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THOMAS ADAMS SIXTH FORM ADAMS HOUSE (BOARDING)

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Dear Parent / Carer

Timetable changes to Year 7 to 10 groups from Monday 7th June

We aim to continue a phased return to traditional schooling after half-term, with Year 7 and 8 groups relocating to the Maths and English areas of the school respectively, and the Year 9 and 10 groups having access to the ground floor and specialist spaces, such as Science Labs, Art Rooms and Technology workshops.

Year 7 and 8 groups will have the opportunity to experience learning in a different environment and be placed in ability groups in English and Maths in Year 7 and English and Science in Year 8. For Years 9 and 10, this arrangement will allow them to experience other dimensions of their courses by permitting them to have access to specialist equipment and rooms that will support their progress.

On Monday 7th June we will ask students to line up on the yard when they arrive at school, in their form fire drill spaces. They will then be met by their Form Tutors and taken into school where their first hour will be a form time session. During this hour they will be issued with revised timetables and given a full explanation of the new arrangements.

Year 12 students will follow their current timetable on their return from half-term.

Covid measures to support timetable changes

Our primary aim remains to maintain the safest environment possible for all of our community, students and staff. With these changes to our timetable, we will continue with the following control measures:

- Twice weekly **home testing** to remain in place.
- Due to the nature of our corridors, social distancing cannot be maintained, therefore we still expect **face coverings** to be worn in corridors and communal areas. Students will not be required to wear masks/face coverings in classrooms. However, should students wish to continue to wear face coverings in classrooms then this is completely acceptable.
- **Hand sanitising** at every opportunity will continue to be an expectation between lessons and at break and lunchtimes.
- The "**Catch it, Bin it, Kill it**" expectation will be reinforced.
- We will continue to have **staggered break and lunchtimes** for individual year groups.
- Our school **risk assessment** will be updated and placed on the school website to reflect these changes.

It goes without saying that we will be constantly reviewing our provision and will return to the previous timetable and arrangements if circumstances dictate.

Teacher Assessed Grade Policy

Our Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG) Centre Policy is available on our school website. It has been drawn up in line with the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) guidance. Information about result days has been published



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previously, but we would like to remind you that A Level results are issued on Tuesday 10th August. Due to UCAS announcing allocated places in advance of this date, we have decided that results for Year 13 will be sent out electronically via the SIMS Parent App.

GCSE grades will be issued to students by the examination boards on Thursday 12th August. Due to the large number of students returning to us in September to join our Sixth Form, we will be giving results out from 10am on the 12th of August in the Stanier Hall.

Reminder of parent consultations

A reminder that our parent consultation afternoons will take place on the following days between 2.15pm-5.00pm:

Year 7 - Tuesday 29th June

Year 8 - Wednesday 7th July

Year 10 - Thursday 8th July

On these days, we will end the school day at 2.15pm (after lunch), with school buses leaving at 2:20pm on their usual routes. Letters with further information will be sent out nearer the time. The Year 9 written reports will be published in early June.

Leaving message to Year 11 and 13

I would like to wish our Year 11 and Year 13 the very best for the future. I think we all agree that it has been a very tough year for all students who are in an exam year. I am confident that the students will at some point reflect on the last 18 months and hopefully concur that through the adversity and challenge, they have shown strength and resilience; something they should be very proud of themselves for.

I am certainly looking forward to the end of year events we have planned for both year groups - they will provide a nice celebratory finish to the school year. I do hope that all our pupils will take away some fond memories of their time at Thomas Adams and I would welcome them keeping us updated on their further progress in education, jobs or other achievements.

Staff leaving

As we approach the end of the Spring term, I would like to announce that 3 members of staff will be leaving us. Mr Sterry (Deputy Headteacher), and Mr Tunnah (SENDCo) are leaving to take up new posts at other schools, whilst Mrs Smith (Learning Support Assistant), is retiring after 9 years at the school. I wish them all the very best for the future.

Finally, I would like to thank you, the parents and carers of our young people, for your continued support and trust. Hopefully there are brighter days ahead and the changes we are putting in place moving forward will help us to move towards a new normal.

Yours sincerely



Mark Cooper
Headteacher