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# THE THOMAS ADAMS SCHOOL, WEM

incorporating

**THOMAS ADAMS SIXTH FORM  
ADAMS HOUSE (BOARDING)**

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Dear Parents / Carers

As we approach the end of a long autumn term, I would like to thank everyone for all of your continued support. It has been a term of challenges and achievements, despite very recent cold weather and a spike in illness, we have managed to 'soldier on' and achieve some amazing things.

The achievements throughout the term have been wonderful, including; 91 students completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award; a musical variety show; sixth form students winning the Drapers Den Challenge in London; a Christmas Carol Service at St. Peter and St Paul Church; the Christmas Fayre that raised £1828.17 for school and local charities (Whitchurch Food bank); Race for Life raising £2492.94 for Cancer research; Children in Need raising £802.20; Poppy Appeal raising £343.78; A Christmas Jumper day raising £496.00 so far for Whitchurch food bank; an amazing student and staff Bake off competition; a History trip to London and one to Chirk Castle; the Ski Trip to Austria; ongoing rehearsals for Grease – which will be performed in February; plus many other brilliant performances by our students in sports fixtures, mock exams and every day in their classrooms!

## Sixth Form Charity

This week members of Thomas Adams 6<sup>th</sup> form will be out and about in the local community distributing Christmas Hampers to local Senior Citizens and other members of the public. The hampers were put together using the proceeds from the 6<sup>th</sup> form stall at the Christmas Fayre, with any remaining funds being used to provide items for local foodbanks. If you see the Sixth form students out and about, please say hello!

## Reminders

- Thomas Adams School and Sixth Form - re-opens on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**.
- **Year 11 Consultation Evening** – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January
- January 9<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> **Year 13 Mock Exams** - Students will be given study leave for the duration of these exams, 6<sup>th</sup> form facilities will be available at all times. Students have been given their timetables.
- January 25<sup>th</sup> - **Year 13 UCAS Deadline** - All UCAS applications should be submitted no later than this date or offers may not be considered.
- January 26<sup>th</sup> **Year 12 Consultation evening**
- Flu vaccinations for **Years 7 to 9** on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Consent form can be found on the website: <https://www.thomasadams.net/nasal-flu-consent-form/> Parents/guardians can access the flu leaflet here: [Protecting your child against flu; Information for parents and carers](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/101121/protecting-your-child-against-flu-information-for-parents-and-carers.pdf) ([publishing.service.gov.uk](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk))



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## **Wellbeing and Financial Support**

Unfortunately, for some young people and their families, Christmas does not always bring fun and festivities. Should you or your children experience difficult times over Christmas, please remember that we have a section on our website called:

**'Information for External Support Services available to Children, Parents and Families'**

<https://www.thomasadams.net/key-information/>

We also know that the cost-of-living pressures remain a challenge for many families in Shropshire and would encourage any family that needs advice or support to engage with the [Cost of Living](#) website.

No matter what your circumstances, I hope you manage to have a happy and healthy Christmas and a lovely start to 2023. Thank you again for all your continued support and we look forward to welcoming your young people back on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January.

Best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Cooper'.

Mark Cooper  
**Headteacher**