



WELCOME!

The recent publication of performance tables confirmed that the Sixth Form at Thomas Hardye is the top performing A Level provider in Dorset and in the top 10% of providers in the country. The local newspaper reported the fall in GCSE results across the county but failed to report that young people at Thomas Hardye made more progress than any other school in the county; in fact we were the only school in Dorset where students made significant progress and performed beyond expectation bearing in mind their starting point on entry to the school. This score – the so-called value-added figure – was higher than for 2011 despite the national debacle over English results last summer.

Last week three students were excluded from school for misuse of an illegal substance. Two of those students have now returned to school with a very clear understanding of our expectations. The misuse of drugs and illegal substances will not be tolerated. Anyone who supplies drugs, with or without money being exchanged, will face permanent exclusion and we will involve the police whenever we suspect illegal behaviour has taken place. There is no school in the country that does not have to face this problem at some time, but I am sure parents will appreciate the clarity of our policy and the robust action we have taken.

Finally, congratulations to our cross-country runners. Tara Chittenden, Amy Buttle, Elizabeth Fernley and Sophie Easterbrooke helped us to win the County Shield while Ben Westhenry and Chris Perrin enabled the boys to go one better by winning the South-West of England championships. Well done!

Best wishes,

Mr. Foley



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NEWS & VIEWS



CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

LAST MONTH AT THE KINGS PARK IN BOURNEMOUTH, THE INTER GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY SQUAD FROM THOMAS HARDYE SCHOOL WON THE SCHOOLS CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The students were **Amy Buttle, Elizabeth Fernley, Tara Chittenden** and **Sophie Easterbrook**. This win meant they were able to compete in the Inter Counties championships in Bristol last weekend, where they did exceptionally well. Amy, Elizabeth and Sophie earned places in the top 30 runners and Tara came a creditable 7th.

Sports Teacher Mr Bendall, stated that "This is the most successful Cross-Country squad the school have ever had." Senior boys team members, **Ben Westhenry** and **Chris Perham** of Year 13 have also achieved at a very high level: read more [here](#)



HARDYE MIXED SALON EXHIBITION

The Art and Photography Departments have selected work from throughout current year groups to display in the School Gallery Space as part of our Mixed Salon Exhibition, until **28th February**. Showing a range of techniques, subject matter and different approaches, it is an opportunity for students from all year groups to see their work displayed together and to encourage students in Year 9 to consider taking GCSE Art & Design.

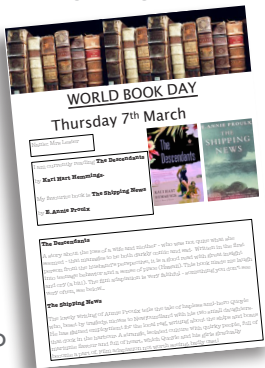
Opportunity for all parents of Year 11 students.

**YEAR 11 EXAM PREPARATION:
PARENTS' SUPPORT EVENING
Thursday 7th March
6.00 pm at Thomas Hardye School**

Find out what YOU can do to help your child with their exam revision. This session will offer practical ideas and tips that will place you, as a parent, in a strong position to support your child during this very important time. There will be an informal presentation, guidance material to take away and a chance to put questions to members of the teaching staff, including the Year 11 team.

If you wish to confirm a place at this event, please complete the reply slip [here](#) and return it to school by **Friday 15th February**. Alternatively, please email tennion@thomas-hardye.net or phone **01305 266064**

World Book Day is on **March 7th** and the English Department has a range of events planned. All staff have been asked to contribute by nominating their favourite book, or the book they are currently reading, alongside images, a review or a synopsis if desired. This information will then be displayed on laminated cards around the school, so that students can see the range of books staff enjoy reading!

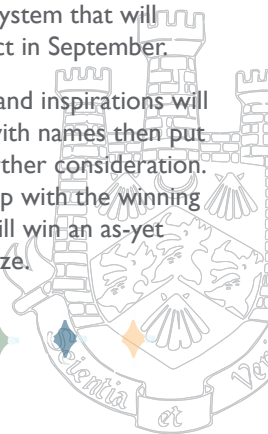


www.worldbookday.com

COLLEGE NAMES COMPETITION

This week, lower school students were asked to stretch their creative muscle in order to suggest names for the four Colleges for the collegiate system that will come into effect in September.

Themes, ideas and inspirations will be discussed, with names then put forward for further consideration. The tutor group with the winning combination will win an as-yet undisclosed prize.



Science Talking Point

Engage in scientific argument with your child!

Does big science like the 'Large Hadron Collider' and 'Mars Rover' make economic sense or is it a distraction?

Find resources and inspiration online: discovery and newscientist

NEWSFLASH!

Eight Year 12 & 13 students studying Health & Social Care took part in a national event on Friday 1st February called Dignity in Action day. The day aims to bring young and old people together. Some of the students took part in the event last year. They returned to Castle View Care home in Poundbury to spend the afternoon with the residents in the day room, where they talked or took part in activities such as nail painting or hand massage. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all. Thanks to Sue Goodwin who organises activities for the care home.

Girls' PE continues to thrive at the school, with the U16 team reaching the semi-finals and U14 team reaching the quarter-finals in the FA County Cup. Both are hoping to progress onto victory – well done girls! Netball has also seen success with the year 9 A and B teams beating Milton Abbey 27-7 in an exciting and dominant display.



GOLF CLUB BUSINESS INSIGHT

On Tuesday 29th January 2013, Matthew Staveley, General Manager of the Came Down Golf Club kindly agreed to speak to Year 11 Business Studies students in preparation for their controlled assessment investigation. The focus of the presentation was an examination of the costs incurred and the sources of revenue for the Club. The students will be required to recommend alternative and appropriate ways in which the business can increase its profits in the future. A big thank you to Mr Staveley for visiting us and supporting the students in this way.

dates for your diary

FRIDAY 8TH
"Little Shop of Horrors"
THEATRE
7.00 PM

SATURDAY 9TH
"Little Shop of Horrors"
THEATRE
7.00 PM

CCF Ten Tors Dartmoor Training Weekend

MONDAY 11TH
AS and A2 Dance Sharing
PA1
6.30 PM

Trip to EADS Astrium
MATHS & PHYSICS / YR 12

TUESDAY 12TH
Year 11 Subject Consultation Evening

Year 10 PSHCE
Solomon Theatre Co
THEATRE
P 1-5

WEDNESDAY 13TH
Year 9 Options Evening

Darwin Day
THEATRE
ALL DAY

THURSDAY 14TH
Russia Trip Departs
RETURNS 20TH FEB

FRIDAY 15TH
Ski Trip Departs
RETURNS 23TH FEB

HALF-TERM
3.30 PM

SATURDAY 16TH
Florida Trip Departs
RETURNS 23RD FEB

Monday 25th
RETURN AFTER HALF-TERM

Community Lecture
SOLAR MAX
DR. LUCIE GREEN
THEATRE
7.00 PM

THURSDAY 28TH
Year 9 Subject Consultation Evening

AS Music Pre-Recital Concert,
MUSEUM
LUNCHTIME

Art Foundation Application Deadline

March
SATURDAY 2ND
Weymouth Music Festival
WEY VALLEY SCHOOL

CCF Ten Tors Dartmoor Training Weekend

TH Singers & Imperial College
CADOGAN HALL
LONDON
7.30 PM

MONDAY 4TH
Year 12 Reviews home this week

TUESDAY 5TH
Year 9 Subject Consultation Evening

WEDNESDAY 6TH
GCSE Dance Exam
PA1
ALL DAY

THURSDAY 7TH
Results Day
JANUARY EXAMS

Year 10 PSHCE
THEATRE
P 1-5

AS Recital Evening
MUSEUM
6.00 PM

Gifted & Talented Enrichment
SCIENCE / Yr 8
Laboratory

FRIDAY 8TH
Trip to London Galleries
PHOTOGRAPHY & ART
YEAR 13

