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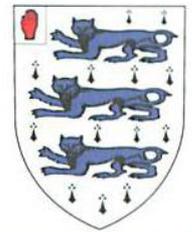
# THE THOMAS ADAMS SCHOOL, WEM

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

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### Dear Parent/Carer,

As we continue the transition into the next half term of remote learning, I thought I would provide some clarity around expectations and procedures. The aim of this is to help your child(ren) engage with their learning as well as possible.

### Remote learning

We are keen to learn from our experiences of remote learning during the previous lockdowns. We will continue to provide varied and purposeful learning through Microsoft Teams.

We expect students to stick to their regular school timetable, completing work for the scheduled lesson during that allotted time. Lessons run from 9.10am until 3.20pm. This allows your child to have a routine and it will ease the transition back into school at the end of this lockdown. We would appreciate your support in having your child(ren) ready to start learning at 9.10am. Breaks from work are scheduled in as they would be in school:

Lesson 1	9.10 - 10.10
Lesson 2	10.10 - 11.10
Break	11.10 - 11.30
Lesson 3	11.30 - 12.30
Lesson 4	12.30 - 13.30
Lunch	13.30 - 14.20
Lesson 5	14.20 - 15.20

Teachers will have work set for your child(ren) by 9.00am on the day that a lesson is due to be taught. They will be able to support learning via Teams for the first 50 minutes of each of the five timetabled lessons per day. Unfortunately, beyond that time the teacher may not be able to respond as promptly, because they may be supporting other classes or in school supporting other students. If your child is not able to complete the work in the allocated lesson time, please do not worry. Our expectation is that every student does the best that they can during the lesson time available. Home learning will be set on assignments in Teams, as will some class activities.

Registers will be taken during each lesson so that we have a record of your child's engagement with remote learning and this will also act as a form of well-being check. If your child is not attending the remote sessions, please expect contact to be made with yourself either via phone call or email. We are aware that some students have genuine reasons for not being able to complete the work during the regular timetabled sessions. We want to continue to work with you to ensure there is flexibility to complete the learning at a time that is possible. Where this is the case, the relevant Head of Year will most likely agree a personalised schedule.

### Year 11 and 13

Students in Year 11 and 13 should continue to engage in remote learning and continue to perform as well as they possibly can in all aspects of their courses. This will give their teachers the very best evidence of how they can perform in their chosen subjects and will support the teacher assessed grades that we know will form the



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basis of the GCSE, A Level and BTEC results again this year. Until we receive more details from the Department for Education, we are not in a position to advise what may happen regarding the collection and collation of assessment data and the generation of these teacher assessed grades. The Government have now entered into a period of consultation with Ofqual concerning arrangements. Please be assured that we will share details with you when we have them. We can also reassure you that we will be robust in our policy of following the final guidance provided by the Department for Education and Ofqual. We would ask that students and parents do not make contact with teachers regarding this process or to discuss their past/current or future grades. Teachers will, of course, be happy to give feedback concerning areas for improvement and development in their subjects.

### Technical issues

If you are experiencing any technical issues with Microsoft Teams, please contact our ICT support on: [ictsupport@thomasadams.net](mailto:ictsupport@thomasadams.net) or should you have access issues to Microsoft Teams, please contact Mr McAleavy by emailing: [tm@thomasadams.net](mailto:tm@thomasadams.net)

### Parental feedback

Despite our experiences during the first lockdown, this is still not the preferred way that we want to be delivering learning for our students. I would ask that if you have any feedback, positive or developmental, you contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance so that we can work together to try and improve things:

Year 7	Miss Holland	<a href="mailto:reh@thomasadams.net">reh@thomasadams.net</a>
Year 8	Dr James	<a href="mailto:sej@thomasadams.net">sej@thomasadams.net</a>
Year 9	Ms Darrell/Ms Adams	<a href="mailto:axd@thomasadams.net">axd@thomasadams.net</a> or <a href="mailto:kja@thomasadams.net">kja@thomasadams.net</a>
Year 10	Ms Lester	<a href="mailto:hlester@thomasadams.net">hlester@thomasadams.net</a>
Year 11	Ms Devismes	<a href="mailto:amd@thomasadams.net">amd@thomasadams.net</a>
Sixth Form	Mrs Squire	<a href="mailto:ies@thomasadams.net">ies@thomasadams.net</a>
Pastoral issues		<a href="mailto:pastoral@thomasadams.net">pastoral@thomasadams.net</a>

If you do need any other educational resources (new exercise books, pens, paper) you can contact school and we can arrange a time that you can pick these up. We have a desk in the Main reception area where items can be left for drop off or collection.

### On-site Provision

We continue to offer on-site provision for key workers and vulnerable pupils. If you require this service, please let us know on [covid19@thomasadams.net](mailto:covid19@thomasadams.net)

I really do appreciate the many kind messages we have received so far; we are very grateful that at this difficult time we are all pulling together. I would like to reassure parents, carers and pupils that we are here to help through all the normal channels – Heads of Year, teachers and pastoral staff contactable via email or ringing the school on 01939 237000.

Thank you again and stay safe.

Yours sincerely



Mark Cooper  
Headteacher