

Hermes

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'ere we go again!



**Head Boy, Head Girl and
Sports Captains**

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome to the first Hermes of the term. I hope you have all enjoyed the warmest of summers; one to match that of 1976 for those of you who can cast your mind back that far.

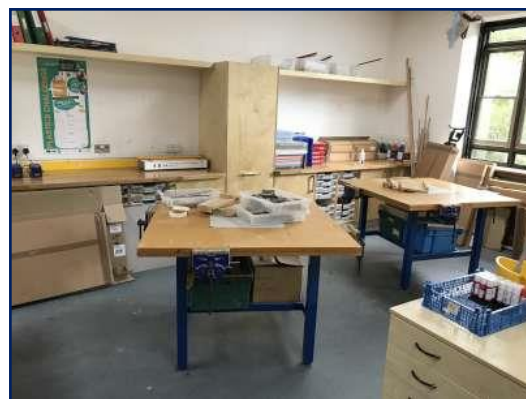
With just a couple of days to report on, you'd think news would be short on the ground and the column count low, but none of it.

One of my favourite events of the summer is always the Dorset County Show. It really is a fabulous day out if you have never been. Jo and I are always eager to see the many competitions entered by our children. Congratulations to all who did so well.

Our three new members of staff seemed to have really enjoyed themselves in their first few days.

We have welcomed Mr Stephen Yates to teach DT and have spent the summer

refurbishing the Art room to include a whole section for DT. Stephen brings with him a wealth of experience that I know will inspire our children. I have been planning for the introduction of DT for several years' now. It is a unique subject in that it marries creative thought, with maths and science all wrapped up in the practical rather than written.



Miss Danielle Haslewood joins the foundation stage as a senior manager and has a wealth of experiences in local nurseries. She is young and dynamic and a great edition to Nikki's team. Her arrival has coincided with our new piece of adventure apparatus in the EYFS area. We officially opened it yesterday and it has been met with rave reviews by all those who has clambered along it.





sure they are all happy and that their parents are kept informed of their progress.

My favourite sound bite was sent to me last night by a parent.

I quote:

“Dear Mr Thorpe, I thought you’d like to know that when I picked X up today and asked her how her day was (at 7am she was saying she didn’t want to go to school!) she exclaimed that her day was “simply the best” and that she LOVED being back. Thank you!”

It has also been lovely to receive so many supportive comments for Mr Stazicker. We personally and professionally miss him very much.



Miss Lauren Sewed (daughter of Nancy) has joined us during her gap year having just achieved some superb “A” level results. She is working as a 1:1 Learning Assistant and also as a games coach.

I welcomed these staff in our first assembly of the year, though the news that the boy’s toilet had been refurbished received the loudest cheer of the gathering (as it did quite surprisingly at Speech day). The class reps will be eager to see the “fruits of their labour” when we first meet on 4th October at 8.30 am.

Mrs Sewed has had a very busy first few days in post as the new Deputy Head Academic, though she has been preparing for the term ahead for what seems like most of the holidays. With timetables and teacher absence one of her key challenges, she has been very busy, especially with Form 7 setting off to France next week. Please do remember that Nancy oversees academic tracking and progress and is always available should you have any concerns that you would like to discuss.



We also welcomed new children right across the school and they all did remarkably well on their first day. Mandy has been very busy making

Homework diaries also falls under the jurisdiction of the DHA. I think we all agree that there is room for improvement in how, when and why this important diary is kept. We are determined to make sure more clear information is written down daily. Please could I ask for your support in making sure

you sign the diary every week and write a comment as and when required.

Not satisfied with all this, Nancy has also volunteered to be one of two new staff reps on the PTFA, alongside the lovely Mrs Thorpe. All we need now is a Chairperson to replace Lynn Strover and we have a full house.

As you will see from the diary of events for next week, there is a PTFA planning meeting next Thursday 13th September at 6pm in school. If you are a new parent who'd like to be involved, please do come and join us. It's great fun and very sociable!

Mr Adams has taken on the mantle of Director of Studies. His first "piece of homework" in the shape of curriculum maps will be reaching you shortly. He'll still be organising clubs and activities too, not to mention keeping a sharp eye on planning across the school.



Mrs Fernley and Mrs Smith are also beginning a new challenge. They are going to produce a highly professional yearbook which will be ready for next year's Speech Day, including contributions from every class and department. More on this as the year speeds by.

Whilst welcoming new pupils it has also been fantastic to hear about how well former pupils have been doing. You can read an update in our "Alumni" section later on in this edition. For all those former parents who still enjoy reading Hermes, please do

keep in touch with us about what your children are doing.

Finally, Lydia and I have been busy very preparing a whole year calendar that will be published at the beginning of next week. One of our aims this year is to be much more accurate with the information we supply to you. We are also very keen to make sure you have as much notice as possible for events that you might want to attend.

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Alumni



A former pupil on his first day at Senior School!

It is always satisfying to hear how our ex pupils have been getting on at their senior schools and now that the summers results have come through we can also celebrate and share in their success.

Gabriella Bailey (Hardye's) has been accepted to read English at New College, Oxford and she will be joining her sister Natasha who is also at Oxford. Having achieved a First in History, Natasha went on to complete an MA and she is now studying for a PhD.

Max Easterbrook (Hardye's) has graduated from the University of Vancouver where he also did a History degree. Anton Schwarz

(Poole Grammar) is doing an MA in Artificial Intelligence while Roger Vanburgh (Hardye's) who studied Russian and French at UCL will be doing an MA at Manchester University in conference interpreting. Eleanor Stewart-Dodd (Leweston) is studying Drama, also at Manchester. Marcus Evans (Hardye's) has returned from a year in Canada learning to be a ski instructor. He now picks up the chartered surveying course he was doing at Bristol. Skiing's loss is clearly chartered surveying's gain.

Kiyani Shah (Hardye's) is going to Exeter to study Economics while Katie Ninham will be studying Physics at Durham. Her twin sister, Ellie is deferring for a year but with 3 A**s there are bound to be plenty of offers! Both Katie and Ellie went to Hardye's.

Angharad Riddoch (Hardye's) is at Nottingham studying Theology and her brother Jamie (also Hardye's) is at Birmingham studying music. Jamie sang at the Proms this year in a performance of Beethoven's ninth symphony. Until recently he played Tuba in the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain. He started playing in Year 5 here at SPS.

In addition, we can further congratulate Gabriella and Kiyani both of whom had their art work accepted to the Royal Academy 'A' Level summer exhibition. From over 2100 entries, 43 were selected which includes 9 from The Thomas Hardye School.

This year Hardye's had 11 students who were successful in gaining entry to Oxbridge and 6 students have gained places to read Medicine.

We congratulate them all, not forgetting of course their teachers and parents.

Music News

Music Clubs will start in Week 3 alongside all other school clubs.

Associated Board of Music Exam Results 2017-18

Katy	Violin	Prep Test
Kitty	Piano	Prep Test
Lydia	Piano	Prep Test
Arthur	Piano	Prep Test
Carolina	Violin	Prep Test
Aaron	Piano	Prep Test
Neve	Violin	Prep Test
Eleni	Piano	Grade 1 Distinction
Hannah	Piano	Grade 1 Merit
Poppy	Singing	Grade 1 Distinction
Gethyn	Singing	Grade 1 Distinction
Joshua	Clarinet	Grade 1
Theo	Saxophone	Grade 1
Giselle	Guitar	Grade 1 Merit
Freya	Singing	Grade 1
Polina	Violin	Grade 2 Merit
Dominic	Piano	Grade 2
Poppy	Flute	Grade 2 Merit
Verity	Singing	Grade 2 Merit
Harri	Piano	Grade 2
Erin	Piano	Grade 2 Merit
Popp	Piano	Grade 3
Orlando	Clarinet	Grade 3 Distinction
Nathan	Singing	Grade 3
Khalid	Singing	Grade 3
Gemma	Singing	Grade 3
Lily	Clarinet	Grade 4
Erin	Clarinet	Grade 4 Merit
Dylan	Piano	Grade 4
Khalid	Saxophone	Grade 4
Joseph	Singing	Grade 5 Merit
Orlando	Piano	Grade 5 Distinction
Erin	Flute	Grade 6
Olivia	French Horn	Grade 6 Merit
Erin	Theory	Grade 5
Joseph	Theory	Grade 5 Merit

Olivia Theory Grade 5
Khalid Theory Grade 5

Trinity College of Music

Nathan Rock and Pop Grade 4
Merit

Well done everyone!

Sports News

We have one match next week on Wednesday. Please remember to check the Sports Fixtures and Team Sheets which are posted onto the Portal every week.

Form 8 Responsibilities for the Autumn Term

Head Boy Lawrence
Head Girl Verity
Sports Captains Amalia & Nathan

Prefects:

ICT Lawrence and Olivia
Art Jessie
M&D Clara and Lily B
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Weekly Diary

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	10th	Form 7 French trip departs 6.15 am
		Form 2 Brownsea Island trip
	12th	Girls U13 Hockey v The Park (H) 3.00 pm
		Girls U11 & U10 Hockey Practice - Milton Abbey
		Boys Form 6 - 8 Inter House Football (H)
	13th	Rec - Form 4 Swimming
		Form 1 Dorchester trip
		PTFA Planning Meeting 6.00 pm @ SPS
	14th	Paramedic Assembly. All parents welcome 8.30 am
		<i>Please let Megan know if you are coming for breakfast</i>
		French trip returns 11.00 pm
	LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	
		Music Timetable - Week 2
		Sports Fixtures
		Welcome letter from the Head
Fledglings		No letters
Nursery		No letters
Reception		No letters
Form 1		No letters
Form 2		Brownsea Island
Form 3		No letters
Form 4		Welcome to Form 4
Form 5		After School Sailing
Form 6		After School Sailing
Form 7		After School Sailing/French trip details
Form 8		After School Sailing