



## WELCOME!

We had a record number of visitors attending our Sixth Form Convention, including over 350 students from other schools. It was an excellent evening and I was particularly pleased to see so many of our current sixth formers volunteering to act as guides. Thank you to everyone who attended and to staff and students for their fantastic contribution.

We are holding a programme of assemblies this week based around the theme of e-safety and the sensible use of social networking sites. The purpose has been to raise awareness of the power and the dangers of social networking with some sensible advice for safe usage. I am aware this is an area where parents often feel vulnerable because they don't have a full working knowledge of how these sites operate. It could easily form an agenda item for one of Dr Ennion's newly-formed parent focus groups.

This is the last newsletter before half-term so I would like to wish you and your family a pleasant break. It might be worth reminding students in Year 11 and the Sixth Form that this represents 25% of the school year!

Best wishes,

Mr. Foley

## HOCKEY SUCCESS

Tara Chittenden of Year 10 has been selected for the national High Performance Assessment camp (HiPAC) for hockey, a great achievement. Read more [here](#)

## SUPER SCIENCE

The Science Department has enjoyed a series of events this term, from a Fun Day at Sunninghill to lectures and trips. Find out more [here](#)



## NEWS & VIEWS

### INVITATION TO JOIN NEW PARENTS' FOCUS GROUP

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN SHAPING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING? Do you have ideas and views that you would like to share with us? Can you help us trial new initiatives? If so, why not join our new Parents' Focus Group?

The main aims of the Parents' Focus Group are to more fully account for parents' views in decision making, and to offer parents greater opportunity to become involved in their children's learning. We hope to place parents in an improved position to help their children

with school work, and to provide us with feedback on key issues such as how the school communicates with parents.

If you are willing to participate in surveys about new ideas and initiatives, to air your views about the school and how it operates and are able to attend meetings at the school (probably one per term) please complete and return the slip attached to the letter sent home to all students.

If you need a copy of the letter, please visit the website letters section [here](#). For more details, contact Dr. Ennion: [tennion@thomas-hardye.net](mailto:tennion@thomas-hardye.net)



### MEMBERSHIP OFFERS AT NEW POOL & GYM

The new £8m Dorchester Sports Centre is now open and has some great offers for students. The school and local community now have a fantastic 50-station fitness studio, dance studio, a six lane 25-metre swimming pool and a teaching pool.



Pool (top) and artist's impression of Fitness Studio

The student membership includes gym, swim, classes and racquet sports any time of the day and will cost, per month, £16 for students aged 12 – 17 and £20 for 18 – 23 year olds.

However, there are only 300 memberships available for students. Sixth formers are being offered the first opportunity to join, and have until 18th November to sign up. Other students will then be offered any remaining memberships.

A reduced rate joining fee of £12 will apply, which includes induction. For more information, swim timetables and class programmes go online at [www.1610.org.uk](http://www.1610.org.uk)

Tickets are available free of charge from Reception for the next **Community Lecture** on **12th November** 'Why the Anglo-Saxons Matter'

## GCSE MATHS EXAM

All Year 11 students will sit the Unit 2 Non-Calculator Paper on November 8th, which will make up a third of the final grade achieved. Parents are asked to reschedule any appointments students may have to avoid conflict with this important exam.

Maths clubs are held after school on every day except Tuesday. GCSE Maths Revision Guides and Workbooks are available at the discounted price of £2.75 each (RRP £5.95.) See Mrs Charlton in the Maths Workroom, any break or lunchtime

## school clubs

### YEAR 9 COOKERY CLUB

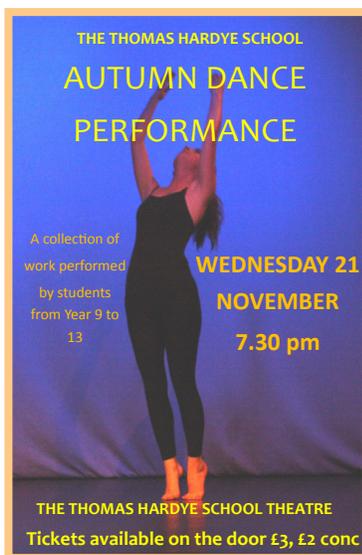
Cakes, cookies, pizzas & chocolate flavoured items - cooking for fun! Please see either Mrs Voss or Mrs Godwin to join.  
Mondays, 3.40 – 5.00 pm

## GOVERNOR UPDATE

The Governing Body welcome Andrew Orchard and Mike Faulkner as the new Staff Governors.

Voting forms for Parent-Governors will be sent out by pupil-post this week. Parents standing for election are Nicholas Heape, Wendy Holden, Roger Kirby, Christine Murray, and Carrie Ward.

Please return your vote by 3.30pm on **Monday 5th November**, details are on the form. Voting forms can also be requested from the Secretary to the Clerk: [rbird@thomas-hardye.net](mailto:rbird@thomas-hardye.net)



## dates for your diary

**FRIDAY 26TH**  
CCF Biennial

*November*  
**SATURDAY 3RD**  
THS Singers & Imperial College  
ST MARY'S CHURCH  
7.30PM

**MONDAY 5TH**  
Return to school after half-term holiday

**TUESDAY 6TH**  
Senior Maths Challenge  
THEATRE  
ALL DAY

**WEDNESDAY 7TH**  
THS Singers - Evensong  
BATH ABBEY  
5.30 PM

"The Runner" Theatre  
Studies Trip to Taunton

**THURSDAY 8TH**  
Unit 2 Maths Exam  
YEAR 11

Applied Science Trip  
YEAR 12

Matthew Bourne Dance  
Trip to Theatre Royal

**FRIDAY 9TH**  
Remembrance Day  
Service

**SUNDAY 11TH**  
CCF Remembrance  
Parade  
DORCHESTER

**MONDAY 12TH**  
Community Lecture -  
Why the Anglo-Saxons  
Matter  
DR RYAN LAVELLE  
THEATRE  
7.00 PM

Science & Pseudoscience  
Conference

YEAR 13 Reviews home  
this week

**TUESDAY 13TH**  
YEAR 8 Science Gifted  
& Talented Enrichment  
Morning

**THURSDAY 15TH**  
Comedy Club Episode  
PA1  
6.00 – 8.00 PM

**FRIDAY 16TH**  
Photography Trip  
to London  
YEAR 12

## SIXTH FORM - THE NEXT STEP

Year 11 students will receive application forms in the next couple of weeks and will need to spend time discussing options with their families, teachers and tutor. The deadline for applications is in the new year and this will follow a taster day of lessons in November. If anyone has any questions, please contact the Sixth Form team at [adminsixth@thomas-hardye.net](mailto:adminsixth@thomas-hardye.net)

## SCITT - WHAT IS IT?

School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) is a route which enables schools to play an integral role in training teachers for the local area. Dorset Teacher Training Partnership is a SCITT for Primary Years and Thomas Hardye School is the managing agent.

SCITT has been based at THS since August 2004 because of the ethos of

the school with regards to teacher training, and the resources that it can share (such as ICT support and the library). Centre-based modules are run from the Training Room and the staff team can be found in the little office nearby, if anyone would like to drop in and find out more. Recent graduates of the scheme can be seen on the website:

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

Mr. Williams will be running in the on the Great South Run on the 28th of October to raise money for the NSPCC. Help him reach his target of £250 by visiting [www.justgiving.com/PeteWilliamsGSR13](http://www.justgiving.com/PeteWilliamsGSR13)

## excellent work!

The school website has a gallery of exemplar students' work, showcasing the best of written and practical work. The most current project to feature is a set of animations created by students in Science. Take a look [here](#)