

*Thomas Adams School*

# Moving Up 2020



*We're looking forward  
to seeing you very soon!*

**So, you're moving up to Thomas Adams School in September – great news, we're excited that you're coming and hope you feel the same.**

**We hope that this booklet will help you make the change from your primary school to secondary school.**

**There is information here for you as the student who is moving to Thomas Adams and also some information for your parents/carers so they can help you.**

**Your parents/carers will also receive a 'Essential Guide for Parents' which has lots of information to help you and your parents get ready for Thomas Adams!!**

**Obviously, this year is a little different but we really hope that we will be able to see you at Thomas Adams for your induction during this summer term. As soon as we know more we will let you know.**

**If we don't see you at during the summer, we will see you for a very special induction day at the start of September before the other year groups come to school.**

**Finally, we hope you can use this booklet during the summer term and summer holidays to help you feel familiar with Thomas Adams. Have a look through and see what you think. See you soon!!**

**We would encourage students and parents/carers to visit the 'Moving Up' area of our school website for updates and other transition materials – it is regularly updated!  
[www.thomasadams.net/admissions](http://www.thomasadams.net/admissions)**

**Mr Winter  
Primary Liaison Coordinator**

## Headteacher's Welcome...

Mr Cooper - Headteacher

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to welcome you to Thomas Adams School. Some of you may have older siblings, relatives or friends who are already part of the 'Thomas Adams Community' while for others you may be the first in your family to join us – whatever the circumstance, you are most very welcome and we look forward to making this journey together.



At the time that I am writing to you, we are obviously a little unsure as to when the Induction Day and the Parents' Information Evening will be – we certainly hope to see you before the summer holidays and will keep you updated. What I am sure about is that when we do have your Induction Day, we hope you will find it both interesting and enjoyable.

When you become a pupil here in September we want you to feel that you are bringing with you all the good things you have gained over the last six years. Your class teacher and parents will have helped to prepare you to meet with confidence and curiosity the new challenges that Thomas Adams School will offer.

The Induction Day is about helping you to get off to a good start. The staff here at Thomas Adams are just as friendly and helpful as your own teachers - there are just more of us to get to know! We shall try to answer your questions and to clear up any uncertainties that you may have. I hope that we can help you develop existing friendships and also to make new friends in the weeks, months and years ahead of you at Thomas Adams. Remember that whatever anyone may say, everyone will have similar feelings to you about moving to a new school.

We know that it will not all be plain sailing, but we shall try to help make the induction day and all the other days at Thomas Adams as smooth and enjoyable as possible. We will be in touch with you to confirm arrangements once we know more – and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Mr Cooper



Children in Need



**Have a go at this task when you are ready but ideally before you arrive to your induction day:**

## **What are you looking forward to most about moving to Thomas Adams?**

*Try to think about a range of things.*

*Don't worry about what other people might think – what are YOU looking forward to?!*

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**Next Up:**

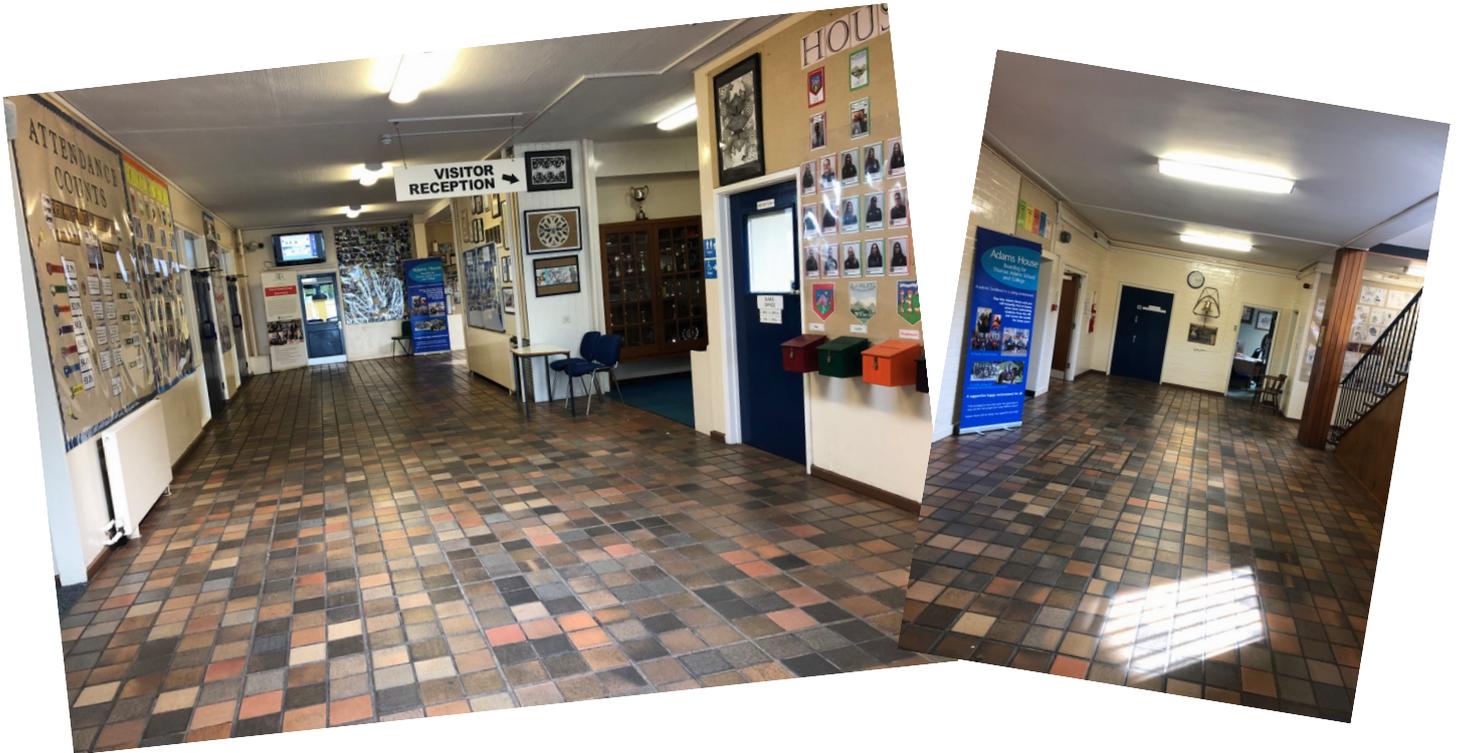
## **What concerns or worries you about moving to Thomas Adams?**

*Be honest here. If you are worried or concerned then it's most likely that other people are too! Be bold, brave and honest – what concerns/worries you about moving up!*

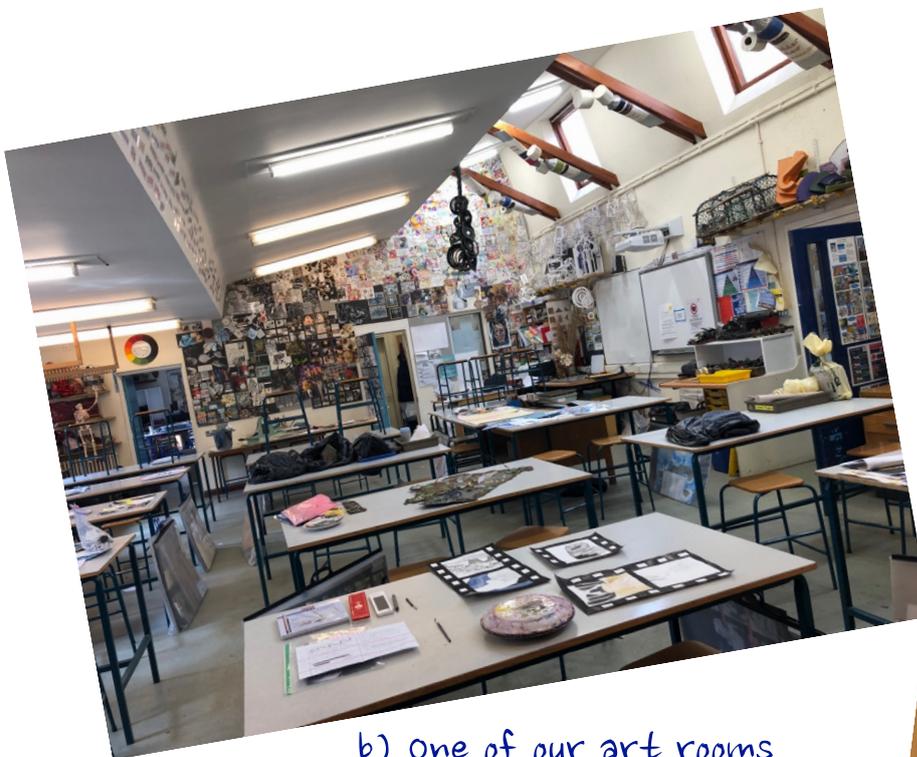
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# Some Key Places... Virtual Photo Tour...

*Let's get to know the place a little before you come to your induction day...  
The main entrance is on the front cover, but what's inside?*



a) The Main Entrance Foyer and Mr Cooper's Office



b) One of our art rooms



c) Part of the lower school library



d) Two of our technology rooms



e) The school canteen and dining hall

# **Your Induction Day at Thomas Adams**

**When we do have the induction day the full details will be given to you in a separate letter but the plan for the day looks like this:**

## **Arrival:**

- When you arrive, you'll go to the main hall and you'll be shown where to sit in your new tutor group.
- You'll meet your new form tutor who can give you the answers to any questions you will have. You'll be able to get to know your tutor and the people in your tutor group.

## **During the Day:**

- You'll have three taster lessons with different teachers in different subject areas.
- You'll have break (playtime) on the playground or field.
- You'll also be able to have lunch in the school canteen and sample the food that will be available.
- You'll see the school and learn where different places are. You'll also see that it's not that big and actually quite easy to find your way around!

## **End of the Day:**

- Before you know it (time will fly) it will be time to leave.
- You'll be collected from Thomas Adams (to either go back to your primary school or collected to go home by your parent/carer).

*We can't wait to see you and as soon as we know when it will be, we will let you know straight away!!*

# Christmas Fayre



# Our School Production



# Can you solve some of these pupils' problems?

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"An older pupil keeps annoying me, what do I say?"

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"My homework is on the bus. Will I get a detention?"

"I feel really poorly. Is there someone I can talk to or can I ring home?"

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"I have left my packed lunch at home. What can I do?"

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"I am late for lessons and I don't know where to go."

"I can't do my homework. What shall I do?"

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## DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IF YOU:

Lose your bag? Are being called names or bullied?

Are late for school? want to join a school club?

Forget your PE kit? Need to phone home?

Hear a fire bell? Get lost between lessons?

# Amazing school trips and experiences



**After your induction day (or maybe even while you're there!):**

**So you've completed the Induction Day – how do you feel?  
*What were your first impressions of Thomas Adams School?***

**Your parents/carers/teachers might want to know  
how your induction day went and what Thomas  
Adams was like – what would you tell them?**

**Write your first impressions below – How did it feel? What was it like? Write a few notes below:**

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**What do you think are going to be the biggest challenges for you at Thomas Adams School?**

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**What could you do to overcome these challenges?**

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**Don't forget to ask teachers/parents/carers for help with this too**



Hard work gets great results



## **Things you'll find out during your induction day**

After your induction day, are you able to answer the following questions? (Don't worry if not – it's just a quick test! In fact, your form tutor may help you with these on Induction Day!!)

The name of my form tutor is: \_\_\_\_\_

The room number of my form room is: \_\_\_\_\_

The Headteacher's name is: \_\_\_\_\_

The Head of Year 7 will be: \_\_\_\_\_

My House team name is: \_\_\_\_\_

The school day starts at: \_\_\_\_\_ am

The school day ends at: \_\_\_\_\_ pm

Breaktime is from \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_

Lunchtime is from \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_

Any other useful information can be written below:

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# Who do you know? Who might you meet?

There are lots of staff at Thomas Adams, but some of those who you might meet in your first few weeks include...



Mr Cooper  
Headteacher



Mr Sterry  
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Whitfield  
Assistant Head



Mr T McAleavy  
Assistant Head



Miss Holland  
Head of Year 7



Miss Turner  
Welfare Officer  
and Safeguarding



Mrs Plant  
School Counsellor



Mrs Peel  
Family Liaison  
Officer



Mrs Howells  
Headteacher's PA



Mrs Birch (L)/Mrs Orrell (R)  
Student Reception



Mrs Koopman-Williams  
Attendance Officer



Mr Tunnah  
Learning Support  
SENCO



Mr Jones  
Senior Teacher  
Standards/Behaviour

**...and of course, lots and lots of lovely new subject teachers, teaching assistants, support staff, caretakers and catering staff just waiting to help you out in September!**

# The House System...

## Which house will you be in??

### Thomas Adams School House System

Every student who attends Thomas Adams School is a member of a 'House'. The House System is designed to embody the values and ethos of the school and is an integral part of our school community. The Houses exist to promote leadership and responsibility amongst more senior students and to encourage involvement, teamwork, co-operation and good discipline amongst all students.

#### House System Objectives:

Our aim is to provide every pupil in each House with the following:

- a sense of belonging within the school community.
- opportunities to develop social, intellectual, physical & practical skills.
- a sense of achievement both inside and outside of the classroom.
- fun and excitement through competition.
- opportunities for leadership.
- an awareness of individual and collective responsibility.

The School House System houses are named after local Shropshire hills: Clee, Lawley, Haughmond, Caradoc, Corndon, Hawkstone, Grinshill.

On entry to Thomas Adams, all students are assigned to one of the seven Houses. As members, they will be required to do their best for that House through their work in lessons and their commitment to extra-curricular activities. Students quickly form an allegiance to their House and a sense of fun and friendly competition pervades all the House events.



***Last year Caradoc House won the Sports Cup and the overall House Cup winners 2019 were GRINSHILL House!!***



## Congratulations Grinshill

# Our School Uniform...



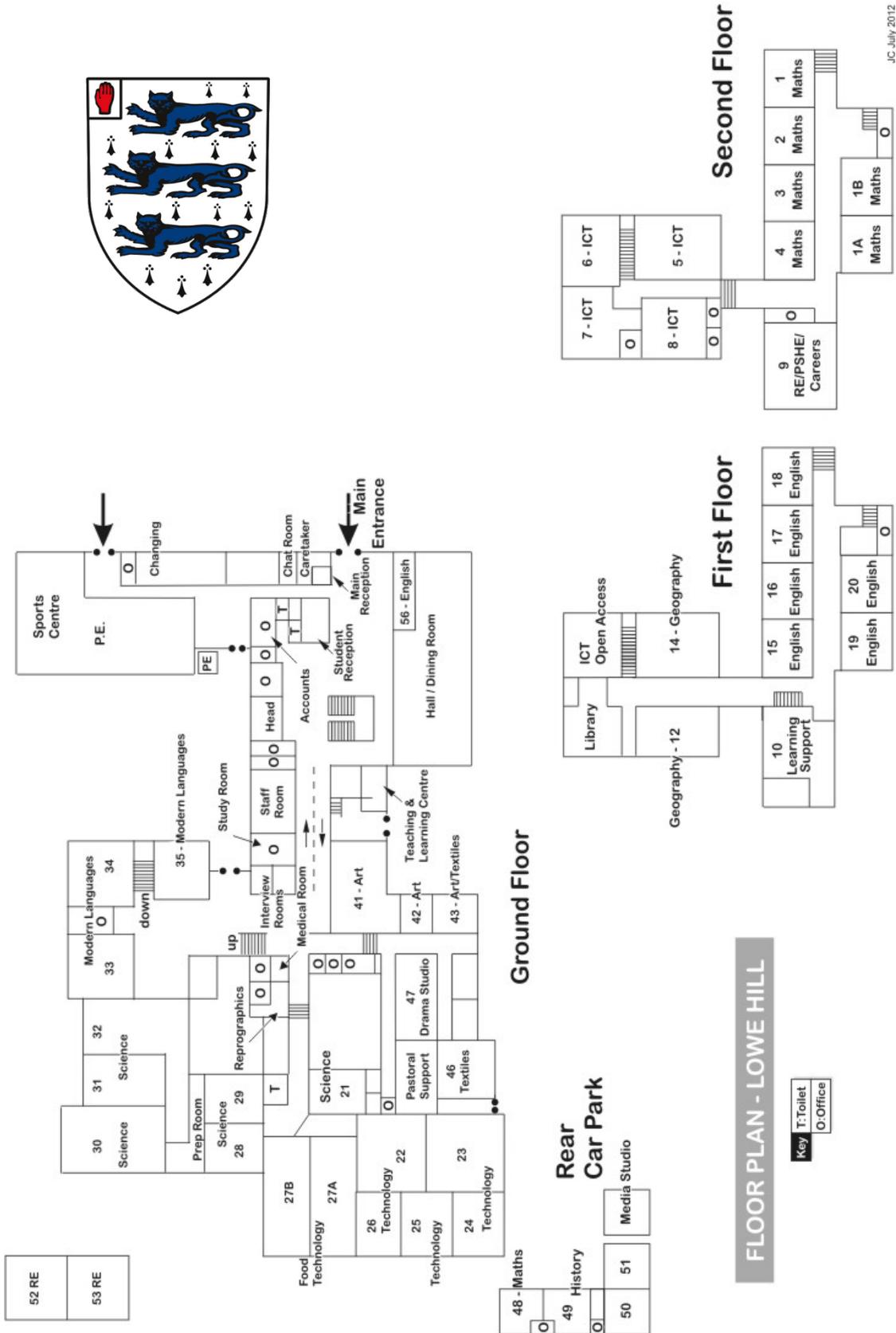
Full details of our school uniform will be provided in the **Parents' Essential Guide** and at the **Induction Day** and **Parents' Evening**.

It can be purchased from [www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk](http://www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk)

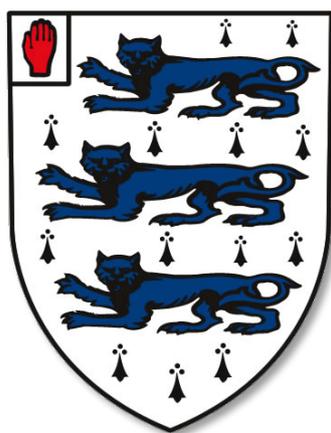


# School Map...

This is our school map – you don't need to worry about this but it might be useful to look at when you first arrive or even on induction day. It looks quite big but Yr 7 student's always say how quickly they get used to it.







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