

With only a few weeks of term gone, we are already well into our projects for this term!

The term started with our Young Musician Festival – this was a great success and a full report can be seen below. Later this term, we also have our Year 4 Singing concerts, our Instrumental Roadshow visiting schools and various ensembles taking part in the Weymouth Music Festival.

Please can I draw your attention to information about our DASP Fest on 29th June and also the exciting Apollo project which we are involved with on 19th July.

Here's hoping the coming weeks start to show us some more 'Spring-like' weather!

Hanna Trevorrow
Head of DASP Music

Christmas Concert 2018



This year's Christmas Concert took place on Thursday 6th December at the Thomas Hardy School Theatre. All of the DASP Ensembles took part plus a few invited other groups such as the THS Big Band and the Thomas Hardy Singers. The evening was a fantastic way for the students to show off their hard work from the term and put everyone firmly in the Christmas mood! Photos and video clips from the concert can be found on our website.

DASP Young Musician Festival 2018-19



On Saturday 19th January we held our second DASP Young Musician Festival. We were privileged to have two excellent adjudicators, Howard Evans and Andy Fawbert, who gave superb feedback to everybody. About 50 students took part in classes during the day and then 14 students were invited back to play in the evening celebration concert.

The winners were as follows:
Highly Commended: Anna Southam (clarinet), Oliver Trevorrow (violin), Bruno Greenfield (piano), Tom Stevens (trumpet), Zach Stevens (saxophone).
Intermediate Winners: Gwendolen McLeod (cornet), Mia Wright (clarinet), Louis Ozaki-Barker

(violin), Ariane and Eleonore Fabreguettes (piano), Seren Daly (voice).
Advanced Winners: Lucy Breakwell (voice), Josh Eaton (trombone), Sam Lawson (violin), Charlotte Ballard (flute)
The overall winner of the Intermediate cup was Mia Wright and the overall winner of the Advanced cup was Sam Lawson.
Well done to everyone who took part!

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!

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Young Musicians who performed at our 'winners' concert for DASP Young Musician 2018-19

DASP Instrumental Roadshow is out on tour again!



Over the last few weeks, the DASP Instrumental Roadshow has started to tour the first schools again. The roadshow is a performance tailored for our first school children and introduces them to a range of orchestral instruments – all of which are available for them to potentially learn whilst at a DASP school. This year we have Mrs Pires demonstrating flute, clarinet and bassoon, Mrs Stell demonstrating cello and piano, Mr Penfold demonstrating trumpet and trombone and Mrs Trevorrow demonstrating flute, violin and saxophone. The show has a film music theme and is very interactive! We hope to encourage some more first school children to take up learning some of these wonderful instruments, either now or in the future!

Concert for Children in March



The Dorset Chamber Orchestra's 'Music for Youth' concert will take place at 4pm on Saturday March 9th at St Mary's Church. This will feature narration by Martin Clunes with

the orchestra performing 'Tubby the Tuba' and excerpts from Beethoven's Eroica Symphony (amongst other things). It will also feature several young soloists including Elise Griffin who is in year 8 at St Osmund's Middle School.

This is fantastic opportunity for younger children to hear an orchestra and enjoy watching some other young people perform. Several of our peripatetic music teachers are also involved in this concert.

Support DASP Music...

We are always on the look-out for people who can support the work that we do. If you think that you might be able to help us in the future, please get in touch.

Here are some ways that you can support us:

- Volunteer to help with an ensemble (it's really helpful having musical adults around who can help to support various groups).
- Volunteer to help at a concert.
- Donate towards an event.
- Sign up to Easyfundraising.org and donate every time you shop online.
- Donate any old (working) instruments that you have at home – we can always find children who can make use of them.
- Spread the word about the DASP Music Ensembles – they are open to anyone in the local area, not just those who attend a DASP school.

DASP Fest 2019



Saturday 29th June
All day family music festival

This event is instead of our usual annual DASP Summer Concert at the Weymouth Pavilion. The festival will take place at The Thomas Hardy School and will run from 10am – 4pm. It will involve all of the DASP Ensembles, plus ensembles from various schools. There will be opportunities for soloists, buskers, rock bands and other groups. There will also be workshops, a 'come and try' instrument session, taster sessions for various groups, a Big Sing, a large scratch orchestra workshop, food, drink, stalls and much more!

This festival is open to everyone. Please put the date in your diaries and come along to support young musicians in Dorchester and beyond!

Singing Strategy

We have various projects going on this term, funded by the Dorset Music Educations Hub's Singing Strategy. Mrs Joy is visiting all Year 2s across the pyramid, teaching music classes which tie in with each classes term's topics. These have proved very popular with the children! The middle schools are all having a new funded pop choir at each school,

delivered by each school's singing teacher, with the aim to encourage more children to join a choir and sing. Mrs Trevorrow is visiting all of the year 4s ahead of the DASP Year 4 concert in March where everyone will come together to sing at The Thomas Hardy School.

Apollo Project



DASP Music are really proud to be heavily involved in the Dorchester Arts project 'Moonbury Rings' in the summer term, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of one of the great events in human history. DASP Music will work with Dorchester Arts to deliver

workshops to children across DASP – with focused work being held with year 5 students.

This performance will be held on 19th July and will be free to attend. A massed group made of all year 5 students plus the Thomas Hardy Singers, will perform 'Apollo - One Giant Leap' - a cantata for children's voices that describes the dramatic events of the Apollo 11 space mission in July 1969, the climax of which was Neil Armstrong's first step on the Moon's surface and his famous quote: "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for Mankind." The students will be joined by professional musicians to create a truly memorable experience. The performance will be the centrepiece of a weekend of moon-related celebrations at Maumbury Rings entitled 'Moonbury Rings', and will include Luke Jerram's Museum of The Moon, a 7m diameter suspended, internally illuminated sculpture of the moon; a display of artworks and sculptures created by local schools and community groups, and an outdoor cinema event featuring moon- and space-themed films.

Please put the date in your diaries and come along to what will be one of the highlights of the Dorchester calendar this year!

Forthcoming Events...

Sunday 10th February – Julia's House Fundraising Concert

Saturday 2nd March – Weymouth Music Festival

18th, 19th, 20th March – Year 4 Singing Concerts @ Thomas Hardy School

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

Saturday 29th June – DASP Fest 2019 @ Thomas Hardy School

Friday 19th July – Apollo: one giant leap! @ Maumbury Rings



Charity Concert

A variety of music performed by young musicians from Dorchester Area Schools Partnership

Sunday 10th February

Corn Exchange Dorchester

2pm Start

Free admission with retiring collection in aid of Julia's House

