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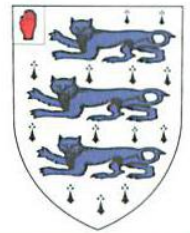
THE THOMAS ADAMS SCHOOL, WEM

incorporating

**ADAMS COLLEGE SIXTH FORM CENTRE
ADAMS HOUSE (BOARDING)**

Headteacher: Mark Cooper BA (Hons)

Deputy Headteacher: Gavin Sterry BSc (Hons) MA



27 February 2020

Dear Parent

Joining the Priory School Trust

At the beginning of this week we learned from the Secretary of State for Education that the Thomas Adams School has been allowed to convert into an academy on 1 March 2020, when we will join the Priory School Trust.

The Secretary of State said that "academies form an integral part of the Government's education policy to raise attainment for all children. I am delighted that the Thomas Adams School, Wem recognises the benefits academy status will bring. Your academy will now have the opportunity to use the freedoms and flexibilities of academy status to share best practice and work with others to bring about sustained improvements to all schools in the area. I would like to thank you for your commitment and wish you every success in the future."

Our responsibility to students, staff, parents/carers and the local community is of the highest priority and we will ensure that the Thomas Adams School retains its individuality, ethos and values while being part of a small, cohesive and mutually supportive group.

There are presently three academies in the trust: Priory School (11-16, Shrewsbury), St Martins School (3-16, St Martins, near Oswestry) and Coleham School (4-11, Shrewsbury). Each academy is committed to working together to improve outcomes for all students.

You will perhaps not notice much change straight away but, over time, sharing expertise and facilities with other highly regarded academies will no doubt provide benefits for us all.

If you make regular payments to the school, e.g., for transport or boarding fees, we will be in touch shortly with our new bank account details.

We look forward with confidence to providing the best possible education for the young people in our community.

Yours faithfully

Mark Cooper
Headteacher

Jo Hickson
Chair of Governors

