



WELCOME!

The exam season is upon us and I would like to begin by wishing all students our very best wishes for success this summer. The exam period is busier than normal because of the government decision to abandon a January entry; it means the exam team have had a more difficult job managing 'clashes' and administering several large examinations on the same day. The process has become increasingly complex and we are very appreciative of the job they do to ensure everything runs as smoothly as possible.

We continue to look for different ways to engage with you and to support you in your role as parents. On Monday 7th July, we will be holding a drugs information evening at 6.00pm in the theatre and on Thursday 10th July there is a chance to find out more about social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter. The session is titled, 'Keeping up with our Kids' Technology' and will take place in the Library between 6.00-7.00pm. There will be an opportunity to talk to the Dorset Safer Schools and Communities Team about safe use of technology at home and there will be tips for managing your child's screen time.

Looking to improve our own technology and find better ways to communicate with parents is also a priority. From September, we will be able to offer all parents your own space on the school network with free remote access; more information to follow.

Unbelievably, we are about to enter the last half-term of the school year. I wish you a very pleasant bank holiday.

Mike Foley

HEADTEACHER

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Would you like to receive this newsletter by email?

Please contact admin@thomas-hardye.net



MOCK EURO ELECTIONS

763 STUDENTS FROM ALL YEARS CAST THEIR VOTES IN THE FIRST THOMAS HARDYE SCHOOL MOCK EUROPEAN ELECTION.

The results were as follows: Conservatives 95 (13%), Green Party 351 (47%), Labour Party 86 (11%), Liberal Democrats 45 (6%) and UKIP 172 (23%).

As the European Election uses a proportional voting system our results if replicated across the South West region (made up of 6 Members of the European Parliament) would have seen the Green Party gain 4 MEPs, UKIP 1 MEP, the Conservatives 1 MEP and Labour and the Liberal Democrats none.

Read more online [here](#)



ELLA PALLISTER MEMORIAL HOCKEY MATCH

Sixth Formers have raised £214.75 through a charity hockey match and cake sales. The weather held off and allowed for a fast-paced and energetic game. The Year 13 team beat the Year 12 team 1-0, with some inspirational play from both sides.

The funds raised will go towards the Ella Pallister Memorial Fund (Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance and Wessex Neurological Unit at Southampton Hospital). Thank you to all who took part.

DYSLEXIA ACTION IN SCHOOL

The School were recently lucky enough to have a day with Neil MacKay (see below) of Action Dyslexia. He spent the morning working with TAs and the afternoon with parents and students. He also gave a presentation in the evening to a full house of teachers and parents. Everyone agreed that his input was both challenging and exciting. The day was organised by Thomas Hardy Ed Extra and Bournemouth University.



HENNING PLASTIC BOTTLE APPEAL

Henning Environment Group are collecting 2ltr clear/green plastic bottles (not crushed and with the label removed) for Year 3 at Damers First School, for a school greenhouse in their garden. The deadline for collection is **10th July** - please bring any bottles to **Miss Bowley in A7**.

COLLEGE RESULTS

Over the last term, the College competitions have really got into full swing. Colleges compete in four areas: accumulating tokens for excellent work & effort; a tutor group quiz every Friday morning; debates held by Years 9 and 10, and a football competition with in each year group. It has made for a very busy, competitive term.

Stratford led with the most tokens awarded over the term, followed by Henning. Napier's Year 10 students did very well in the quiz results. In the football matches, Napier were again winners with superb performances from Year 10 and 11 boys and Year 9 girls.

Finally, in the debates, Stratford were victorious in Year 9 and Henning in Year 10. With all the points added and verified by an independent adjudicator, the overall college champions of the Spring term were.... Stratford.



HISTORY TRIP TO BERLIN

Just before Easter, the History department took 48 Year 11 and 13 students on a five day, action packed trip to Berlin. Students visited numerous museums and all the key sites including the Reichstag Dome, Brandenburg Gate, Sachsenhausen concentration camp and also the Stasi Prison and East Side gallery, in what was the former GDR. Students had a fantastic time and it was a great opportunity for them to immerse themselves in the history of this dynamic and awe-inspiring city.

key dates

SUMMER & AUTUMN TERMS 2014

half-term: MONDAY 26TH - FRIDAY 31ST MAY

end of term: FRIDAY 18TH JULY

start of Autumn Term:

YEAR 12 ENROLMENT MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER
YEARS 9 & 12 WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER
YEARS 10,11 & 13 THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

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

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Congratulations to the U19 Football Team for winning the County Cup Final. They beat Queen Elizabeth's Wimborne 2-1.

Well done also to the U16s who retained the Area Cup for a third successive year. They beat Wey Valley 3-0.

YEAR 9 HISTORICAL FICTION COMPETITION WINNERS

Three winning Year 9 History students have been chosen to submit their stories about the First World War to a national competition organised by the Historical Association. The students were **Oliver Walden** (9EW), **Harry Arnold** (9MP) and **Felicity Cox** (9GO). Very well done to all involved, as the quality of the stories produced was truly outstanding.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club met last week to discuss 'A Tale for the Time Being' by Ruth Ozeki. Reviews and opinions were very mixed, with a few members still finishing off the book.

The next theme is Afghanistan, with the chosen book **'The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul'** by Deborah Rodriguez. The next Book Club is **Tuesday 8th July at 6pm**. There will be a 'field trip' for this meeting, venue to be agreed nearer the time! New members are always welcome: if you would like any more information, please contact

GEOGRAPHERS OUT AND ABOUT

The Spring Term was a busy time for the Geography department with Year 9 students going on a two-day trip to London, Year 10 visiting West Bay to complete some fieldwork for their controlled assessment and Year 12 investigating how the characteristics of the River Char varied along its course.

In London, Year 9 had a tour of the Olympic park and made a short video about how the legacy of the games had affected on the city. They also went on a ride on the Eye and made a visit to the Natural History museum.

Year 10 have investigated how West Bay is being protected from the threat of coastal erosion and flooding; particularly topical given the storms that have battered the coast during the winter. The trips were a great success, allowing students to see first-hand how the theory they had been learning in the classroom applied in the real world.