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

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Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope you all had a good Bank Holiday weekend and enjoyed the nice weather.

I am writing to update you on some matters relating to school, following the recent announcements from the Government.

Whilst it is still uncertain what the immediate future holds for schools, we are beginning to plan for the partial re-opening of our School and Sixth Form. It is likely this will be a phased process beginning in the latter part of the summer term and in the first instance, will involve Year 10 and Year 12 students only. As I am sure you appreciate, given the new guidelines issued by the Government, school will be a very different place than the one that our pupils left in late March. We will be following strict social distancing measures, enforcing appropriate sanitising protocols and there will also be restrictions on movement around the building.

It is possible that we may not see our Key Stage 3 students before the new academic year in September 2020, a fact that I know will concern pupils, parents and staff for many reasons. It is devastating for me that these students may not return before the summer holidays, but I am sure we all appreciate that the health and safety of our whole school community must be paramount at this time.

We have taken the decision to cancel Year 10 and Year 12 Work Experience this year, which normally takes place in the last week of summer term. Unsurprisingly, a lot of businesses are saying they are no longer able to offer students a placement. We will look at ways in which we can support other opportunities for work experience at a later date; Mr Hargreaves (Work Experience Coordinator) will be in touch.

Year 9 parents/carers/students will be contacted shortly about their GCSE option choices in preparation for September 2020.

It is expected that Year 13 results will be available on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August and we are currently expecting Year 11 results to be available to the students on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August (the original GCSE results day).

All trips that were meant to take place this term have now been cancelled or postponed and trip coordinators have been in touch with you with the relevant information.



We continue to deliver our Free Schools Meals provision to our pupils. This is working really well and I am very grateful to the staff team who are delivering this service on a weekly basis. If your situation has changed and you require any more information about eligibility for Free School Meals, then I would advise you to email Mr McAleavy at [tm@thomasadams.net](mailto:tm@thomasadams.net)

We are very grateful for your hard work in supporting the completion of online learning at home. May I respectfully remind parents that, during this time, it is vital that all students continue with their online learning until they return to school.

I would repeat that it is crucial that we stay in touch and maintain communication to ensure we all continue to feel part of our Thomas Adams community. We will be writing to Year 10 and Year 12 parents/carers in the next couple of weeks about our provisional plans to facilitate face-to-face contact with staff, via on-line or on-site provision

During this challenging time, it is understandable that you and/or your child might feel concerned or anxious. We are here to help you through this situation, so please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any support or advice via [enquiries@thomasadams.net](mailto:enquiries@thomasadams.net) , as well as through the normal channels on Teams.

Many thanks for your continued support - stay safe and keep in touch.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Cooper', written in a cursive style.

Headteacher