



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



Headteacher: Elizabeth Dakin BSoc Sci (Hons)
 Deputy Headteacher: Julie McGurrin BEd (Hons)
 Deputy Headteacher: Mark Cooper BA (Hons)

Newsletter - October 2017

Dear Parent

Welcome to the new year at Thomas Adams, especially if you are joining us for the first time. We hope you will be happy and successful here and will continue on to achieve your ambitions and potential.

Thank you for the massive support we have received for the tighter homework and uniform policies, the students have begun the term in an excellent manner smart; organised and working! We also appreciate that students, for the most part, have adapted well to the change of the school day. We are certainly reaping the rewards with improved student concentration and fewer instances of low level disruption.

Included in this newsletter are a range of reports and achievements showing our amazing students. We do have so many students who are prepared to go above and beyond to get involved in all sorts of community and charity work as well as sporting, musical and other achievements.

As a school, this year we would like to focus on improving 'Literacy' at all levels. We would ask that all students carry a reading book at all times. There will be set form times for reading as well as other opportunities. There will also be renewed focus on our library area. We are hoping as a school to invest in a new accelerated reader programme which will guide students on suitable reading material as well as improving comprehension skills. More on this as this is introduced.

Another area we wish to develop is allowing parental access to our Go4Schools system that records all absence, academic and behavioural data. This would mean parents could see on a daily basis how their child is progressing should they wish to. This will be a gradual roll out as we clarify our systems to make this possible and useful.

Please do contact us with any of your concerns, or indeed any good ideas.

Mrs Dakin

May I remind you of the timings of the new School day:

Morning registration	8.45am
Lesson 1	9.05am – 10.05am
Lesson 2	10.10am – 11.10am
Break	11.10am – 11.25am
Lesson 3	11.30am -12.30pm
Lesson 4	12.35pm – 1.35pm
Lunch	1.35pm – 2.15pm
Lesson 5	2.20pm – 3.20pm
End of school	3.20pm



Pastoral /Intervention Team

Miss Darrell/Miss Thomas – Head of Year 7

Miss McConnell – Head of Year 8

Miss Holland – Head of Year 9

Miss Mooney – Head of Year 10

Mr Jones – Head of Year 11

Years 12 and 13 – Mrs Squire

In the Pastoral Office are Miss R Turner,
Mrs D Peel and Miss D Crick

School Counsellor: Mrs T Plant

Telephone number for the Pastoral Office is:
01939 237070 (school), 01939 237062
(college)

Useful Phone Numbers

To report an absence: 01939 237000

Mrs Dakin, Headteacher's mobile: 07757
809876 – anytime

Mr M Cooper, Deputy: 01939 237000 –
school time

Mrs J McGurrin, Deputy: 01939 237069 –
school time

Mrs Belinda Howells, Headteacher's PA:
01939 237000 – school time

Mrs Mandy Gough, Business Manager:
01939 237000 – school time

Examination results 2017

Well done to all our students who took examinations this summer. Once again they have contributed to our successful results at a time when increasing demands are being asked of them.

GCSE Results

- 62% of pupils achieved a standard pass (grade 4 or better) in both English and Maths, with 39% achieving a strong pass in both (grade 5 or better).
- 38% of pupils achieved the English Baccalaureate with standard passes in English and Maths, demonstrating strong performance across a suite of academic subjects, including a Modern Foreign Language.

In addition:

- 59% of pupils achieved 5 or more standard passes including English and Maths.
- 35% of pupils achieved 5 or more strong passes including English and Maths.
- 97% of pupils achieved 5 or more passes.
- 100% of pupils achieved at least one qualification.

A-Level

12% of grades were A* - A

33% of grades were A* - B

95% of grades were A* - E

Homework & the Student Planner

The Planner is so useful for helping students to organise themselves with homework. Students are expected to have their planner with them in every lesson.

We would be grateful if you check the Planner weekly and if you have a complaint, then please contact us directly. Certainly please let us know if you think your child is getting either not enough homework or too much!



School Buildings

My thanks go to Mrs Gough and her team for their unstinting commitment throughout July and August as part of our on-going refurbishment programme.



CHAT – Confidential Help and Advice for Teenagers

This well-established service offers help and advice to teenagers on a range of issues relating to health, bullying, stress, careers and relationships, or, indeed, whatever is on their mind. This multi-agency initiative has been effective in developing still further the strong tradition the School has for supporting students in all aspects of life and we are very pleased that we remain in a position to continue to offer this service.

School Photographs – Years 7 & 10

Your son/daughter in Years 7 and 10 will have brought home your proof photo card following their photographs being taken on 6 September. If you wish to order a photo please follow the instructions on the photo card and return monies etc to school.

Residential Trips

There are a range of residential trips planned for next year, subject to sufficient uptake, and these are listed below so that you are in a better position to judge in which, if any, you wish your child to participate. Full details are available from the member of staff.

Year 13	Geography field trip	11 – 13 October	Mr Stokes
Year 9	Ski Trip	30 March – 6 April	Mr Winter
Year 8	PGL	27 May – 1 June	Mr Radford
Year 7	Arthog week	16 – 20 July	Mr Winter
Year 12 & 13	Barcelona trip	tbc – 13 – 20 July	Mr Ashley

Chaplaincy 2017-18

The work of the School's Chaplains is very much appreciated, not only by providing a spiritual aspect to the life of the School through 'Thought for the Week' during assemblies but also by providing a comforting 'listening ear' for families and students during difficult times.

School Meals/Free School Meals

From the start of the Autumn term, the value of a free meal is £2.25 per day. If you are on income support, income based job seekers' allowance and in some cases child tax credit, you are probably eligible for free meals for your child. Please contact Mrs Orrell at School if you have any queries about free meals. Advice on eligibility for free meals is also available from Shropshire County Council on 01743 250250.

As part of our overall health education programme, we continue to work with Shire Services to try to ensure that the food offered is as healthy as possible. We expect to see a continuation of the noticeable shift in students' choice of food to more traditional meals and the 'healthy foods' on offer.



Head Boy/Head Girl

We wish every success to our new Head Boy and Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl. These are: Amy Evans (Head Girl), Taran Lyth (Head Boy), Billy Clubbe (Deputy Head Boy), Eve Coburn (Deputy Head Girl).

Miscellaneous

- Students in Years 7-11 are not allowed to leave the School site at lunchtime unless they actually go home and we have a parent's note confirming this. Students are never allowed to hang around Wem at lunchtime or go to Wem to buy lunch.
- In response to parents' queries, may I stress that we are legally obliged only to accept the surname of a child which is on the birth certificate or one that has been changed by Court Order. We are not allowed to accept name changes that do not have legal ratification or, at the very least, the written backing of **both** natural parents.
- Please liaise with Mrs Stevenson over any medical issues affecting your child that may impinge on school/college life.
- During the course of the year, pictures of some students may be used for a variety of purposes (for example, on our website, in newspaper articles, in videos for training staff or as part of displays of students' work). Some of these images will be available to the general public together with the student's name. If you do not wish your child's image to be used in this way, please would you let Mrs Howells know immediately on 01039 237011.
- You will note that school events continue to start at **7.15pm** (this is to avoid the confusion over whether it is 7.00 or 7.30pm). The exceptions are the Parents Consultation Evenings which are from 4.30 – 7.30pm.
- We are always grateful for offers of voluntary assistance by parents, eg in helping out with support work for staff or students. Please contact Mrs Belinda Howells without obligation if you would like to find out more.

Buses



If you have any queries about buses then please phone Mrs Mandy Gough, our Business Manager. Either she or Mrs Corrine Brown will be happy to deal with your query.

Please note that we work very closely with the Local Authority and the bus companies to ensure that things run smoothly. However, we have made it clear to students that if they misbehave on the bus, they will lose their right to travel on it. It will then be for parents to make alternative transport arrangements.

Note too that as safe travel on our coaches is the greatest concern, we insist that all students should wear their seatbelts. Indeed, the wearing of seatbelts is a legal requirement.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award 2017/18

Bronze Award

Year 10 pupils will have the opportunity to complete the Bronze level of the award scheme in 2017/18. The scheme will be launched in October; training sessions will take place on an allocated day after school, every other week. The practice expedition will take place in May and qualifying route in July. For those students interested, please see Mrs Gilbert in the PE department.

Gold Award

The opportunity will also be given to Year 12 and 13 students to participate in the Scheme at Gold level. Mrs Phipott and Mr Cuthbert are the contacts for participating in the Gold Award.

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.



Students



Monty Henderson has achieved his Stage 2 sailing skills award at Shropshire Sailing Club



Hana Rajesh won the Bill Blake trophy for the most house points in 2016/17



Sixth form netball team wearing their new kit brought from Stay Awake funds



Art work produced by Naomi Leeson, Lucy Jones, Harriet Hanmer, Alicia Pearce, Scott Warner, Joshua George, Isobel Newington



Cadets on Red, White & Blue Day
Louise Nicholas, Charlotte Francis, Hope Clutton, Kyle Scrase

On Tuesday 26th September Lucy Boden, Annabel Booth, Connor Burns, James Emberton, William Minns and Aaron Wyatt all took part in the Faraday Challenge at Adcote School. They had one day to use their physics knowledge and work together as a team to design part of an attraction for a theme park. Although the team did not win, they did an incredible presentation and were a credit to the school. Well done!



Will Nevins receiving an award for drill and turnout in the Cadets.

Race for Life



An amazing effort again last year by students, staff and some parents who participated in our 4th Race for Life event. The atmosphere on the day was exciting, reflective and inclusive! Participants ran, jogged and walked around the 5K or 10K course. We raised £2417.46 in total which will all be donated to the Race for Life cancer research charity. Get in training for next year's event!

**WEAR
JEANS
CHANGE
LIVES**

After a great suggestion from our Ad Aware Group, we raised £809.32 for Jeans for Genes day on Friday 22 September

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Our Year 10 IFP Group raised £362.95 holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning



Study Hub

Adams College students are enjoying the facilities offered in their refurbished Study Hub, a dedicated suite of rooms where students can consolidate and revise concepts from lessons.

Our recent Open Evening was a real success, with students from around the county meeting our enthusiastic and dedicated teaching staff. Our student ambassadors were also on hand to offer first-hand advice.



Musical Achievements

This week saw Amber Coxill and Olivia Coates, Year 11, gain places in the Shropshire Youth Orchestra playing alongside Sally Williams Year 10.

Elizabeth Hicks Year 8 has gained a place in the Shropshire Youth Training Wind Orchestra.

Instrumental lessons have been really popular with the piano, vocal and guitar lessons now fully booked. The guitar has been particularly popular with 36 students signed up.

Saturday saw the first Sweeney Todd Orchestra rehearsal 2-6pm and was really successful. Here's to November!

House News

House Winners

HOUSE CUP WINNERS 2017
GRINSHILL



CARADOC 2016
CORNDON 2015
CORNDON 2014
CARADOC 2013
CARADOC 2012
LAWLEY 2011
GRINSHILL 2010
CARADOC 2009
LAWLEY 2008

...Thomas Adams House



Sports Winners

SPORTS CUP WINNERS 2017
LAWLEY



CARADOC 2016
CARADOC 2015
LAWLEY 2014
CORNDON 2013
CLEE 2012
CARADOC 2011
CARADOC 2010
CARADOC 2009
CARADOC 2008

...Thomas Adams House



HOUSE COMPETITION

SHROPSHIRE ROCKS

This summer Shropshire went rock crazy as loads of people got involved in painting and hiding rocks around the county.

We are producing our own rock garden at Thomas Adams and need your decorated rocks.

Every decorated rock will earn you **HOUSE POINTS** and the best decorated rock from each house will win a **PRIZE**.

Entries in to Mrs Turner by Friday 13th October. Maximum entries 3 per person.



...Thomas Adams House System...



MFL HOUSE COMPETITION

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

MFL Challenge – KS3

European Day of languages
26 September



Challenge: Design a new flag for Europe set in your languages class.

More detail will be in your lesson and lots of House Points and prizes are available. Good Luck ☺



...Thomas Adams House System...



HOUSE COMPETITION

Design a poster for the League of Friends MRI scanner appeal and win a £50 Amazon Gift Certificate.




The League of Friends
OF THE ROYAL SHREWSBURY HOSPITAL

1st prize £50 Amazon gift card
2nd prize £15 Amazon gift card

Here are a few things to bear in mind:
 Posters must be A4 size and be in portrait orientation.
 Designs must be original artwork.
 Designs must mention "MRI Appeal" & the £1 million target

HOUSE POINTS FOR ALL SENSIBLE ENTRIES
 MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE APPEAL AND THE COMPETITION ARE AVAILABLE FROM MRS TURNER

ALL ENTRIES TO MRS TURNER BY
 FRIDAY 20th OCTOBER

...Thomas Adams House System...



THE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

THE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER NEEDS YOU!
COME AND JOIN OUR MEETINGS ON A MONDAY LUNCHTIME IN ENGLISH!

House Points available for attending any clubs over a term






Sporting Achievements

KS4 North Shropshire Dodgeball Championships

We are now girls and boys district champions at Dodgeball with comprehensive victories over all comers in the competition. We now represent the district at the County Championships in November.

Post 16 League 2 Football Fixture

Adams College 2 - 1 Shrewsbury School

A good start to the season with a solid victory over strong opposition.

North Shropshire Netball Fixtures vs Marches

Year 7 - Thomas Adams 0 - 3 Marches

Year 8 - Thomas Adams 7 - 8 Marches

Year 9 - Thomas Adams 2 - 12 Marches

Year 10 - Thomas Adams 6 - 12 Marches

College Game - Adams College 7 - 13 Marches

A competitive effort by all the girls teams with a strong victory for the Year 8 A Team who won 6-1, but unfortunately the B Team lost 7-1 resulting in an 8-7 lose overall.

North Shropshire Boys 5-A-Side Football Championships

Thomas Adams hosted the 5-A-Side championships entering two teams due to the strength in depth. Team Thomas progressed to the final and narrowly lost 1-0 to the Marches.

North Shropshire Girls 8-A-Side Football Championships

The girls retained their title with a penalty shoot-out victory in the final against the Corbet - Well Done girls.



Players selected to play in the Shropshire U16s Match

Max Millerchip and Alex Cadman

Under 16 & Post 16 Netball North Shropshire Championships

The **Under 16** side finished third overall winning 2, losing 2 and 1 draw:-

Thomas Adams 5 - 3 Lakelands

Thomas Adams 6 - 6 Corbet

Thomas Adams 2 - 7 Marches

Thomas Adams 12 - 2 St Martins

Thomas Adams 3 - 11 Ellesmere College

The **Post 16** team finished third with close defeats to Ellesmere College and Oswestry School.

Adams College 2 - 1 Grove School

The college side continued their sound start to the season with a professional display against strong opposition.

Year 10 Boys Football ESFA Cup 1st Round

Thomas Adams 4 - 3 HLC

A brilliant comeback saw Thomas Adams into the second round of this national competition. Ben Speake (Hat Trick) led the way after the Year 10 side had a first ten minutes to forget - trailing their opponents 3-0.

Football and Netball Fixtures vs Concorde College

A one sided **Year 10 Boys Football** match saw Thomas Adams win 1-0 with a Ben Speake penalty. Our **Year 11 Netball Team** continued their positive start to the season with a 14-0 victory. The **Netball College Team** suffered a 12-1 defeat.

THOMAS ADAMS SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

HOUSE HILL CHALLENGE

Wednesday 12th July 2017



Now an established part of the school calendar, last term, the Hill Challenge again set out to climb the hills of our seven houses.

We mixed up the order in which we climbed the hills this year, and we started with Haugmond near Shrewsbury.

The day was warm and sunny, but the ground was damp after overnight rain and we were soon soaked through as we waded our way through brambles and ferns returning from the trig point to our buses parked at Crifftin. The hill offered a clarity of view that only comes when the air is fresh from the west and our day ahead was beholden before us.



Heading back to Hawkstone, we were greeted by Rob, the Park Manager and we were dispatched in to reach the monument at the top of the park. Our thanks go to Rob and the management of Hawkstone for their kindness in granting us full access to the hill.

One more hill in the north of the county was climbed quickly, and soon we had left Grinshill behind and were on the long drive south to Clew.

Now among the giants of the Shropshire hills, we set our stride for the summit. Treated again to spectacular views from the roof of the county, most of us returned uneventfully to the buses. A few took a wrong turn and so got to explore even more of this beautiful hill! Eventually reunited with the rest of the party, we continued.

A little behind time, we set forth for the two Stretton hills, and the steepness of Caradoc and Lawley in the heat of the afternoon saw us reaching for our water bottles. Students made a rapid descent of Caradoc using the tried and tested slide method to speed progress. Shouts of glee and excitement were testament to the joys of the outdoor environment.



Our final stop of the day was over the border to Wales, and Corndon. The sky now with evening hues suggested an approaching weather front that would eventually bring more rain the following day.



Our challenge complete for another year, and the 28 students did themselves and their school proud. With outstanding behaviour and total immersion in the day, we climbed more than the height of Snowdon and drove over 100 miles to connect the hills together.



OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

- ❖ demonstrates students' pride in attending The Thomas Adams School
- ❖ enables all students to look smart at a reasonable cost
- ❖ promotes our good name in the local community and further afield
- ❖ helps prepare students for the world outside of Adams where particular codes of dress are often obligatory (despite not always being stipulated)

The governors and staff request your assistance in helping us to achieve our goal of a consistent, smart school uniform worn by all students.

Thomas Adams branded school polo shirts and sweatshirts as well as PE kit should be purchased from our supplier School Shop Direct (Nuisance Clothing). The recommended school skirt and trousers are also available for purchase in the same way. Purchases can be made in person at their store: School Shop Direct (Nuisance Clothing), Unit 13, Sundorne Trade Park, Featherbed Lane, Shrewsbury, SY1 4NS, tel 01743 440449, opening times: Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm. Alternatively you can order on line at www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk

Years 7 – 11 All Students

- Navy blue **Thomas Adams School** polo shirt
- Navy blue **Thomas Adams School** sweatshirt
- Black or dark brown shoes with a low heel (**no canvas or trainer style, no motifs**)
- Plain coloured outer coat (**no hoodies or cardigans**).

(Year 11 choose their own colour sweatshirt each year.)

Girls

- **School- Shop Direct Thomas Adams straight plain black skirt which should sit JUST ABOVE THE KNEE** or
- **Smart** plain black standard school trousers – appropriate for office wear (**no jeans or tight fitting trousers, no canvas or stretchy material, no embellishments**) or
- Smart navy or black City shorts (**knee length**)
- Plain socks or tights (**no leggings**).

Boys

- Charcoal grey or black standard school trousers (**no large pockets**)
- Plain socks.

Outdoor winter scarves are acceptable during the cold weather, but must be removed on entering the building. No fashion scarves please.

'Fashion' belts are inappropriate for school.

Jewellery

Students are not allowed to wear any jewellery which is a risk to health and safety, e.g. eyebrow rings and bars, nose studs and piercings, large dangly earrings, heavy rings etc. Any bangles/necklaces should be out of sight. No silicone tunnels, stretchers or plug style earrings are permitted.

Hair Styles

It is expected that all students will wear their hair appropriately to reflect a serious learning environment. "Exaggerated" hairstyles and colour are not acceptable. Boys should not have a haircut lower than grade 2.

Tattoos

These are not allowed.

In your own interest, it is vital that each item of school uniform is clearly marked with the owner's name.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT CHOOSING THOMAS ADAMS SCHOOL IMPLIES THE WILLINGNESS TO CONFORM TO THE SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY AT ALL TIMES, A POLICY FULLY ENDORSED BY THE SCHOOL GOVERNORS AND STAFF.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION KIT

STANDARD KIT FOR ALL STUDENTS

Training shoes (**non-marking soles**)

Football Boots (Only needed for part of the year's activities. PE staff will advise)

Navy blue tracksuit bottoms may be worn during cold weather at the discretion of the member of staff.

Students are required to wear shin guards for their own safety during team contact games eg football

STANDARD PE KIT FOR GIRLS:

- Blue sweatshirt (Adams Wem emblem) **OR**
- Navy blue fleece (Adams Wem emblem)
- Sky blue polo shirt (Adams Wem emblem)
- Navy shorts (Adams Wem emblem)
- Blue football socks
- Blue tracksuit bottom (Adams Wem emblem) **[optional]**

STANDARD PE KIT FOR BOYS:

- Reversible blue rugby jersey
- White polo shirt (Adams Wem emblem)
- White shorts (Adams Wem emblem)
- Blue tracksuit bottom (Adams Wem emblem) **[optional]**
- Blue football socks
- White sport socks

All PE Kit can be purchased from School Shop Direct (Nuisance Clothing). Swimming caps **MUST** be purchased for students with long hair and can be bought from Wem Swimming Baths.

Upcoming Parents' Evenings : An Overview for this Half Term

- **Year 10 Parents – The Demands of Exams: Thursday 12 October, 7.15pm, Lower Hill**
An information evening on how to approach the next two years.
- **Year 11 'This Year and After' Information Evening: Tuesday 17 October, 7.15 – 8.15pm, Drama Studio, Lowe Hill**
Our 'This Year and After' evening gives parents the opportunity to learn more about the demands of this year and those pathways which exist for students after Year 11. We also give comprehensive insight into college life as well as an overview of those courses available at Adams College.

School Premises

Could we please ask that you do not bring your car on to the premises either to drop your child at school in the morning or pick them up in the afternoon. There is a one way system in operation at busy times of the day.

We would be grateful if you drop your child off at a safe distance from the school gate as car parking is limited and the buses require access straight through from Pym's Road out on to Lowe Hill Road. Thank you.



Events for the forthcoming term

11-13 October		Year 13 Geography Field Trip – North Wales
12 October		Some Year 7 students to Chester University
12 October	7.15pm	Year 10 parents' meeting re exams
17 October	7.15pm	Year 11 parents' meeting re 'This Year and After'
18 October	Morning	Primary Cross Country Event
19 October	Morning	Year 12 Safeguarding presentation
20 October		Fishing Match
20 October		Year 11 IFP group visit to Rease Heath
23 – 29 October – HALF TERM		
Students return Monday 30 October		
1 November	Morning	GCSE English resit paper 1
2 November	Morning	GCSE Maths resit paper 1
3 November		Production Rehearsals all day
6 November	Morning	GCSE Maths resit paper 2
6 – 8 November	3.30 – 7pm	Production Rehearsals
7 November	Morning	Senior Maths Challenge
8 November	Morning	GCSE Maths resit paper 3
9 – 11 November	7.15pm	School Production
10 November		Year 11 IFP group taster day at NS College
15 November		STEM RAF Cosford 100 Year Anniversary – some Year 7
15 November	1.15pm	NS Swimming Gala
16 November		Taster Day in College for our Year 11 students
16 November		South Cheshire College taster day
16 November	4.30pm	Year 13 Consultation Evening
16 November		Year 12 & 13 Study Day
17 November		Non-Adams College students taster day
20 November		Year 12/13 Criminology Conference
20 November	4.30pm	Year 11 Targeted Students parents' evening
21 November	Morning	Year 11 and Year 13 photographs taken

STAFF LIST

THE TEACHING STAFF

Mrs Liz Dakin	Headteacher / History
Mrs Julie McGurrin	Deputy Headteacher / RE
Mr Mark Cooper	Deputy Headteacher / PE
Mr Spencer Radford	Assistant Headteacher / Maths / Oversight of Sixth Form

English

Mr Mike Ashley	Subject Leader
Ms Sam Black	(Miss Alex Clayton maternity cover)
Mrs Rachel Blower	
Miss Natalie Clarke	Primary School Liaison
Ms Kerry Davies	
Miss Fran Fletcher	
Mrs Helen Jones	Second in English
Miss Kelly Kenyon	Head of Hawkstone
Mrs Amanda Lingen	
Mrs Tilly Nixon	
Mr Richard Phipps	
Mrs Julie Squire	KS5 Manager

Mathematics

Mr Ian Bailey	Subject Leader
Ms Carla Boyd	
Mr Paul Carney	Head of Lawley
Miss Stacey Everton	
Mrs Adrienne Darrell	Head of Year 7 (Mr Adam Page maternity cover)
Miss Rachel Holland	
Mrs Kath Mooney	Head of Year 10
Mrs Kerry Strafford	Second in Maths
Mrs Lisa Sullivan	
Mr Rick Taylor	Traveller Liaison : Transport
Mr Russell Whittaker	

Science

Mr Tom Cuthbert	Head of Physics
Miss Louise Evans	Head of BTEC Science
Mr Andrew Gilbert	Head of Caradoc
Miss Nicola McConnell	Head of Year 8
Miss Julia Perry	
Mr Patrick Phillips	Subject Leader
Mrs Catherine Sheffield-Kelly	Head of Biology
Mrs Zifka Stevanovic	
Mrs Sian Steinberg	
Miss Emma Thomas	Head of Year 7 (maternity)
Mrs Rosie Williams	
Mrs Rachel Wycherley	Head of Chemistry

Art

Mrs Nicola Azzolina	
Mrs Hayley Harris	Subject Leader
Mrs Emma Morris	(Miss Rachel Homfrey maternity)

Health & Social Care

Mr Jamie Daniels Subject Leader

Business Studies

Mr Simon Moss Subject Leader/KS5 Senior Mentor

Design and Technology

Mrs Katie Adams

Mr Josh Allen SL Technology (shared)

Miss A Johnson

Mrs Hannah Lloyd SL Technology (shared) / Food Technology/Catering

Mrs Kate Mead Textiles

Mr Nick Munro

Drama

Mrs Sarah Carter Subject Leader

Mrs Lucca Hobbs

Geography

Mr Oliver Stokes Subject Leader / Head of Clee House

Mr Lea Winter Cover/Exams

History

Mr James Hargreaves Work Experience Co-ordinator

Mr Steve Hulse

Dr Sian James

Mr Lee Williams Subject Leader

Information & Communications Technology

Mr Jason Fell

Mr Marc Howlett Subject Leader

Mrs Max Turner House Co-ordinator

Visual Communication

Mr Dan Haycocks Lead Teacher Applied Arts/Visual Communication : i/c Graphic Communication

Mr Adam Jones Photography/Visual Communication

Modern Languages

Mrs Veronique Geslin

Ms Ruth Holland Head of Year 9

Mrs Rachel Parker Second in department

Miss Emma Dunkerley (Mrs Julie Morgan – maternity)

Mrs Nicola Vincent

Mrs Jenni Whitfield Subject Leader : Senior Teacher (Teaching & Learning)

Music

Mrs Becky Heywood Director of Music

Miss Aimee Ingham

Personal and Social Education

Ms Emma Finch Subject Leader PSHE and Citizenship : RE

Physical Education

Mr Liam Allen KS5 Senior Mentor

Mrs Nicki Cooper Director of Boarding

Mrs Angelique Gilbert

Mrs Ceri Kempster Second in PE : Head of Corndon House

Mr Tom McAleavy Subject Leader : Senior Teacher (Aspirations/IAG/Focus Groups)

Politics/Sociology

Mrs Paula Edwards Subject Leader

Psychology

Ms Kate Betts Subject Leader

RE

Miss Liz Badger Subject Leader
Mr Darren Jones Head of Year 11

Learning Support

Mr Darran Tunnah Special Needs Co-ordinator

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Linda Andersen-Smith	Ms Beppi Jones	Mrs Laura Prinold
Mrs Julie Austin	Mrs Sonata Jones	Ms Karen Probyn
Mrs Sandra Bolas	Mrs Michelle Keane	Mrs Rose Rutter
Mrs Elaine Brown	Ms Fiona Kilgour	Mrs Enid Smith
Mrs Di Cooper	Mrs Sue Langley	Mr Steve Tudor
Mrs Amanda Edge	Mrs Grace Owczarek	Mrs Linden Sheriff
Mrs Chris Fearnley	Mrs Donna Partridge	Ms Alison Wood
Mrs Tania Ford	Mrs Jane Pearson	Mrs Karen Young
Mrs Denise Glover	Mrs Claire Philpott	

Cover Supervisors

Miss Ali Devismes : Joint Head of Haughmond
Mrs Jo-Ann Rogers : Joint Head of Haughmond
Mrs Beth Mason
Mr Steven Fischer
Mrs Sharon Koopman-Williams

THE NON-TEACHING STAFF

Business Manager	Mrs Mandy Gough
Headteacher's Personal Assistant	Mrs Belinda Howells
Administrative Assistants	Mrs Gill Birch : Mrs Sam Evans : Mrs Shirley Harte : Mrs Tracey Orrell
Adams House Administrative Assistant	Mrs Lorraine Carter
Finance Assistants	Mrs Karen Phelan : Mrs Corrine Brown : Ms Yvette Speck : Mr Gareth Dodd (Head of Grinshill House) Mrs Ann Threadgold (until 1 st November)
Examinations Officer	Mrs Rachel Turnbull
Assessment and Learning Support Worker	Mrs Ali Stevenson
Student Welfare Officer	Mrs Donna Peel : Miss Ro Turner : Mrs Terri-Ann Plant :
Administrative & Pastoral Support Workers	Mrs Donna Crick Mrs Cheryl Fischer
Education Welfare Officer	Mrs Chris Beckett : Mrs Barbara Reeves
Clerical Assistants	Mrs Georgie Varrall
SEN Admin	Mrs Sandra Price
Senior Laboratory Technician	Mrs Pat Bates : Mrs Sue Jeavons : Mrs Mary Peate
Laboratory Technicians	Mrs Ali Lucia : Mr David Smithers
Technical Assistants (D & T)	Mrs Beppi Jones
Technical Assistant (Art)	TBC
IT Network Manager	Mr Charles Frank : Mr Amo Johal
IT Technician	Mr Kevin Davies
Site Services Manager	Mr Steve Williams : Mr David Moore
Caretakers	Ms Lisa Addy
Cook Supervisor	Mrs Betty Hadleigh : Mrs Julie Richmond
Lunchtime Supervisors	

TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES FOR STUDENTS

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Professional Development Day	Monday	4 th	September
Professional Development Day	Tuesday	5 th	September
Term	Wednesday Friday	6 th 20 th	September October
Half Term	Monday Friday	23 rd 27 th	October October
Term	Monday Friday	30 th 22 nd	October December
Christmas Holiday: Monday 25 th December 2017 – Friday 5 th January 2018			

SPRING TERM 2018

Term	Monday Thursday	8 th 15 th	January February
Professional Development Day	Friday	16 th	February
Half Term Holiday	Monday Friday	19 th 23 rd	February February
Term	Monday Thursday	26 th 29 th	February March
Easter Holiday : Friday 30 th March – Friday 13 th April			

SUMMER TERM 2018

Term	Monday Friday	16 th 25 th	April May
May Day	Monday	7 th	May
Half Term	Monday Friday	28 th 1 st	May June
Term	Monday Friday	4 th 20 th	June July

TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES

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

Request for Pupil Leave of Absence From School In Exceptional Circumstances

This form should be used by parents wishing to request a leave of absence from school for their child/children.

Holidays in school time are discouraged by schools in the North Shropshire Teaching School Alliance, in line with the Local Authority and government policy, because they disrupt children's learning and education. Parents are asked to seriously consider the educational implications for their children, and also the impact for other children within the class, before making an application. Research shows that consistent attendance is crucial in giving children the best chance of success.

The law states that parents do not have the right to take their child out of school for holidays in term time and that holidays should only be authorised in exceptional circumstances by the headteacher.

Examples of circumstances which may be considered to be exceptional include the following:

- the serious illness/death of a close relative,
- parents in the armed forces who are between periods of active duty.

The exceptional circumstances can only cover a maximum of 10 days in a school year. If your child has accumulated other absences, or there have been previous requests under exceptional circumstances, the request will be less likely to be approved. Unfortunately, family holidays during term time for reasons of finance or convenience are not considered exceptional.

If your holiday request is not authorised and you decide to go ahead with the holiday you will automatically receive a 'Holiday in term time' letter from the Education Welfare Service and may incur a fine.

Every School Day Counts!



Full name/s of child/ren:

Form:

Address:

Full name of parent/carer requesting leave of absence (please print):

Signature of parent/carer requesting leave of absence: _____

Today's date: _____

Please give full details of the event that you would like your child to attend:

Please state the exact date/s of the event: _____

Please state the dates you would like your child to be absent from school:

Please state the reason why this constitutes 'exceptional circumstances' and why your child cannot undertake this activity during the school holidays:

If there are other siblings at other local schools who are also involved in this activity and have had a similar request made, please indicate which school/s they attend (please include secondary schools):

Office use only:

To be returned to parents:

Response to request for leave of absence in exceptional circumstances

Authorised

Unauthorised

Name/s of child/ren: _____

Comments _____

Signature: _____ Position: _____ Date: _____

Data Protection Act

Basic **information about students is held on computer** to assist with the efficient organisation of the school and to meet the individual's educational needs. Security measures are taken to ensure that the information is kept confidential and is only available to those authorised.

The school is registered with the Data Protection Register and follows the rules set by the Data Protection Act.

We record only the following information on computer:

- Student's name, address, telephone number, date of birth
- Parents' names, addresses, telephone numbers
- Emergency contact telephone numbers
- Previous school
- Doctor – name and address
- Medical information supplied by parents
- Lunch and travel to and from school arrangements

This is available for inspection by prior arrangement (as are also all non-computerised students' records).

We are registered to disclose personal information to:

- Family, Relatives, Guardians, Trustees
- Past, Current and Prospective Employers
- Doctors, Dentists, other Health Advisers
- Department for Education and Skills
- Local Authority and Social Services

It is the policy of the Governors that such information is confidential and that, even where a need to disclose information has been registered, it will only be divulged in exceptional circumstances and will be kept to the minimum necessary to achieve the purpose. This policy is, of course, subject to any law which imposes a duty of disclosure on the Governors.

Connexions (Careers Service) has also asked us to point out that basic details will be held by them on computer in order to help them to provide a better service for students. If you require any more details about this, please contact the local Connexions office.

The Thomas Adams School

PE Department

Extra Curricular Programme - Autumn 2017



Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1.35-2.10pm	Key Stage 3 Basketball LJA	KS4 Badminton ALL DEP Yr 10-11 Girls Fitness Club CVK (Fitness Suite)	Yr 7-9 Girls Fitness Club CVK (Fitness Suite)	Yr 7-9 Boys Fitness Club TM (Fitness Suite) KS3 Badminton AKG	Yr 10-11 Boys Fitness Club TM (Fitness Suite) Touch Tennis HG (Sportshall) Table Tennis SP AKG
3.20 - 4.45pm	6th Form Football (LJA) Dance Academy 7-11 CVK (Main Hall)	Boys Football KS3/4 TM (Field) Trampoline 10,11,12,13 CVK (Sportshall)	Trampoline/Badminton AKG (Sportshall) Netball Year 9,10,11, 12 &13 CVK (Hardcourt) KS5 Football Fixtures LJA	Netball Year 7,8 AKG Girls Football LJA (Field)***** Rugby KS3/4 TM (Field)	Duke of Edinburgh AKG Fitness Suite KS5 Fitness Suite- STAFF

Additional Information

Please arrive to all clubs promptly

Lunch time clubs start at 12.30pm - It is advised that a packed lunch is brought to school on that day

Ensure that you have informed parents of the club you will be attending and that you have a parent / family member to pick you up from school at the end of the practice / fixture

School F School fixtures take priority over clubs with students being informed of any cancellations through student briefing system. Fixtures will be held on Wednesday and Thursdays

Any queries please see Mr McAleavy/Mr Allen



ABOUT THE ARMY CADET FORCE (ACF)

The Army Cadets provides fun, friendship, action and adventure. We inspire young people to challenge their limits and go further in life, no matter what they aim to do.

The Army Cadets is one of the UK's biggest and best youth organisations. With over 41,000 cadets (boys and girls) in 1,600 locations, we make a big impact on young people, parents and local communities.

- ADVENTUROUS TRAINING
- CADET AND THE COMMUNITY
- CAMPS
- COMPETITIONS
- DRILL
- DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD
- EXPEDITIONS
- FIELDCRAFT
- FIRST AID
- INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES
- MILITARY KNOWLEDGE
- MUSIC
- NAVIGATION
- RADIO COMMUNICATIONS
- RECOGNISED QUALIFICATIONS
- SHOOTING
- SKILL AT ARMS
- SPORT

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ARMYCADETS.COM

"I'VE SEEN MY SON CHANGE INTO A CONFIDENT YOUNG PERSON AND MORE CONFIDENT IN HIMSELF, I WOULD RECOMMEND IT TO ANYONE."

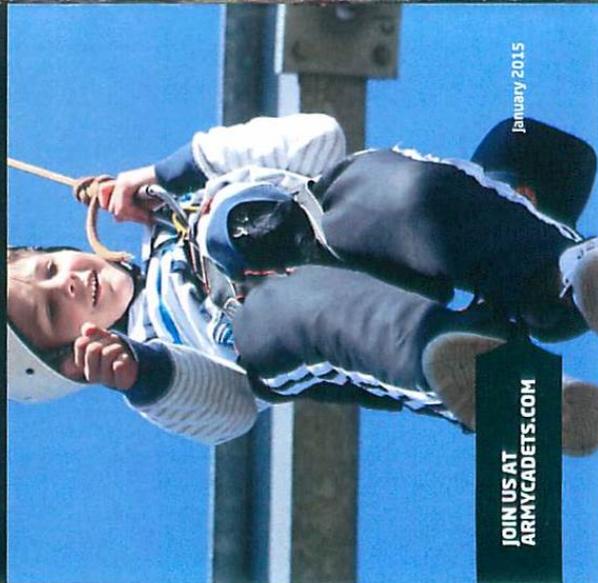
Do you know a young person, aged 12-18, who would benefit from action and adventure, fun and friendship in a structured, disciplined environment? If so, then the ACF might well be right for them. Visit armycadets.com and complete the join form or contact us at the address below and we will help them take their interest further.

CONTACT DETAILS

Shropshire ACF HQ Copthorne Barracks, Copthorne Rd, Shrewsbury, SY3 8LZ
Telephone: 01743 231779
Email: info.shropshireact@rfca.org.uk

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CHALLENGE YOUR CHILD TO GO FURTHER IN LIFE

CADETS SAY IT'S THE BEST THING THEY'VE EVER DONE



WHAT WE DO AND WHY

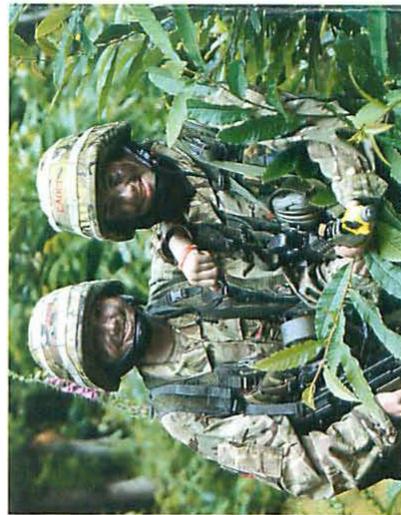
We'll surprise your child with just how much they can achieve

We believe in helping young people from every walk of life to shape their own futures. Joining the Army Cadets gives young people the support, structure and discipline they need to develop and thrive. We help them to try new things, discover their talents and develop the confidence and resilience they need to go further in life.

The ACF is sponsored by the Army but is not part of it. One thing we take from the Army is a belief in helping young people to develop strong values - respect, discipline, responsibility and independence.

Too many young people are missing out on the challenges and adventures that could transform their lives. Joining the Army Cadets can change that.

"It helped me to realise that achievements cannot just be given to you - you have to work at it again and again until you finally achieve the goal."



YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Q How old do you have to be to join the ACF?
A You need to be at least 12 and in year 8 (or equivalent) at school to join the ACF

Q What does it cost?
A We'll provide your child with a uniform free of charge - you just need to buy a sturdy pair of boots. Joining the ACF is free but you may be asked for a small weekly subscription.

Q On annual camp where do cadets stay?
A We take over one of the Army's hurred camps and associated training areas nearby. However cadets will spend a significant amount of time living in the field.

Q Which days and times do cadets meet?
A Detachments meet one or two evenings a week. Days and times vary depending on the detachment but normally it starts at 7.00pm or 7.30pm and lasts for two hours. There are also optional weekend camps and competitions and the annual camp which is a highlight for cadets and volunteers.

Q How do you make sure my child will be safe in your care?

A We carry out formal safeguarding checks (DBS or PVG in Scotland) to make sure every volunteer is safe to work with young people and they are not left unsupervised until all checks are complete. Also every county has a full-time Training Safety Advisor to ensure all training is as safe as possible.

Q Will my child have to join the Army if they become a cadet?

A No. The ACF is sponsored by the Army but not part of it. There is absolutely no requirement on cadets to join any of the Armed Forces.

Q Why should my child choose the Army Cadets?

A Most schools don't have the resources to provide exciting and challenging experiences. We challenge every cadet to learn more, do more and try more, whatever their goals in life. In today's tough job market young people need better qualifications, social skills, confidence, independence and a can-do attitude to succeed. We help them with all of these things.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

The Army Cadets is run by volunteers, many of them parents. Find out how you can join in the fun at: armycadets.com/volunteer-with-us

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