



WELCOME!

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the second term in the school year. The period since half-term has been particularly intensive for students and staff as deadlines for coursework and preparation for examinations reaches the final stages. I am heartened to walk around the school most evenings and see so much activity – revision sessions, sports clubs, music rehearsals, fixtures and one-to-one support. Thank you to all the staff who put so much effort and hard work into these activities.

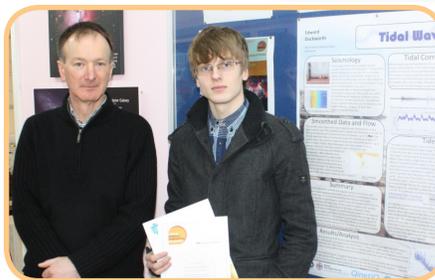
I thoroughly enjoyed the Spring Concert in the theatre last week. The quality of the performances was excellent with a range and breadth of music that most schools would find difficult to match. The DASP music programme is inclusive offering students of all abilities an opportunity to perform and that was evident on the evening from the numbers taking part.

Finally, our best wishes to Mr Dellar who leaves us at the end of term to take up his new post as Deputy Headteacher at King Edward VI School in Southampton.

Enjoy the Easter break,

Mr. Foley

NEWS & VIEWS



SCIENCE ENGINEERING WEEK GOES WITH A BANG

The school had a very busy time celebrating **National Science Engineering Week**, with a great range of events, visits and achievements. A Café Sci was held at Dorchester Arts Centre, presented by former Astronomer Royal, Professor Sir Arnold Wolfendale FRS, and a successful Science Family Fun Day was arranged at St Osmund's Middle School by DASP schools.

Edward Duckworth, mentored by Jim Nicholson from QinetiQ, *see above*, won the Institute of Physics prize for his Gold CREST Award project on Tidal Waves, developed in Earthquake Club.

Students showcased all the innovative work being carried out by the THS Stem Clubs at the **Big Bang Fair** in London, whilst a Key Stage 4 trip was

made to another Big Bang exhibit at the University of Southampton.

Year 9 students visited Peninsula Medical School to carry out forensic investigations in the Men in White initiative. In school, a "Meet the Engineers" event was held within lessons for Years 9 and 10. To top it all off, sixth form geographers worked with Professor Chris Rhodes and visited an Anaerobic Digester for a Sustainability Case Study.



BBC SCHOOL REPORT

Last week, a team of Year 9 English students and Miss Sainsbury were able to work with the BBC to create seven news stories for the **BBC School Report**. They interviewed several sixth formers, students, teachers and sporting stars. All interviewees were incredibly helpful with their excellent feedback during the day-long session.

"We have really enjoyed the experience and have learnt lots of new skills when creating and filming a News Report, courtesy of the BBC."

The students were very lucky to have help all through the day from ex-THS student Ian Moss; now an assistant editor with BBC TV Sport in Salford. He was able to provide professional advice to the reporters on structuring their story and improving presenting styles. See more online [here](#).

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? Would you like to help us trial new initiatives? If so, why not join our Parents' Focus Group?

The Parents' Focus Group meets twice per term, usually on Wednesdays or Thursdays at 6.00 pm. The meetings are very informal and a great opportunity to find out about what's been going on at the school. The group has been the inspiration behind several ideas, such as the new **Letters Home** page on the school website, the production of revision support resources and the development of a new app for parents.

Contact Dr Tim Ennion at tennion@thomas-hardye.net for further details, or attend the next meeting on:
Thursday 9th May at 6.00pm in the **Library Resources Centre**.

eco uniform

The Eco Schools Used Uniform Sales welcomes donations of any school uniform that is no longer required. For each piece of uniform donated, students will receive an entry ticket into a draw to win an Amazon voucher.

Please could students bring any donations of used uniform which is in good, clean condition to Mrs Charlton in the Maths Department, and in return they will receive their tickets for the draw.

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SCIENCE REVISION

All Year 10 and 11 students will soon be given science revision booklets containing exam questions with markschemes. Please encourage your child to use these as part of his/her active revision! All Year 10 students will be sitting three GCSE exams in the summer: B1, C1 and P1, which comprise their CORE science GCSE.

SELF DEFENCE CLASSES

The martial art **Korean Hapkido** is an eclectic combination of many styles for the development of a healthy mind and body in terms of aerobic fitness, flexibility, self-esteem and, of course, being able to look after yourself.

Classes are open to all above the age of 16 years and are held in a safe and friendly atmosphere, with due regard for martial arts etiquette, which is paramount for safe practice. Tuition is from black-belt instructors, both male and female, all with 10 - 25 years' teaching experience. A FREE first lesson is available, where you can join in straight away or just watch.

For further details contact
Master Rick Lee 5th Dan
inthapkido@btinternet.com
or rlee@thomas-hardye.net

**New Sports Hall
Activities Studio PE3
Monday & Wednesday evenings
7.00 pm - 8.30 pm**

Classes start after Easter Break: 15th April



SIXTH FORM FRENCH EXCHANGE

Year 12 French students have come back from Bayeux in Normandy with great memories of their French host families, as well as cultural visits to Bayeux, Caen and a day in Paris. More information and photos to follow soon on the school website. Thank you to all for taking part and keeping the exchange alive!

NUMBER-CRUNCHING KNOWLEDGE

On Wednesday 13th March, the school hosted an event in association with the Further Maths Support Programme. Two Year 10 teams of our best Mathematicians competed against 13 teams from other schools in the area. Competition was tough, with a variety of rounds including multi-choice, a learned round, in which they had to learn the modulus function (from the A Level syllabus!) and a carousel round, where questions were swapped between the team every 5 minutes. One of Thomas Hardye's teams came 6th and the other team came joint 1st, which means that they qualify to go through to the next round in Exeter on 1st May. Congratulations to **Lucy Harron, Tom Gilbert, Alex Albon and James Cartwright.**

a question of science?

If the government taxed CO2 usage per household to tackle climate change, what would you sacrifice and what would you consider spending on? Find evidence and ideas in these BBC links [here](#) and [here](#).

dates for your diary

THURSDAY 28TH

Y10 Easter Music Revue

THEATRE

Y9 P4 Y10 P5

TERM ENDS

3.30 PM

SATURDAY 30TH

CCF Ten Tors Dartmoor

Training Weekend

April

TUESDAY 2ND

CCF Easter Adventure

Training Camp departs

ALL CADETS

RETURNS **5TH**

WEDNESDAY 10TH

Geography Trip to Sicily

YEAR 11

RETURNS **15th**

TERM BEGINS

MONDAY 15TH

TUESDAY 16TH

Year 13 Preparation

for HE

COMMON ROOM

FROM 6.30 PM

WEDNESDAY 17TH

Oxbridge Conference

THEATRE

ALL DAY

THE SCHOOL CALENDAR CAN
BE FOUND ONLINE [here](#)

PARENTS OF YEAR 11 STUDENTS

There is now a new **Parents' Advice** page on the school website, full of resources and links to help students through their exams. Topics covered include how to support your child with their exam preparation, a Revision Skills presentation by Dr Tim Ennion a Parents' Advice booklet from the Year 11 Consultation Evenings, and how to support your child's literacy skills, plus useful links. Find this new page [here](#) on the website.

NEWSFLASH!

The great endeavours of the committed and enthusiastic **Food & Nutrition** students continue apace: savour further details of Year 10 student **Lucy King's** success in progressing to the finals of the Yes Chef competition [here](#).

The Thomas Hardye Singers visited the Cadogan Hall, London where they had been invited to sing with Imperial College Symphony Orchestra and Choir. Learning the intense 'The Bells' by Rachmaninov was a Cyrillic challenge for all. Read more online.