

Dear Parent / Guardian,

May 2017

**Re: DASP Summer Concert, 3pm, Saturday 8th July 2017, Weymouth Pavilion Theatre.**

I am delighted to inform you that your son / daughter has been selected to perform in this year's DASP Music Summer Concert, at the Weymouth Pavilion Theatre. This year's concert will feature all of the DASP Music Ensembles, plus other invited groups. The concert will also include the DASP Music Awards 2016.

We have decided to run the concert at an earlier time than usual, in order to better accommodate our younger students – please do note the new start time!

The groups that will be involved in the concert will be as follows:

THS Orchestra, DASP Youth Orchestra, Stringalings, Training Windband, Stringendos, Clariphones, Brass Ensemble, Flute Choir, Beginner, Intermediate and THS Ukles, Guitar Group, Treblemakers, Skylarks, Harmony, Classics, First Schools' combined choir, BSO Workshop combined orchestra, Recorder group.

**However, due to time restrictions, not all of these groups will have a rehearsal slot on the day (see below).**

First Schools' combined choir = Prince of Wales, Charminster, Damers, Piddle Valley, Winterbourne, Manor Park and Frome Valley only.  
BSO Workshop combined orchestra = all who took part in the BSO workshop day, plus other THS Orchestra, DASP Youth Orchestra, Stringalings, Training Windband, Stringendos, Brass Ensemble, Flute Choir, Clariphones players are invited to take part in this – but they must come to the rehearsal at 12pm (see below).

**Schedule for the day – In the Weymouth Pavilion Theatre**

<b>Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> July: REHEARSALS</b>	<b>Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> July: THE CONCERT</b>
<i>*Parents of young students please remain during the rehearsal</i>	
10.30am Treblemakers	2.20pm – All students arrive at Weymouth Pavilion. All students will meet their ensemble leader in the Ocean Room and will then be brought through to take a seat in the theatre at about 2.45pm. Doors to the theatre will open to the public at 2.30pm <b>3pm – Concert begins</b> c. 5.30pm – Concert ends. Students can be collected from the Ocean Room.
11am Jazz Band	
11.30am Recorders	
12pm Combined Orchestra (from BSO workshop)	
1pm Harmony/Classics	
1.30pm First School combined choir + Harmony/Classics + THS Orchestra (Sing)	
2pm End	

Students will be assigned seats at the front of the theatre and will be supervised by members of staff. The concert will be in two halves of about 60 mins each with a 20 min interval. We would encourage all parents and students to stay for the entirety of the concert.

**Uniform**

- Students should wear school uniform, or the uniform for the particular group that they belong to.
- THS students should wear all black (no jeans).
- All students should wear black shoes, (NO trainers!) together with black or grey socks.

**Other Information**

- Car parking is available in the car park behind the Weymouth Pavilion. It is free after 6pm, and will cost about £1 per hour before that. We anticipate that car parking will be very busy (being a Saturday afternoon in the summer by the beach!) – it would be very worthwhile considering using the park n ride (£6 for a group of 5 people on the bus)/train or sharing lifts.
- Refreshments will be available for purchase during the interval.

**Tickets**

Tickets will be on sale from **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June**. Although we are able to accommodate a much larger audience at the Weymouth Pavilion, we still anticipate that we will sell out, so please do buy them quickly! You can purchase tickets from the DASP Music office (based at the Thomas Hardy School – please enter via the main entrance). You may reserve tickets by phone or email (01305 259721 or [daspmusic@thomas-hardye.net](mailto:daspmusic@thomas-hardye.net)), to be paid for later (by BACS, cheque or cash) and collected from The Thomas Hardy School or collected on the concert night from the Pavilion. Tickets will cost **£6** each and seating **WILL BE ALLOCATED**. Children under 4 are free, but will need to sit on a lap. Cheques should be made payable to DASP Music.

If you would like your son/daughter to perform in the concert, please complete the online permission form, which can be found on the homepage at [www.daspmusic.co.uk](http://www.daspmusic.co.uk) by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**. **It is really important that we get an online reply from everyone who wishes to perform, as we will be reserving the students' seats in the theatre, based on these replies.**

I look forward to hearing some wonderful performances in what I hope will be a fantastic concert!

Kind regards,



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