

I hope you all had a lovely summer. This term has got off to a flying start with many events in the pipeline.

We have three exciting events coming up this term; the THS Singers concert with Imperial College Symphony Orchestra in November (which is going to also involve many middle school students), our NEW DASP Music Young Musician of the Year Festival on 25<sup>th</sup> November and our Christmas Concert on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Our ensembles are all well under way for the term and we have record numbers of students now learning instruments across the DASP schools pyramid. All testaments to the support that parents and students give to help keep music education alive and well in this area!

Hanna Trevorrow  
DASP Music Coordinator



'Sing' Finale at DASP Music Summer Concert

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## News...

### **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Workshop**



On 25th June, 80 students from across DASP, aged 6-18, took part in a one-day workshop with members of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, conducted by their Young Conductor in Association, Victor Aviat. They worked on two pieces; Ride of the Valkyries and A Night on the Bare Mountain. These were then performed to parents at the end of the day. The day was a huge success and the children really gained from the experience of playing in such a large ensemble. Thank you to our own team of peris who also supported the students and to everyone who made the day possible.

### **DASP Summer Concert 2017**



Saturday 8th July, saw 250 students take part in the annual DASP Summer concert at the Weymouth Pavilion. The concert featured all of the DASP ensembles and also a large DASP Orchestra of over 100 students who played 'Ride of the Valkyries' and 'A Night on the Bare Mountain'. Other highlights included the Treblemakers boys' vocal group performing John Legend's 'All of Me', Harmony performing 'Joyful Joyful' from Sister Act and the DASP Youth Orchestra and Uke Troupe performing 'Mesame Mucho' by The Beatles. The finale of the concert was a large combined First Schools' Choir, accompanied by the Thomas Hardy School

Orchestra, who performed Gary Barlow's 'Sing'. Well done to all who took part! If you would like to be involved in next year's concert, please consider joining one of the DASP Music ensembles.

Photos and video of the Summer concert can be found under the Events tab of our website.

### **DASP Young Musician of the Year Festival**



Applications are now open for our new Young Musician Festival that we will be holding on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November. The Festival is open to all students of approximately grade 4 standard and above and will provide performance and feedback opportunities for students in a

friendly and supportive environment. Students will perform in classes during the day to the adjudicators and a small audience. Some students will then be invited back to perform at the festival evening concert, which will also feature a performance by the Thomas Hardye Concert Band. This is a great way to get solo performance experience, without the stress of it being in exam conditions!

The online application form can be found on our website and the closing date for applications is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. We are very much hoping that students will enjoy getting involved in this event and help to make this venture a success, which can then continue as a permanent feature of the DASP Music calendar.

## Colourstrings Music Classes underway



September saw the start of our new Colourstrings music sessions for Key Stage 1 children. These classes are taking place on a Wednesday from 4.30pm onwards at Damers school. Classes are taught by Jo Pires (BA Hons Music; PGCE; Trinity College of Music, London). Teaching is child-centred, building on each child's existing understanding. Children sing, listen & have fun in a warm & positive environment, barely aware of the enormous amount they are learning in a sensitive,

stimulating, structured & above all enjoyable way.

Classes cost £40 per term (10 sessions).

We still have places available, so please email us if you are interested in your child joining this group.

## Forthcoming Events...

11<sup>th</sup> November – Thomas Hardye Singers and Imperial College Orchestra Concert @ St Mary's Church Dorchester (involving middle school students too)

25<sup>th</sup> November – DASP Young Musician of the Year Festival @ THS Theatre

6<sup>th</sup> December – DASP Christmas Concert @ Thomas Hardye School (All DASP Ensembles)

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Yr 4 DASP Singing Concerts @ St Osmund's

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – DASP Music Summer Concert 2018 @ Weymouth Pavilion (All DASP Ensembles)

## DASP Jazz Band Gig

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, the DASP Jazz band, led by Mrs Lucy Hackett, did their first 'pub gig' at Tom Brown's in Dorchester. The band performed their complete set of pieces that they had worked on throughout the last two years. The performance included the students displaying skills in improvisation and some solo performances. They were supported by the DASP Guitar Group, who under the direction

of Mr Steve Wilson, performed two pieces brilliantly.

This is the first time that the DASP groups have performed in this sort of environment, and the feedback from both students and parents was very positive. Lookout for more gigs in the future! Special thanks to Lucy Hackett for organising it all.

## Singing Strategy Funding

Once again, we have been awarded funding from the Dorset Music Education Hub from the National Singing Strategy. Over the past few years we have done several projects with this money, including the ACM Gospel Choir workshop and the Musical Theatre workshop with professionals from London's West End.

This year, we are going to fund Steve Wilson to run rock band workshops at each of the three middle schools and fund two music specialists to spend some time at each of the first schools, primarily working with year 2 and year 4.

## DASP and Dippy!



We are really excited to announce that the DASP Youth Orchestra, THS students and Skylarks have been invited to perform at the 'grand opening' of Dippy the Dinosaur coming to Dorset County Museum. This will be a very prestigious event for our students to perform at and we are very excited! More to follow in our next newsletter....

## Thank you!

We are grateful to all of our supporters who have contributed to DASP Music financially or through giving their time over the past year. Many of the opportunities that we are able to provide to the young people in Dorchester and surrounding area would not be possible without your support.

This year, our fundraising is going to support the Young Musician Festival, the Year 4 concert, the various other singing strategy projects and all the DASP Ensembles. We are also aiming to run an orchestral workshop in the summer term (similar to in previous years) and to hold a Battle of the Bands aimed at middle school students.

If you think you might be interested in supporting us financially or through volunteering for us in the future, please get in touch. We are always on the look-out for people/businesses to sponsor events or volunteers to help with our ensembles (accompanying,

supporting students, helping to set up/pack away).

A huge thank you also, to our young DASP Music Mentors. These students attend ensembles every week to help to support younger students. If you think you might like to become a DASP Music Mentor in the future, please get in touch!

## Fundraising Committee

Would you have a little spare time to devote to DASP Music? We would like to create a new DASP Music fundraising committee made up of parent volunteers. The fundraising committee will be in charge of organising raffles and collections at events, and potentially organising other fundraising ventures to help us to continue to invest in new opportunities for the young musicians in our area. If you think you might like to get involved, please contact me at [htrevorrow@thomas-hardye.net](mailto:htrevorrow@thomas-hardye.net).

## Instruments for hire

DASP Music now has a small selection of instruments available to hire at very competitive prices. These instruments have been donated to DASP Music and then money raised through fundraising has been used to service the instruments to a playable standard.

If you are interested in hiring an instrument from us, please get in touch.

If you have old instruments lurking at home that you think might be better used by students within DASP Music, we would be very pleased to make use of them. Please spread the word!

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## DASP Music Ensembles – Join in September!

DASP Music runs the only weekly music centre for young musicians in West Dorset. We have 14 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? Even though term has now started, we are still keen to welcome new members to any of our groups.

### Wednesday 'Music Night'

3.30: **THS Uke Troupe**

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

5pm: **DASP Youth Orchestra** (grade 1+), **Uke Troupe Beginners** (suitable for complete beginners)

5.30pm: **Uke Troupe Intermediate**

6.15pm – 7pm: **Jazz Band** (grade 1+)

### Other Groups

**Treblemakers Boys Vocal Group** – Tuesdays, 3.45-4.45pm @ St Mary's First School (boys years 4-8)

**Skylarks Choir** – Thursdays 3.45-4.30pm @ Manor Park First School (years 2-6)

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



## **THOMAS HARDYE SINGERS**

with musicians from Dorchester,

St Osmund's and St Mary's Middle Schools

*Louise Wayman Martin Weston*

**Peter Oakes**

### **Bizet**

***Carmen*** *(excerpts)*

### **John Rutter**

***Mass of the Children***

### **Wagner**

***Overture Die Meistersinger***

### **Finzi**

***Lo, the Full, Final Sacrifice***

## **IMPERIAL COLLEGE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

## **RICHARD DICKINS**

### **SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

### **ST MARY'S DORCHESTER**

### **7.30pm**

£10 (£2 students) from

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Nicoll World Travel (263575)

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