



# THE THOMAS ADAMS SCHOOL, WEM

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

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Dear Parents and carers,

## **Plans for 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 – NEU (National Education Union) industrial action**

As a follow up to my earlier letter about the industrial action of the National Education Union on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023, I would like to present the plan for the day. I now have a clearer idea of which staff will be taking part in the planned action and how this will impact on the school provision for that day.

### **Years 7, 11 and 12 and Vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers**

Having reviewed the number and the specialisms of the teachers who will not be present on Wednesday, we have decided about which year groups will be in school on the 1<sup>st</sup> March. Due to the lessons that will need to be provided on this day, **Years 7 and 11 pupils will be in school as normal, and Year 12 will be attending a UCAS trip in Manchester. Any Year 12s who are not attending the trip will be expected to attend sixth form as normal.**

We will also be offering learning spaces in school for our vulnerable children and children of critical workers, who will be able to complete online learning tasks. To book a place for students in Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 who are in either of these groups, please email: [enquiries@thomasadams.net](mailto:enquiries@thomasadams.net) with pupil name and form. We will need to know by 2pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 if you intend to book your child a place.

### **Years 8, 9, 10 and 13.**

Year groups 8, 9, 10 and 13 **will not** be in school on the **1<sup>st</sup> March 2023**.

In an effort to try and minimise the impact on learning, staff (if not directly involved in the strike action) will be in school and setting work via Microsoft Teams. This will be done via the Assignment Tool function.

If you need support, the following link will take you to a guide on how to access Microsoft Teams (<https://www.thomasadams.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Microsoft-Teams.pdf>) with further information on the "Curriculum Organisation" section of the school website within the "links" tab.

The work set will help prepare students for their next in-school lesson as well as key revision for our examination groups. Staff not taking industrial action, will be available via the "chat" function on Teams during their usual teaching hour.

### **Transport**

The school bus and taxi services will run as normal on the 1<sup>st</sup> March.

### **Food**

The school kitchen will be open and offer a restricted food selection at break and lunch. Students who are in Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 who are normally in receipt of free school meals, and not in school, will have £3 credited to their ParentPay account, which will be available for use on another day.

Thank you for your understanding; we will endeavour to ensure that the strike day runs as smoothly as possible.

We will write to you with further information and arrangements before the strike days planned in the coming month on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Yours sincerely,

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