

The new term got off to a flying start this year with lots of projects being planned for the coming year.

From September we launched two new ensembles (guitar group and percussion ensemble) and welcomed several new members of peripatetic staff to the DASP Music team.

Our main project this term is our **Christmas Concert** on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at The Thomas Hardy School. This gives the students in our ensembles the opportunity to share their work from the past term with family and friends and is a good way to get in the Christmassy mood! Tickets go on sale on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

Have a lovely Christmas when it comes!  
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DASP Music Summer Concert at the Weymouth Pavilion.

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## News...

### Visit by the BBC Concert Orchestra



On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June we were really lucky to be visited by five members of the BBC Concert Orchestra who led our students in a workshop, playing three pieces of orchestral music. The workshop was organised through the BBC Ten Pieces Coaching Scheme and we were one of just 40 groups in the country who had been offered this opportunity. We had 60 students from the middle schools/THS for the whole day who worked on Holst's Mars and Haydn's Trumpet Concerto. They were then joined by 30 students from

the first schools in the afternoon to play Bizet's Habanera. The group did an informal performance for parents at the end of the day and then recreated the performance at the Summer Concert. It was a truly inspiring day. We have applied to be part of the coaching scheme again this year – watch this space!

### Musical Pirates are on the road!...

The DASP Instrumental Roadshow is now underway and is visiting the DASP first schools. Four DASP teachers are touring the schools, demonstrating a variety of musical instruments and playing a range of music, combined with a fun pirate-themed story. The hope is to encourage the next generation of potential musicians!

### DASP raise the Pavilion roof at the Summer Concert.



On 3rd July, over 260 children took part in the annual DASP Summer Concert which this year, for the first time, was held at the Weymouth Pavilion. All of the DASP ensembles performed and the standard of playing was exceptionally high. Highlights of the concert included the 90 piece orchestra playing Bizet's Habanera and the 80 strong choir singing 'Put a Little Love in your Heart'. A huge congratulations to all involved! Photos and video can be found on our website.

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**Forthcoming Events...**

12<sup>th</sup> November – THS Choir/Imperial College Symphony Orchestra concert @ St Mary's Church – including singers from St Osmund's and St Mary's middle Schools.

7<sup>th</sup> December – DASP Christmas Concert @ The Thomas Hardy School

13<sup>th</sup> March – THS and Middle Schools musical theatre workshop @ Weymouth Pavilion – look out for details in January!

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Singing Concerts.



More photos from the BBC Concert Orchestra Workshop

**DASP Music Ensembles – get involved!**

DASP Music runs the only weekly music centre for young musicians in West Dorset. We have 16 weekly ensembles, most of which meet at our Wednesday 'Music Night' at The Thomas Hardy School. We have groups, both for complete beginners and those for more advanced players. If you play an instrument, why not come along and give one of our sessions a go? We are particularly keen to recruit new members in our Orchestra and Jazz Band!

Wednesday 'Music Night'

4-4.45pm: **Stringendos, Clariphones, Brass Ensemble, Flute Choir** (all grade 2+), **Training Windband, Stringalings** (both grade 0-2)

5-6pm: **DASP Youth Orchestra** (grade 2+), **Uke Troupe Beginners, Theory**

5.30pm: **Uke Troupe Intermediate**

6.15pm – **Theory**

6.15pm – **Jazz Band** (grade 2+)

Other Groups

**Treblemakers Boys Vocal Group** – Tuesdays, 3.45-4.45pm @ Dorchester Middle School (boys years 4-8)

**Classics Choir** – Fridays 4-4.30pm @ The Thomas Hardy School (years 5-8)

**Harmony Pop Choir** – Various times/days/venues (years 5-13)

**Skylarks Choir** – Thursdays 3.45-4.45pm @ Manor Park First School (years 2-6)

**Percussion Ensemble** – Wednesdays 4-5pm @ Damers First School (years 4+)

**Guitar Ensemble** – Tuesdays 4-5pm @ The Thomas Hardy School (years 5+)