

Well what a term we have had, getting used to this “new normal”! We are very proud that we have facilitated the majority of music lessons to take place back within the schools and that we have also been able to offer most of our ensembles this term, both in the flesh and online. We are obviously sad that we have not been able to have any of our usual performances this term, but are looking forward to seeing the result of our “virtual” Christmas Concert which is in the pipeline – more on that later!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff who have found new ways of working, which have enabled the students to have some sense of continuity with their music making over the last few months and also to all of the schools who have worked hard to allow music lessons to continue with minimal disruption, whilst maintaining our COVID-secure protocols.

We can only hope that during the spring term we start to return to something that looks a little bit more like normality!

Wishing you all a very peaceful, happy and healthy Christmas period.

Hanna Trevorrow
Head of DASP Music

Music Lessons



We are pleased that the majority of instrumental and vocal lessons have been able to resume in schools for at least some of this term. Lots of the peripatetic teachers are also offering online provision and accessing lessons in this way seems to be working well in the majority of cases.

We are now reaching a point where we really feel that we are in a position to start to welcome some new starters to begin learning instruments with us, and as such, are soon to release a series of information films for the

first schools to share with students, to encourage the children to think about learning an instrument in the future. These, along with lots of other information about learning an instrument with DASP Music, can all be found on our website. If someone you know might be keen to start learning, please do get in touch and talk to us about how we could help.

www.daspmusic.co.uk



DASP Ensembles



It was so exciting back in October to see the resumption of our DASP Ensembles and to hear the students making music together in the flesh after such a long time. Whilst we had to make quite a few changes to the way the ensembles operated and the types of ensembles on offer, we were pleased that they all seemed to be working well. Unfortunately, due to “Lockdown 2” it didn’t last long and we had to move all of our ensemble provision online via zoom from November onwards. Whilst this is obviously not as satisfying as playing with each other in “real life”, it has still felt like the ensembles are playing

together and has allowed the students to keep in touch with each other and have some fun with their instruments.

We are very much hoping that the ensembles will resume in person from January onwards and we would very much welcome new starters at this point. So if your child might be interested in joining us, please do get in touch!

DASP Virtual Christmas Concert



It is a sad fact that we are obviously unable to hold our usual annual DASP Christmas concert this year. However, we very much didn't want to miss the opportunity to share the work that our students have been doing over the past few months and wanted to spread a little Christmas cheer.

So our 'virtual' Christmas concert will hopefully be released on Friday 11th December. Please do tune in and watch the fantastic performances that we are putting together!

Instrument Demos



This year, we have had fewer children choosing to start to learn an instrument. As a result, we are just about to launch a series of online videos where various members of the DASP Music team demonstrate the various instruments that are on offer to learn in the DASP schools. If you know someone who might be keen to get started, this will give a great insight into the different instruments available.

They can be found here:

<http://www.daspmusic.co.uk/instruments.html>

Singing with Mrs Trevorrow



In order to assist the children in KS2 with their curriculum music lessons this term, Mrs Trevorow has been providing a weekly singing video for teachers to play to their class. Each video has a quick warm up and a new song, sometimes with harmonies. Have a look at the Singing page in the Projects section of our website if you'd like to have a go at home!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES – 2020-2021

Here are our plans for this academic year to date. Obviously these might change as circumstances change!:

11 th December 2020	Release of 'Virtual' Christmas Concert online
March 2021	Year 4 'Virtual' Concert – all details tbc!
1 st July 2021	DASP Pop/Rock Concert @ Thomas Hardye 6 th Form Centre, 6pm. (involving DASP Jazz Band, all DASP ukulele groups, St Mary's Rock Group, DASP Guitars)
4 th July 2021	DASP Summer Concert @ Weymouth Pavilion, 3pm (involving all other DASP Ensembles not performing on 1 st July, plus various other groups).