

Summary for children and young people

Name: Thomas Adams School

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Dear all

We just wanted to thank you for making us feel so welcome at Adams House, 'the biggest family in Shropshire', when we recently visited. We thoroughly enjoyed spending time with you all and hearing about your time at school. It was amazing to hear about your different goals and aspirations, as well as the hobbies and activities you all enjoy. And we will never forget the highly competitive, yet astonishingly friendly, game of Uno. We recommend Uno extreme and Uno flip to expand the Uno repertoire.

We were impressed with the progress you all make academically, as well as how you develop socially and personally. The staff talked about you with huge affection, and they are clearly very proud of you all which was lovely to hear.

We have judged boarding at the school to be a Good. We have asked the school to keep better individual records of all the amazing things you do so you can see and refer to this over your time in school. We have also asked the school to better record things when they recruit new staff and talk to other professionals quicker if they have investigated any concerns.

In relation to education, it was clear that the school is warm, friendly, and vibrant and staff and students have positive relationships. We enjoyed seeing students coming to school listening well and engaging in your learning. We were impressed with how older students, in 6th form in particular, were such good role models for the younger students. We also really enjoyed seeing the wide range of clubs and sports that are on offer that so many students take part in. Most parents told us that the school is a good school that is helping students to learn and develop confidence.

We have judge education at the school to be Good. We have asked the school to check out learning regularly so teachers know if you understand everything you are being taught. We have also asked teachers to adapt tasks to everyone in class and we have asked that the rules and policies are consistently stuck to so that everyone can achieve their full potential.

We all felt, across boarding and school, that students were safe in the school, and it was lovely to hear that you have confidence in the adults in the school to address any issue that occur.

We wish you all the very best for your ongoing studies and futures.

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