Miss Hannah Lester, English
Miss Georgia Teggin, English
Mr Anthony Naden, Maths
Mr Michael Buckley, Maths
Mr Martin Machin, Science
Mr Aaron Coleman, MFL



Leavers

Mr Adam Jones, Media & Photography
Mrs Fran Fletcher, English
Miss Emma Thomas, Science
Mrs Kath Mooney, Maths
Mrs Tania Ford, Teaching Assistant
Mrs Michelle Keane, Teaching Assistant
Mrs Ali Stevenson, Medical/Attendance
Mrs Barbara Reeves, Reprographics
Mr Steven Fischer, Cover Supervisor

We are currently looking forward to an Activity three days in the last week of term where many departments have decided to use the time to fit in those trips and activities which are useful and beneficial for students but have too much impact on the Curriculum earlier in the term. There will be non-uniform for the last week of term unless you are on a trip.

Many thanks for your continued support, Liz Dakin, Headteacher

Olympics Day – 5 July 2018



Sport

What's been happening in the PE department recently:

Under 13 Cricket North Shropshire League

Thomas Adams 76-2 beat Marches 75-4

Impressive knock from Owen Silvester provided the platform for victory supported by some excellent bowling from Robin Vernon.

Under 15 Cricket County Cup 1st Round

Ellesmere College 163-3 beat Thomas Adams 68 All Out

Despite a positive start from Ollie Cooper and Will Evans, Thomas Adams were unable to build on their foundations.

North Shropshire Under 13 Cricket Fixture

Thomas Adams 63-4 beat Corbet 62-9

The Under 13 side gained their second victory of the season and remain unbeaten in the league.

North Shropshire Under 15 Cricket Fixture.

Thomas Adams 71-3 beat Lakelands 69-5

A professional display by our Under 15s led to a comfortable victory.

North Shropshire Under 13 Cricket Fixture

Oswestry School 130-3 beat Thomas Adams 92-5

In a much improved performance by the Under 13 side against strong opposition, Robin Vernon impressed with the ball taking two wickets and Owen Sylvester top scored in Adams response to Oswestry's Monmouth total.

Under 13 Cricket North Shropshire Fixture

Thomas Adams 100-4 beat SJT 94-7

A brilliant knock of 40 by Owen Sylvester and a tight final over by Owen Winter secured a 6 run victory.

North Shropshire Rounders League Fixtures vs St Martins

Year 7 - St Martins 16 - 11.5 Thomas Adams

Year 8 - St Martins 7 - 13.5 Thomas Adams

Year 9 - St Martins 4.5 - 6 Thomas Adams

Year 10 - St Martins 4.5 - 16 Thomas Adams

Impressive victories for the Year 8, 9 and 10 side (who remain unbeaten so far this season!).

North Shropshire Under 14 & 15 Rounders Championships

Our Under 14 side narrowly missed out in qualifying for the knock out phase despite beating the Grove 8-2 in the group fixtures.

Our Under 15 side recovered from a narrow lose in the opening game of the group phase to Ellesmere College to gain revenge in the final (5 - 4.5) and become North Shropshire Champions.

North Shropshire Under 12 and Under 13 Rounders Championships

Despite a number of impressive displays in the group stages, the Year 8 teams failed to make it to the semi-finals in their competition. However, the Year 7 side did progress to the knock-out stages reaching the semi-finals.

Shropshire Multi-Events Athletics Championships

Sophie Vernon became Under 15 Multi-Event Athletics Champion, finishing 500 points ahead of second place - a dominant display. She will now go on to the regional championships in Manchester.

Shropshire Schools Athletics Championships

A squad of 15 took part in these Championships and we now have a number of students who will go on to represent Shropshire at the regional championships including Sophie Vernon, Max Millerchip and Brad Davies-Pughe.

Shropshire Athletics Team Championships - Semi-Finals

Thomas Adams enter teams in every age category with the Under 15 Girls Team narrowly missing out (10 points) on progressing through to the finals, finishing fifth overall. Both boys and girls teams put in good performances against strong opposition and improved as the competition progressed.

Year 7 and 8 County Athletic Championships

In the final County Athletics Championships of the summer, Connor Burns (3rd in the Year 8 800m), Harry Udy (3rd in the Year 7 Shot Putt), Esme Haycocks (2nd in the Year 8 800m), Jed Godfrey (2nd in the Year 7 200m) and Nathanael Hagans (1st in the Year 8 Discus) all shone for Thomas Adams.

North Shropshire Athletics Championships

Some stunning individual performances led to Thomas Adams finishing 3rd in the Senior Boys and 2nd in the Senior Girls Categories and 3rd Overall in the team standings.

North Shropshire Under 15 Girls Tennis Championships

The Thomas Adams team consisting of Anna Cladingbowl, Sophie Vernon, Lissy Llewelyn-Bell and Natalie Howarth-Rothwell finished second overall.

County Trampoline Championships

Mrs Gilbert took a squad of gymnasts to these championships with Grace Winter bouncing to victory in the Under 13 age category.

National Sports Week

We celebrated National Sports Week (organised by Mrs Gilbert) by offering students some alternative sports. These included New Age Kurling (the surprise hit of the week!), Handball, Football Golf, Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee and Martial Arts.

North Shropshire Primary Boccia Championships

Once again, Thomas Adams hosted a district qualifying event (this time Boccia) lead by Miss Croxon. Market Drayton Primary ran out winners and will represent North Shropshire at the County Championships.

Mini-Olympics Primary Festival

Lead by Miss Croxon and our outstanding Year 7 Sports Leaders, eight of our primary feeder schools came to participate in this annual event.

North Shropshire Primary Cricket Festival

Thomas Adams hosted this event organised by Wem CC (Graham Furber) with six primary feeder schools in attendance. Congratulations to Prees who won all their games!

Primary New Age Curling Event

Thomas Adams hosted this event with 13 primary schools from all over North Shropshire competing.

Cameron Murdoch has been called up for trials to play football for the Shropshire Schools' and Colleges' Football Association. Well done!





Pictured above some photos from our Sports Awards Evening, congratulations to all who attended and received awards.



Music Note

Annabel Booth has just been accepted on a singing opportunity in Cambridge. "The Cambridge Choral Experience". She will be full choir singing, small group sectionals, a tour of the colleges and a chance to sing with current choral scholars in a final performance.

Julianne Pickard and Lily Ashley have both taken their grade 8 singing exams.

Alice Towers too, grade 6 piano exam and Saskia Pickard her grade 7 Singing exam. Also Annabel Booth and Elizabeth Whitfield grade 4 singing.

The following exams took place:

William Slark Grade 5

Izzy Haines-Eynon Grade 4

Ben O'Sullivan grade 8 Clarinet

Sally Williams auditions for the CBSO youth Orchestra.

Friday saw the first KS2/3 Orchestra in the department. Our students were an absolute credit and joy to work with. They buddied up with our primary musicians and made sure they felt welcomed and able to perform.

Saturday was the first rehearsal for the Music Service Tour to Germany, Mrs Heywood and some county players, Amber Coxill, Olivia Coates, Sally Williams, Abi Austin and William Heywood. We will be spending a week in the Harts Mountains performing concerts during the summer holidays.

Our county players will be performing at Theatre Severn and it is Adjazz's debut at Theatre Severn. We are playing some of the favourites, Poco Loco (how fast can you go!) and some new items too including "All Blue" by Miles Davis. Reuben Haycocks is also performing a solo.

Use of personal equipment in school

Many students now have a range of useful and valuable equipment (such as phones, I pads or ipods). While we appreciate that these can be of benefit (although they must be switched off and out of sight during the day at all times), we would like to remind you that the safety and security of these is entirely the responsibility of the student and that the school cannot accept any liability for loss or damage to such items. We would suggest that, where appropriate, separate insurance is taken out to cover valuable items brought to school. If this is not possible, then we would advise students not to bring them into school. If you have a query, please ask to talk to one of our Pastoral Team.



Examples of pupils' excellent homework/school work

Student Achievement out of school



Harry Halligan (Year 8) with some of his medals and trophy for swimming



Aaron Wyatt & Bailey Jupp (Year 8) with their origami



Holly Eccleston (Year 10) on a visit to Lords as part of her successful cricket season



Marie & Tom Tanner, Mollie Noden and Hannah Dennis are St John Cadets



Sophie Evanson, Charleen Poulton and Paige Price-Mould are good citizens by returning a handbag they found in a hedge to the rightful owner



Megan Ireland with her art work



Maggie Burley with some of her English work

Ryan Greaves took part in the U16 support race in Abergavenny where he came 9th overall. Then went to Curborough, Lichfield to race in the midday sun where he came 3rd.



House News

HOUSE CUP WINNERS

LAWLEY 2018

GRINSHILL 2017

CARADOC 2016

CORNDON 2015

CORNDON 2014

CARADOC 2013

CARADOC 2012

LAWLEY 2011

GRINSHILL 2010

CARADOC 2009

LAWLEY 2008



House Winners 2018



Congratulations Lawley



House Positions 2017-2018:

1st	LAWLEY	35588
2nd	HAUGHMOND	34676
3rd	GRINSHILL	33849
4th	CARADOC	32832
5th	CLEE	31616
6th	HAWKSTONE	31408
7th	CORNDON	30620



SPORTS CUP WINNERS

LAWLEY 2018

LAWLEY 2017

CARADOC 2016

CARADOC 2015

LAWLEY 2014

CORNDON 2013

CLEE 2012

CARADOC 2011

CARADOC 2010

CARADOC 2009

CARADOC 2008



Sports Positions 2017-2018:

1st	LAWLEY	1607
2nd	HAUGHMOND	1491
3rd	HAWKSTONE	1484
4th	GRINSHILL	1456
5th	CLEE	1437
6th	CARADOC	1429
7th	CORNDON	1259



Sports Winners 2018



Congratulations Lawley



Well done to the finalists Corndon and Hawkstone. Corndon were the overall winners beating The Chaser and winning double House Points



New Projects

The British Ironwork Centre is Shropshire's only free, 5 star tourist destination and the perfect family day out. Birthplace of the famous 'Spoon Gorilla' and Knife Angel - the UK's national monument against knife crime.



Based near Oswestry the British Ironworks is very community minded and are working with us on two new projects....



Projects

Both projects involve recycling:

1. Don't Bin It Tin It

We need washed empty tins placing in our tin wheely bin at the front of school. These will go to The Ironworks to be made into a statue of Her Majesty the Queen.

1. We want you to save up your plastic bottle tops and will be asking them to be brought in next term. More details of this project will be with you in September term.



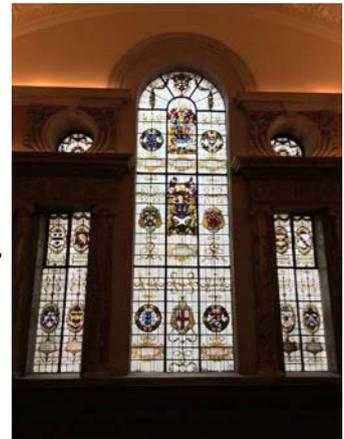
Sixth Form Drapers Visit



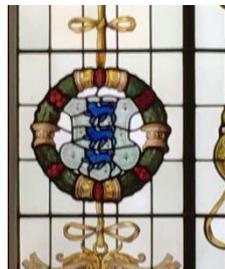
Thomas Adams School has long had ties with the Drapers Company of London. They are a philanthropic organisation who have worked as benefactors to the school and they have a special interest in our boarding house but they also make contributions towards our school hardship fund.

A select group of sixth formers were invited down to Draper's Hall in the famous banking district of London for a celebration meal and church service. Our visit took place at the beginning of July. The group left early and were in school for a 6am departure and we duly sat in the Birmingham traffic before continuing on a five hour drive down to the city. Arriving just in time for the midday service, the students were treated to an address by the newly installed Bishop of London and choral music written especially for the occasion was given its world premiere.

From the church, we moved onto the Draper's Hall for a full buffet lunch and students were given a tour of the formal rooms of the hall, which was previously the house of Thomas Cromwell in the early 1500s. The head of the Drapers Company was once a man named Thomas Adams and so Wem School is named. His leadership of the Drapers is commemorated by a stained glass window above the main staircase. He served as leader in the 1600s. There is more heritage in Wem than meets the eye!



The school crest is bottom left of the main window.



The Draper's Company continue to have an interest in school affairs and two of our governors are affiliated to the Company. We have had a long and rewarding association with the organisation and look forward to continuing this into the future.

Future Fit

The transformation of local hospital services is now in the hands of local people with a 14-week Future Fit public consultation closing on 4 September 2018. Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) are asking for the views of people across Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and mid Wales on the following two options:

Option 1: The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital becomes an Emergency Care site and the Princess Royal Hospital becomes a Planned Care site
(This is the CCGs' preferred option)

Option 2: The Princess Royal Hospital becomes an Emergency Care site and the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital becomes a Planned Care site

Under either option, both hospitals would have an **Urgent Care Centre that is open 24 hours** a day, seven days a week, where patients would receive care for illnesses and injuries that are not life or limb-threatening but require urgent attention.

Having a single Emergency Care site would mean that specialist doctors can treat the most serious cases in a dedicated emergency department, which is proven to be safer, provide better results for patients and reduce the amount of time people have to stay in hospital. Having a dedicated Planned Care site would mean that patients will wait less time for their appointments and beds would be protected for planned operations, meaning that highly unlikely operations will be cancelled due to emergency admissions. Under either option, the proposals mean that the county will keep the full range of services already offered with high quality, state-of-the-art care for patients available at two vibrant local hospitals.

Dr Simon Freeman, Accountable Officer, NHS Shropshire CCG said: "Over the last four and a half years, we've listened to what local people have told us about the services and care they expect us to offer at the two hospitals in the future. We understand people's frustration at the time it has taken to reach this point. However, we are now urging people to take the opportunity to formally have their say, so that we can consider their views and any changes we may need to make to our proposed plans before making any decisions."

Mr David Evans, Chief Officer, NHS Telford & Wrekin CCG, said: "A formal public consultation is the way the NHS has to seek people's views on significant changes to services. Over the next 14 weeks we will be working hard to make sure that people understand the issues we need to solve and the proposed changes we need to hear their views on. It's important that people share with us what the options mean for them and what we need to consider putting in place or changing so that they can receive the best possible care in the future."

To help explain the proposed changes and give local people the chance to find out more, the CCGs have developed a wide range of consultation materials, videos, a new website and are arranging and attending events and meetings in public, including eight public exhibitions.

Materials include a full consultation document, a summary document, Easy Read versions, Word and large print versions. All these materials, along with answers to the most frequently asked questions, videos and an online survey, are available to view at a new website: www.nhsfuturefit.org Paper copies of the consultation documents will also be made available at both hospitals and at public and community venues across the area.

The eight public exhibitions will allow people to drop in anytime from 3.30pm to 7.30pm, meet doctors, nurses and other healthcare staff, ask questions and find out more about the proposals. There will also be a series of pop-up style roadshows at community and public venues and the CCGs will be attending a range of meetings and events providing regular updates and answering questions. All meetings and events will be publicised on the website www.nhsfuturefit.org and in the local media.

There are several ways you can take part in the consultation:

- Fill out our survey online on our website www.nhsfuturefit.org
- Complete the survey, which is available in the consultation documents and post it free of charge to FREEPOST NHS FF CONSULTATION
- Write to us at: FREEPOST NHS FF CONSULTATION
- Email us: nhsfuturefit@nhs.net
- Call us to request materials: 0300 3000 903 (24-hour answer machine)
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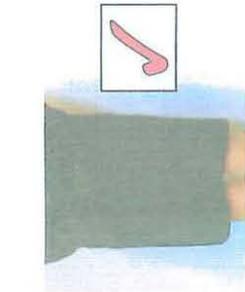
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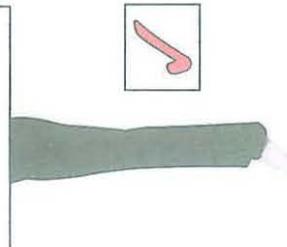
Correct Uniform



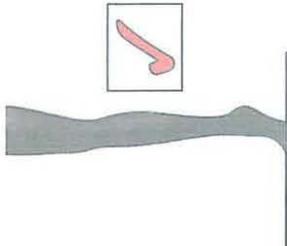
Plain school skirt from
unisex clothing



Black, knee length city shorts



Straight leg
black trousers



Plain tights



Smart, plain, black, leather
or
Leather like shoes



Incorrect uniform



Stretchy or
ribbed skirt



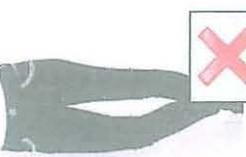
Pleated or 'bubble
hemmed' skirt



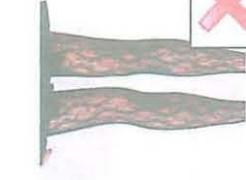
Fashion belts



Skinny fit
trousers



Embellished
trousers



Patterned tights



Embellished
shoes



Canvas pumps



Trainers



'ugg' or knitted boots

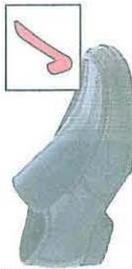


Pixie boots

Correct Uniform



Plain, straight legged black trousers

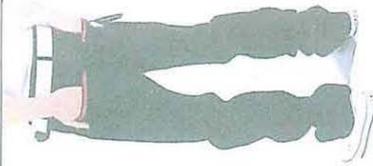


Smart, plain, black, leather or leather like shoes

Incorrect uniform



Cargo/utility trousers with side pockets



'slouch' trousers or fashion belts



'Timberland' or similar boots with logos



Embellished shoes



Trainers



Canvas pumps

TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES FOR STUDENTS

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Professional Development Day	Monday	3 rd	September
Professional Development Day	Tuesday	4 th	September
Term	Wednesday Thursday	5 th 25 th	September October
Professional Development Day	Friday	26 th	October
Half Term	Monday Friday	29 th 2 nd	October November
Term	Monday Friday	5 th 21 st	November December
Christmas Holiday: Monday 24 th December 2018 – Friday 4 th January 2019			

SPRING TERM 2019

Term	Monday Friday	7 th 15 th	January February
Half Term Holiday	Monday Friday	18 th 22 nd	February February
Professional Development Day	Monday	25 th	February
Term	Tuesday Friday	26 th 12 th	February April
Easter Holiday : Monday 15 th April – Friday 26 th April			

SUMMER TERM 2019

Term	Monday Friday	29 th 24 th	April May
May Day	Monday	6 th	May
Half Term	Monday Friday	27 th 31 st	May May
Term	Monday Friday	3 rd 19 th	June July

Events

16 July		Year 12 'Life After Adams' Day
16 – 20 July		Gold D of E
16 – 20 July		Arthog
16 – 20 July		Year 10 Work Experience
16 – 18 July		Activities Days
20 July		Last Day of Term – Non-uniform, finish at 1.15pm

Summer Holidays: 20 July – 2 September

PD DAYS : 3 AND 4 SEPTEMBER

Year 7-12 Students return on **Wednesday 5 September**

Year 13 back on **6 September**

Please ensure all students have correct uniform, full equipment and haircuts which meet the school rules (this is no shorter than a Grade 2 cut).

