



# The Thomas Hardy School

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Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Hopefully you will already be aware that we are holding a major fund-raising event here at the Thomas Hardy School on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

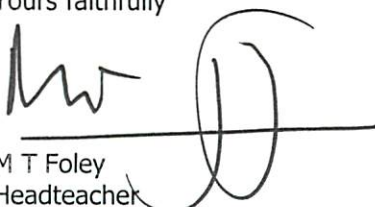
The black-tie dinner is being held to celebrate and raise funds for the new 'Hardye Rooms' dining facilities, currently being built and due for completion in June. Last year we won a bid for just over £2m to fund the project which will offer the school amazing new facilities. The seating capacity will double, there will be an outdoor balcony area and two performing arts studios for dance and drama. It will also be available to the wider community for use as a functions and conference facility, raising income for the school through lettings.

The dinner will be the first opportunity to show off the new facilities and also to raise much needed funds. Whilst we are very fortunate to secure the £2m bid, this has only covered the building works and not the furnishings or the outdoor areas. We estimate the costs for this to be in the region of £80,000. As you are no doubt aware, funding for education since 2010 has been dire but we continue to provide the best possible education in Dorchester with the support of our school community.

I hope this is an event you feel able to support in one way or another. We would be delighted to see you on the evening and you can buy tickets via the main school reception. There will be live music provided by The Overtures – who played at Elton John's wedding – and a disco provided by Kieran Williams, famous for his evening show on Wessex FM. Why not get a group together to form a table? If you are unable to make it, you may want to make a simple donation which can be done through Parent Pay or by sending in a cheque made payable to The Thomas Hardy School. Alternatively, we are looking for auction prizes that money can't buy which might be a trip, a sporting occasion, a holiday or even the offer of specialist skills. We are open to offers so please contact us at [lcheney@thomas-hardye.net](mailto:lcheney@thomas-hardye.net) with any suggestions

Thank you for your time and consideration and let me know if you have any queries. I hope I will see as many of you as possible on 6<sup>th</sup> July for a truly wonderful celebration.

Yours faithfully

  
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