

With only a few weeks of term gone, we are already well into our projects for this term and life feels very busy in DASP Music!

Coming up in March, we have our Year 4 singing concerts, a musical theatre workshop at the Weymouth Pavilion, a spring fundraiser for Dorchester Poverty Action, the Weymouth Music Festival and a collaboration with the Dorset Chamber Orchestra. Phew!

Please do check ahead to see what else is planned for the summer term and make sure you put the dates in your diaries.

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

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The DASP Youth Orchestra performing in the DASP Christmas Concert in December 2019

Folk Workshop



At the start of October, we were really lucky to be visited by folk band 'Gathering Tides', who led a day-long creative music workshop for children across DASP. During the workshop, the children learnt several traditional folk melodies and then worked collaboratively to arrange them and add their own ideas. They also got the opportunity to improvise and the more advanced fiddle players were taught some stylistic fiddle techniques.

The day was great fun and we very much hope to welcome the band back to work with us again in the future.

Huge thank you to the whole team who were involved!

DASP Young Musician Festival 2019-20



On Saturday 23rd November, we held our third annual DASP Young Musician Festival. The festival was a chance for students to gain performance experience whilst also receiving constructive feedback from our independent adjudicators, Howard Evans and Philippa Topham. Over 40 students from across the DASP pyramid took part during the day. In the evening, we held a celebration concert for those that had performed particularly well during the day, which also featured The Thomas Hardye School Concert Band. There were lots of winners who were presented with certificates in the evening concert. The overall

Intermediate Winner was Mia Wright (clarinet/piano) in year 7 at Dorchester Middle School and the overall Advanced Winner was Charlotte Ballard (flute) in year 13 at Thomas Hardye School, who is now DASP Young Musician of the Year. Well done to all who took part! We look forward to running the event again next year!

DASP Music Ensembles

We run 16 weekly after school ensembles which are open to all young people in the local area. Those children who play their instrument in a group often make much quicker progress and gain from the enjoyment of playing with others. From orchestras to ukulele groups, rock bands to choirs – check out our website for more details and come and join in!

DASP Christmas Concert 2019



On 4th December, around 150 students from across DASP came together for the annual Christmas concerts at The Thomas Hardy School theatre. All of the DASP Ensembles and various groups from Thomas Hardy performed. The standard was particularly high this year and everyone was left feeling in a decidedly Christmassy mood. Well done to all involved!

Welcome to Mr Baker!

DASP Music has been working hard this term to try to support some of the first schools more with their music provision. Mr Andy Baker has started working in Damers First School and Manor Park First School providing curriculum music support for KS1 classes. The children have been really enjoying their classes and have enjoyed meeting his double bass which can 'talk' to them! Mrs Trevorrow has also been working behind the scenes to work with first school staff on ways to integrate more singing into the classroom. It is hoped that over the next few years we can extend this support, to create a thriving music curriculum in all schools.

Singing Strategy

Using funding from the Dorset Music Education Hub's Singing Strategy, DASP has created several singing projects this term

Mrs Trevorrow has been visiting all year 4 classes in DASP to prepare them for the fantastic singing concerts in early March.

Mrs Joy has been visiting all of the first schools and working with KS1 children on some wonderful curriculum music lessons.

The three middle schools and Thomas Hardy School are coming together on 9th March for a brilliant musical theatre workshop with professionals from the West End, at the Weymouth Pavilion.

Full reports on all of these projects will be in our next newsletter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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| 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Mar | DASP Year 4 Concerts @ Thomas Hardy School Theatre |
| 7 th March | Weymouth Music Festival (Stringalings, Training Windband, Flute Choir, Brass Ensemble) |
| 9 th March | Musical Theatre Workshop @ Weymouth Pavilion (for invited students from the middle schools and THS) |
| 14 th March | Dorset Chamber Orchestra 'Music for Youth' Concert @ St Mary's Church, Dorchester, 4-5pm. (involving Skylarks, Nightingales, Choir from St Mary's Charminster and flautist Charlotte Ballard from THS). |
| 21 st March | Fundraising Concert for Dorchester Poverty Action Group @ United Church Dorchester, 3-5pm. (involving DASP Youth Orchestra, DASP Guitars, Treblemakers and various soloists). |
| 27 th March | THS Music Department Dinner Dance |
| 29 th June | DASP Orchestral Workshop (for invited players from the middle schools and THS) |
| 2 nd July | DASP Pop/Rock Concert @ Thomas Hardy 6 th Form Centre, 6pm. (involving DASP Jazz Band, all DASP ukulele groups, St Mary's Rock Group, DASP Guitars) |
| 5 th July | DASP Summer Concert @ Weymouth Pavilion (involving all other DASP Ensembles not performing on 2 nd , plus various other groups). |

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