



WELCOME!

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter. We are very keen to develop our links with parents and ensure that you are in the best position to support your son or daughter with their learning. We want the time at Thomas Hardy to be as happy and successful as possible and to unlock the potential in every student.

Term has got off to an excellent start but I have already reminded Years 11, 12 and 13 that their year amounts to 30 school weeks! I am sure the message has not been lost on them and the need for everyone to hit the ground running.

Best wishes for the term ahead,

Mr. Foley

The school welcomes new members to the Leadership team this academic year. In this first edition, we introduce Mr. Darley and Mrs Morrison:



Mr. Darley

I have come from Corfe Hills School in Broadstone, Poole and have been teaching for 12 years. I have taught a range of subjects over the years but the focus has always been History and Politics. Away from school I am a keen Yeovil Town FC supporter and go to watch them whenever possible. I will watch and try to take part in nearly all sports and am keen to try new ones.



Mrs. Morrison

I have lived in Dorset for 20 years; moving from Glasgow to take up a position in Portland Naval Base as a Research Engineer after graduating from University. I made the career move into teaching in 1999, beginning my career in the classroom as a maths teacher before moving on to Head of Maths and then Assistant Headteacher earlier this year. I am looking forward to the challenges of the job and being

NEWS & VIEWS



Volunteers getting ready

LUNCH CLUB AT THE SCHOOL

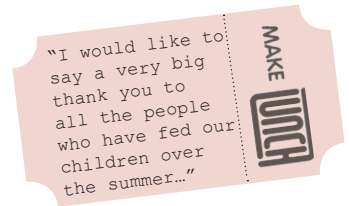
LUNCH is a national initiative intended to help communities to support some of the 3.8 million children who live in poverty in the UK. Many of these children receive free school meals which are a significant financial relief for families, as well as a good meal for the child. During term time this is a fantastic provision but there is still a gap; the long summer holiday means additional pressure on parents to provide food for their children.

Dorchester Lunch Club opened on 23 July and ran for the first 5 weeks of the summer holidays, in the Hardy Cafe at THS, by kind permission of Mr Foley. Children who are on the free school meals register and attend school in Dorchester were invited to attend via their school office. 22 children attended this summer for some or all of the sessions. 268 meals were served by a total of 22 volunteers. Money to pay for the meals was donated by the Dorchester churches and the Food Bank provided some tins and packets of food. Tesco donated £50 and their Community Champion volunteered in the kitchen and ran a fruit tasting session. The Club was a great success; parents were very pleased with the provision whilst the children enjoyed the food and meeting up with old and new friends.

For more information, visit

www.makelunch.org.uk

www.facebook.com/DorchesterLunchClub



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I recently scared myself to death by going para-gliding and the aim this year is to learn to scuba dive. I enjoy a lively debate and think that it is important to keep up-to-date with current affairs and take an interest in the world around us. Thomas Hardy School has been very welcoming and I am really looking forward to working with everyone over the coming months.

involved in the wider community of the school. I have one son, who attends St Osmund's school and therefore have both professional and personal interests in DASP. In my spare time I like to read and cook, and enjoy trying out new recipes on my friends. I also spend a lot of time sailing with my family but must confess to being a bit of a 'fair weather sailor'.

Keep your ears to the ground for news on development on the school's new e-learning platform, based on Frog software. Homework, resources and communication between home and school will become part of this learning portal in the future.

EDUCATION EXTRA SUMMER SCHOOL

On Monday 20th August 12 incoming Year 9 students joined us for our 3rd Summer School, with their parents and carers. The event was organised by several members of the Education Extra team, and run jointly this year with members of the Locality Team. The Summer School ran over three days, with the young people enjoying a variety of experiences, including an animation workshop, trying out the climbing wall and cooking pizzas and cakes. Members from Crossways Youth Club ran a session on team building, ensuring that the students have skills to support each other when they joined us in September.



still from Rocket animation

Having existing students involved in the Summer School, including several Year 12 IB students, meant that they were in a good position to be mentors for the new Year 9 students, and would be able to offer reassurance if necessary. The students left on the final day feeling more confident about the start of the new term, knowing some of the staff and where to go if they have any problems, ensuring a smooth start to the year.

Tickets are available free of charge from Reception for the **Community Lecture** on **24th September** 'What Happens When The Oil Runs Out'.



Bouncing for Borneo

In July 2013 fourteen Sixth Form students aim to travel to Borneo for a month to work as volunteers in some of the country's poorest areas. Their work will include vital tasks such as helping to build a kindergarten, installing gravity-fed water systems and planting tree nurseries to help local people become self-sufficient...

but they can only do this if they raise £60,000 between them. Since last September they have been working their socks off to raise the funds and an amazing array of activities have been taking place. These have ranged from cake stalls, craft shows and car washes to 25-mile hikes, fashion shows, sky dives and a 24-hour trampolining marathon.

The team has 8 months remaining to raise the rest of the money and they have their work cut out for them! Keep your eyes peeled for invitations to attend the various events they are planning. Miss Moran, trip organiser, will be running the New Forest Marathon on September 23rd to help the fundraising efforts.

If you'd like to sponsor Miss Moran, make a donation to the Team or be kept informed about upcoming events, please email Miss Moran on emoran@thomas-hardye.net

dates for your diary

WEDNESDAY 19TH

Year 9 Science Information Evening
THEATRE 5.00 PM - 6.00 PM

THURSDAY 20TH

Year 10 Science Information Evening
THEATRE 5.00 PM - 6.00 PM

CCF BBQ & Recruitment Evening

SIXTH FORM CENTRE 4.00 PM - 5.30 PM

FRIDAY 21ST

British Library Trip - English

SUNDAY 23RD

THS Singers Choral - Evensong
FRAMPTON 6.30 PM

MONDAY 24TH

Community Lecture -
What Happens When the Oil Runs Out?

PROFESSOR CHRIS RHODES
THEATRE 7.00 PM

TUESDAY 25TH

Army Music Day
THEATRE 8.30 AM - 4.00 PM

WEDNESDAY 26TH

Lion King Theatre Trip to Bristol

THURSDAY 27TH

Met Office Trip - Maths & Physics
YEARS 12 & 13

Governors' Meeting

Institute of Physics Lecture

THEATRE PERIOD 1 - 5

Year 9 Chamber Concert

MUI 7.00 PM

V & A Museum Trip - Product Design

YEARS 12 & 13

FRIDAY 28TH

London Trip - Art & Photography
YEAR 13 A LEVEL & IB

Mr. Orchard will be running in the Bupa Great South Run on the 28th October, raising money for The Stroke Association. Support Mr. Orchard's fundraising campaign at

www.justgiving.com/aorchard



Useful information and news about the Dorchester Area Schools Partnership (DASP) can be found at www.dasp.org.uk