



April 2019

DASP Music Fest – 29th June 2019 @ The Thomas Hardy School

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that your son / daughter has been selected to perform in this year's exciting and new DASP Music Fest, which is taking place on Saturday 29th June at The Thomas Hardy School. This will be a day-long festival, which will include performances from all of the DASP Ensembles, plus other invited groups. In addition, there will be workshops and other activities for all children and adults to take part in throughout the day including a 'come and try' session, music tech session, Big Sing and barn dance! There will also be food and drink available. The event will be free for all to attend and we hope that many people will come and spend a few hours watching and taking part in various different activities.

The festival is going to have a 'space' theme to tie-in with the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Apollo moon landings, particularly as students from DASP are heavily involved in the Dorchester Arts' 'Moonbury Rings' event which will take place a few weeks later. So many of the pieces performed will be linked to 'space' in some way.

The groups that will be involved with performances during the festival are as follows:

THS Big Band, THS Orchestra, THS Concert Band, THS Sax Ensemble, DASP Youth Orchestra, Stringalings, Training Windband, Stringendos, Clariphones, Brass Ensemble, Flute Choir, DASP Jazz Band, Beginner/ POW/Intermediate/THS Ukes, Guitar Group, St Mary's Rock club, Treblemakers, Skylarks, Nightingales, Middle Schools' Pop Choirs, THS Pop Choir, DASP Recorders and Combined First Schools' Choir, Puddletown Brass Group.

The performances will take place during six sessions (between 10am – 4pm) throughout the day:

Group	Time	Venue
Guitar Ensemble	10.15am – 11am	Theatre
Beginner, POW, Inter, THS Ukes	10.15am – 11am	Theatre
Puddletown Brass Group	10.15am – 10.30am	Spine
Skylarks (workshop and performance)	10.15am – 12pm	6 th Form Centre and Theatre
Nightingales (workshop and performance)	10.15am – 12pm	6 th Form Centre and Theatre
Middle School Pop Choirs (workshop and performance)	10.15am – 12pm	6 th Form Centre and Theatre
THS Pop Choir (workshop and performance)	10.15am – 12pm	6 th Form Centre and Theatre
Combined First School's Choir (workshop and performance)	10.15am – 12pm	6 th Form Centre and Theatre
Stringendos	11.15am – 12pm	Spine
Brass Ensemble	11.15am – 12pm	Spine
Training Windband	12.15pm – 1pm	Theatre
Stringalings	12.15pm – 1pm	Theatre
DASP Youth Orchestra	12.15pm – 1pm	Theatre
DASP Jazz Band	12.15pm – 1pm	Theatre
THS Orchestra	1.15pm – 2pm	Theatre
THS Sax Ensemble	1.15pm – 2pm	Theatre
THS Big Band	1.15pm – 2pm	Theatre
DASP Recorders (workshop and performance)	1.15pm – 2pm	6 th Form Centre
St Mary's Rock Club	2.15pm – 3pm	Theatre
Treblemakers (workshop and performance)	10.15pm – 12pm and 2.15pm – 4pm	6 th Form Centre and Theatre
Clariphones	2.15pm – 3pm	Spine
Flute Choir and Flautissimo	2.15pm – 3pm	Spine
THS Concert Band	3.15 – 4pm	Theatre

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The finale of the festival will be the THS Concert Band performing in the theatre, which will also include a **Big Sing** session for all (adults and children) to take part in. Ideally we would like all of the vocal ensembles (Skylarks, Nightingales, Treblemakers, Middle School Pop Choir, THS Pop Choir and Combined first schools' choir) to join us for this finale as well (3.15pm – 4pm). As part of the Big Sing, we will teach everyone the anthem that will form part of the large-scale “Apollo – One Giant Leap” performance at Maumbury Rings on 19th July (a free event, which the whole town is invited to!) as well as a scratch performance of ‘Space Oddity’.

In addition to these scheduled performances (which will all take the form of mini-concerts, each lasting about 45 mins), there will be opportunities to sign up to take part the following sessions:

- Percussion workshop (11.15am – 12pm or 12.15pm – 1pm) with Glyn Bush from Magic Drum.
- Ukulele workshop (2.15am – 3pm) with Lucy Hackett.
- Jazz and improvisation workshop (11.15am – 12pm) with Lucy Hackett and Steve Wilson.
- DO RE MI Time music session (for pre-school, reception and year 1 children) (1pm – 1.30pm or 1.30pm -2pm) with Rachel Greenwood.
- Busking sessions (inside) at various times throughout the day – see full timetable for details.
- Open mic sessions (outside) at various times throughout the day – see full timetable for details.

There will also be sessions which you can just drop in and take part:

- ‘Come and Try’ instrument sessions (10.15am – 11am and 12.15pm – 1pm)
- Music Tech session (showcasing A Level Music Technology work) (11am-1pm)
- Barn Dance (2.15pm – 3pm)
- Big Sing (3.15 – 4pm)

We hope to also have hot and cold refreshments, music shop stalls (John Packers Woodwind and Brass specialists), raffle and more!

As the festival involves children potentially taking part in workshops and events away from their parents, we are asking that **all children under 13 have a responsible adult on the festival site for the duration that they are taking part in the festival**. There should be plenty of activities for all ages to watch and be involved in, so we are hoping that lots of extra family and friends will want to attend and be a part of the festival.

In order for the ensemble leaders to plan properly, we need to know the availability of all students to attend the festival to play with their group as soon as possible.

Please complete the online reply form below (which can also be accessed from the homepage of the DASP Music website) by **Friday 17th May** to confirm that your child will be able to take part in this event.

<https://forms.gle/4gEVDYwsnmaz6xic8>

A full timetable of all of the events during the day is attached to this letter. Online forms for signing up to take part in workshops and busking sessions etc can be found via the homepage of our website.

We are really excited that we are to be one of the **Tesco Bags for Help** charities being collected for from 1st May – 30th June. The money we receive as a result will go straight towards funding the DASP Music Festival and other future DASP Music projects. Please help us to spread the word and put all of your blue tokens in our bucket whenever you are in Tesco!

I’m really excited about this new event and hope that it will provide an interesting alternative to our usual summer concert this year. Please help us by advertising the event to friends and family and get involved in as much of the day as you feel able. It should be a lovely celebration of all things musical!

Kind regards,



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