

Welcome to the new academic year!

I'm very excited about the coming year as we have a lot of great events planned. We also have many new beginners starting instrumental lessons, including over 90 year 5s who are being funded to learn orchestral instruments through the Dorset Music Education Hub's Musicianship Programme and I very much hope that many of these will continue to engage in music in the future.

We had several large-scale events happen during the summer term including our first ever DASP Fest and the brilliant Apollo project and you can read more about these events below.

Here's to another great year of music making ahead!

Hanna Trevorrow  
Head of DASP Music

## DASP Music Fest 2019



On 29<sup>th</sup> June we held our first ever DASP Music Fest.

This all-day festival took place at The Thomas Hardy School and was held instead of our usual summer concert at the Weymouth Pavilion. We had around 700 people attend throughout the day and it was lovely to see people of all ages engaging with music. All of the DASP Ensembles performed, alongside various THS groups, Pop Club and many small groups and soloists. There were also several workshops for everyone to take part in including recorders, ukuleles, drumming and improvisation.

The Come and Try was a particular success with both children and adults trying a range of

instruments that they had not played before.

A highlight for me was watching the students performing on the Open Mic and Busking stages, where the children put together their own performances.

We have had very positive feedback and very much hope that this will be a biennial event.

Huge thank you to the whole team who were involved!

## DASP Music Young Musician Festival 2019

**23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019**

Entries are now open for this year's Young Musician Festival (now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year!).

For soloists of approximately grade 3 standard and above

Full details can be found on our website

[www.daspmusic.co.uk](http://www.daspmusic.co.uk)



Children from DASP singing live on BBC South Today under The Museum of the Moon

## Apollo – One Giant Leap!



The last weekend of the summer term saw several schools in DASP take part in the epic Apollo project at 'Moonbury Rings' which was organised by Dorchester Arts.

The culmination of this event was the performance of *Apollo- One Giant Leap*, a cantata written by local composer, Geof Edge, and performed by over 300 children and people from the local community. The children from DASP were led by a fantastic guest conductor, Alastair Malloy, who was a complete pleasure to work with, and accompanied by a superb orchestra of professional players from some of the UK's top orchestras.

Some DASP children were even filmed live on BBC South Today singing one of the pieces from the end performance.

In addition to the performance, there was also a brilliant science festival, cinema event and art made by all the Year 6's on display.

Many months of preparation went into this weekend and DASP Music was heavily involved from the start.

From February to July, Mrs Trevorrow and Mr Edge visited all of the middle schools to do singing workshops with all years, but with a focus on year 5, who were to eventually be invited to perform on the stage. During the summer term, Mr Bruton worked with the Thomas Hardy Singers on the cantata and this group were fundamental to the end performance.

During June, Mrs Trevorrow visited most of the first schools and delivered an Apollo assembly to each school, where she taught each school how to sing the 'anthem' from the cantata and also talked about the history of the Apollo 11 mission.

In early July, Mrs Trevorrow, Mr Bruton and Mr Trevorrow ran samba workshops with most year 9 classes in order that they could be invited to join a procession on the day of the performance.

As you are probably aware, the early part of weekend itself was hampered by torrential rain, which meant a last minute rescheduling of events. However, everybody worked together and the performance was rescheduled for the Sunday evening, and was a spectacularly fitting finale to the whole wonderful weekend of events.

A huge thank you to all who made this event possible – it will certainly be something that will be remembered for a long time to come!



### Smile.Amazon.co.uk

As you are probably aware, DASP Music has for the past few years used Easyfundraising.org.uk to help to raise funds. Many people have supported us by using this website to do their online shopping at no extra cost to them and we are extremely grateful for their support. If you have not signed up to support DASP Music through Easyfundraising.org.uk, please do consider doing so.

However, we have just realised that Easyfundraising no longer support purchases from Amazon as Amazon now have their own version. This is called Smile Amazon and DASP Music has just registered with them as a charity to support.

So if you shop at amazon, please consider visiting **smile.amazon.co.uk** before you make your purchases and choosing DASP Music as the charity to support. If you do this, Amazon will donate to us 0.05% of anything you buy at no extra cost to you! All monies raised go straight towards the various projects that we will be running throughout the year.

Thank you in advance!



## Bags of Help

Thank you to everyone who put their token in our pot in Tesco before the summer. We were thrilled to receive £1000 from Tesco which went towards sponsoring our DASP Music Fest and meant that it could be a free event for all to enjoy. Thank you!

### 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.uk or to smile.amazon.co.uk 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.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

- 5<sup>th</sup> October Creative Music Workshop  
with folk band *Gathering  
Tides* @ THS
- 16<sup>th</sup> November THS Singers and THS  
Orchestra Concert @ St  
Mary's Church
- 23<sup>rd</sup> November DASP Music Young  
Musician Festival 2019
- 4<sup>th</sup> December DASP Music Christmas  
Concert
- 19<sup>th</sup> December THS Carol Service @ St  
Peter's Church
- 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Mar DASP Year 4 Concerts
- 9<sup>th</sup> March Musical Theatre  
Workshop @ Weymouth  
Pavilion
- 14<sup>th</sup> March Dorset Chamber Orchestra  
'Music for Youth' Concert
- 27<sup>th</sup> March THS Music Dept Dinner  
Dance
- 29<sup>th</sup> June DASP Orchestral  
Workshop
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July DASP Pop/Rock Concert  
(tbc)
- 5<sup>th</sup> July DASP Summer Concert @  
Weymouth Pavilion

**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!

**Apollo 2019**