

Welcome back to the new school year!

I hope you all had a lovely summer and enjoyed the exceptional weather – a distant memory as I'm writing this with an October storm outside....

We've got lots of exciting events planned for the coming year, so please do look through the newsletter carefully and make a note of all dates!

Our ensembles are all well under way for the term and we have record numbers of students now learning instruments across the DASP schools pyramid. All testaments to the support that parents and students give to help keep music education alive and well in this area! Thank you for your continued support.

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Students from across DASP at the Summer Concert 2018

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DASP Fest 2018



On 28th June, students from the DASP middle schools and THS took part in DASP Fest 2018 - an opportunity for pop/rock musicians and student-led bands to perform to family and friends. The evening was really lovely and it was great to see so much talent, not just at performing, but also at improvising and composing. We very much hope that we can offer the same sort of 'open mic' opportunity at this year's larger DASP Fest in June.

Well done to all who took part!

Orchestral Workshop



In June, we held our third annual Orchestral Workshop. This year 60 students from aged 6-18 took part in the day. The older students played Sibelius' Finlandia. They were then joined by the younger students to play Copland's Rodeo-Hoedown. The two pieces were performed to family and friends at the end of the day and were also performed at the Summer Concert at the Weymouth Pavilion a few weeks later.

It was a very worthwhile and enjoyable day and the students all performed to a very high standard.

Summer Concert - The Greatest Show!



On Sunday 8th July, over 300 children from across DASP came together at the Weymouth Pavilion for a sell-out DASP Music Summer Concert.

The concert featured children from aged 5-18, all performing together in a huge range of styles. There were choirs, orchestras, jazz bands, rock bands and much more. The concert opened with a large choir of over 100 children performing 'The Greatest Show' from the hit musical-film, 'The Greatest Showman'. It closed with a massed orchestra, which included beginner players from age 6 up to advanced players aged 18, performing Copland's Rodeo-Hoedown.

The summer concert is an opportunity for all of the students to showcase the work that they have put into their music over the

NEW Beginner Uke Troupe

Are you interested in your child learning the ukulele? We now have two beginner uke groups that run on a Wednesday at Thomas Hardy School – one at 4pm- 4.30pm and one at 5pm- 5.30pm. These groups are suitable for children who have never played the ukulele before and wish to learn from scratch. Learn basic chords, sing songs, play games and have fun! Contact us for more info.

past year. It's also a chance for younger children to watch some of our more advanced players, in the hope that they might be inspired to play an instrument in the future. The quality of musicians that we have in the area is outstanding and to see them all performing together was something very special.

Year 8

Music Transfer Day

In July we invited year 8 musicians from across the three middle schools, to spend a morning at Thomas Hardy School, to make them feel more confident about getting involved with the music department when they joined in Year 9. The students took part in a vocal workshop, a concert band workshop and a rock band workshop. All of the students played really well and the Thomas Hardy teachers were very impressed. It is lovely to see that lots of new year 9 musicians have now got involved in many of the various performance opportunities on offer at Hardyes.

DASP Ensembles

Has your child just started to learn an instrument? We have ensembles for all levels of playing, including complete beginners. Playing in an ensemble not only enhances a child's musical development, but it teaches the child that music is a social activity and makes it all more fun!

Look at what we have on offer on our website and encourage your child to get involved!

Keep 106

Hanna Trevorrow was recently interviewed for Keep 106 FM about the work that DASP Music does. Have a listen to the interview on 'listen again' on The All Inclusive Show on 1st Oct at Keep106.com.

DASP Young Musician Festival 2018-19



We are going to be running our Young Musician Festival again this academic year on Saturday 19th January 2019 at The Thomas Hardy School.

The main emphasis of the festival will be on all participants taking part and gaining valuable feedback from our adjudicators (one of whom is an ABRSM examiner). This will be particularly useful for any students who are taking GCSE or A level music or who are soon to take an external exam.

Anyone who plays an orchestral instrument or piano of grade 3 standard and above is invited to apply.

Classes will run during the day, from 10am – 4.30pm, for each of the individual categories.

In the evening, some students will be invited back as finalists to perform at the evening concert at 7.30pm at The Thomas Hardy School Theatre.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 7th December**.

If you play an appropriate instrument, please do consider getting involved!

DASP Christmas Concert

All of the DASP ensembles will be performing in the DASP Christmas Concerts on Thursday 6th December at The Thomas Hardy School (6pm or 7.30pm – more details nearer the time) – make sure it's in your diaries!

DASP Fest 2019



As an alternative to our usual summer concert, this year we will be holding an all-day family music festival. This festival will take place on **Saturday 29th June 2019** at the Thomas Hardy School. The day will run from approximately 10am-4pm and will feature all of the DASP and THS ensembles, invited music groups from other schools, opportunities for solos/small groups, workshops, come & try sessions and much more. It will be a whole celebration of youth music! More details to follow next year, but please put the date in your diaries!

Forthcoming Events...

Thursday 6th December – DASP Christmas Concert @ THS Theatre

Saturday 19th January – DASP Young Musician Festival @ THS Theatre

Saturday 2nd March – Weymouth Music Festival

Saturday 9th March – Dorset Chamber Orchestra 'Music for Youth' @ St Mary's Church.

Saturday 29th June – DASP Fest 2019

In addition to the events above, we are also hoping to be involved in a fundraising concert for Julia's House Hospice, the annual Year 4 singing concert and an exciting community project for the whole of Dorchester led by Dorchester Arts centre. More details to follow once dates have been confirmed!