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ADAMS COLLEGE SIXTH FORM CENTRE ADAMS HOUSE (BOARDING)

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FAO: Parents/Carers of students joining Thomas Adams School in September 2020.

Dear Parents/Carers,

My name is Lea Winter and I am responsible for primary transition here at Thomas Adams School. We are very, very much looking forward to welcoming your child to Thomas Adams – I hope that, despite these unusual times, your child is looking forward to 'moving up' to Thomas Adams.

The summer term is a busy period for students in Year 6 and their parents and teachers, as they prepare for the transition from primary to secondary school. For us, this is a period where we work hard to ensure that your child feels informed, confident and at ease with the process.

This year will certainly be a little different in terms of this process but we will do our absolute best to ensure that your child, and you as parents/carers, feel well-informed and prepared for the start of Year 7 here at Thomas Adams.

Whilst we acknowledge that this year may well provide unusual circumstances for us, for your information our existing and extensive normal preparations for transition include:

- Visiting your child at their primary school and discussing our 'Moving Up' Student Booklet
- Meeting and liaising closely with your child's current teachers and teaching assistants
- Inviting your child in to Thomas Adams for our main induction day
- For those students coming from primary schools as an individual or pair having an earlier, smaller induction before the main induction day
- Meeting parents at our parents' information evening and providing our 'Parents' Essential Guide' for every family
- Our Yr 6 / Yr 7 disco event just before we break up for the summer holidays

Clearly, the current situation is unprecedented and we may well need to amend the timing/occurrence of these events. We will be directed by advice from the Government and Public Health England and then through discussions with Primary School Headteachers regarding what we are able to do and when we can do it. Rest assured, we will keep you informed throughout – one point of reference is the '**Admissions**' section of our school website (<https://thomasadams.net/admissions/>) where we will post all updates, letters and documents regarding 'Moving Up'.

We normally issue the '**Moving Up**' student booklets to children when we visit them in their schools, but as this is uncertain at the time of writing, it is my intention to post out the 'Moving Up' student booklet to you and your child shortly before May half term. I will also aim to post a *first edition* of the '**Parents' Essential Guide**' at this point. Both documents will, I hope, be valuable to you and your child in this transition process.



As I have already mentioned, these two documents and copies of letters (including this one) to parents/carers and children regarding transition can be found on the school website (www.thomasadams.net) under the 'Admissions' section – please check this section of the website regularly for updates. Additionally, there is a wealth of other information on the school website, including transport details, ParentPay, term dates and much, much more - we hope you find it useful.

Crucially, I'd like to emphasise that we are very much here for you and your child throughout this process. We can be contacted via email at enquiries@thomasadams.net or by telephone on 01939 237000.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us should you need to do so. We very much look forward to meeting your child, and indeed yourself, at some point during the summer term and to welcoming your child as a Thomas Adams student on Thursday 3rd of September!

Yours faithfully,



Mr L Winter
Primary Liaison Coordinator



Mr M Cooper
Headteacher