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THE THOMAS ADAMS SCHOOL, WEM

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

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Dear Parent/Carer of Year 8 & 9 Students

During these unprecedented times, our priority remains the health and wellbeing of every student and staff member, as well as being able to provide continued education.

Due to reduced numbers of staff, we have made the difficult decision that Year 8 and Year 9 pupils should not attend school from Thursday 19 March until further notice. During this time, work will be available via the school website (<https://thomasadams.net/school-learning-resources/>) and via Microsoft Teams which is available through the following link: <http://mail.thomasadams.net/> Over the last week your son/daughter will have been shown how to access this. If they have been absent for any reason, instructions can be found at the top of the School Learning Resources page on the school website.

We are not advising pupils in Year 8 and 9 to self-isolate, unless they have shown coronavirus symptoms, but students need to be at home completing set work during normal school hours. Therefore, school will remain open for Years 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13. As you may know, many other schools in the area have had to take similar decisions. I understand that this step may cause you inconvenience for which I can only apologise. The decision has been taken reluctantly and with no clear alternative course of action at this time, given the current situation with Coronavirus.

As soon as the situation allows us to open to all year groups again, I will be in touch via the school website, social media and text.

I wish you all the best during these times of uncertainty. Should you need to contact school please continue to do so on 01939 237000 or via the school email: enquiries@thomasadams.net

As I have put in previous letters, should you be concerned about yourself or your child being unwell, please contact the NHS on 111 or via the NHS website: 111.nhs.uk

Yours sincerely

Mr M Cooper
Headteacher

