



# Information 2023 - 2024

# SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023 - 2024

The School Calendar will be sent to parents/guardians (via students) at the beginning of the Autumn term and will indicate other important dates such as when to expect school reports and reviews, examination dates, parent consultation evenings, after-school productions, field trip dates, and so on. *The School actively discourages parents from taking students on holiday during term time and will not approve such absences except in exceptional circumstances. Your child must always obtain a signed Leave of Absence form from the College leader. Unapproved absence will be recorded as 'unauthorised'.*

## AUTUMN TERM 2023

<i>sixth form enrolment:</i>	Thursday 31st August
<i>open for staff training only:</i>	Friday 1st September
<i>term starts:</i>	
Years 9 & 12	Monday 4th September
Years 10, 11 & 13	Tuesday 5th September
<i>open for staff training only:</i>	Friday 20th October
<i>half-term:</i>	Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October
<i>open for staff training only:</i>	Monday 30th October
<i>term ends:</i>	Friday 15th December

## SPRING TERM 2024

<i>term starts:</i>	Tuesday 2nd January
<i>open for staff training only:</i>	Friday 9th February
<i>half-term:</i>	Monday 12th - Friday 16th February
<i>term ends:</i>	Thursday 28th March

## SUMMER TERM 2024

<i>term starts:</i>	Monday 15th April
<i>bank holiday:</i>	Monday 6th May
<i>half-term:</i>	Monday 27th – Friday 31st May
<i>term ends:</i>	Friday 19th July

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# THE SCHOOL DAY 2023 - 2024

The school runs a fortnightly timetable. The chart opposite shows the pattern of the school day. Students should arrive at school on time and report to the school office if late. Those who are regularly late must expect that time lost will have to be made up later. Punctuality is an essential part of the education of every student.



## START OF SCHOOL DAY

8.50	Move to tutor bases for morning registration
8.55	Start of tutor time or assembly
9.10	Move to Lesson 1
9.15	Lesson 1 starts
10.15	Lesson 1 ends
10.20	Lesson 2 starts
11.20	Lesson 2 ends
	<b>BREAK</b>
11.37	Move to Lesson 3
11.40	Lesson 3 starts
12.40	Lesson 3 ends
	End of morning school: <b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
13.20	Afternoon registration
13.25	Lesson 4 starts
14.25	Lesson 4 ends
14.30	Lesson 5 starts
15.30	Lesson 5 ends

## END OF SCHOOL DAY

# THE CURRICULUM

## YEAR 9

The Year 9 curriculum reflects the excellent work done within our Middle Schools and throughout the Dorchester Area Schools Partnership. The curriculum offers work and challenges relevant to students' abilities and learning styles, following the completion of Key Stage 3 programmes in Year 8. Continuity and progression of learning and teaching from the Middle Schools is essential: all areas of the curriculum have Key Stage 3 links, and College leaders have close contact with the Middle Schools to aid transition.

### Subjects Studied in Year 9:

*Art and Design*

*Design and Technology*

*Drama*

*English Language*

*English Literature*

*Geography*

*History*

*Information & Communication Technology - ICT*

*Mathematics*

*Modern Foreign Languages*

*Music*

*Personal, Social, Health & Citizenship Education -*

*PSHCE*

*Physical Education*

*Science*

*Theology and Ethics*

In Year 9, the focus of Careers Education is on their GCSE option choices.

Students are introduced to our in-house careers service and on-line support service in order to provide the information, advice and support needed.

## YEARS 10 & 11

The curriculum offers each student a broad and balanced education while encouraging individual interests. The school believes that all students should experience a wide and varied programme.

The compulsory curriculum includes:

*English*

*English Literature*

*Mathematics*

*Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE)*

*Physical Education*

*Science*

*Modern Foreign Language*

*Design and Technology*

*one choice from:*

*Systems and Control, Food, Graphic Products, Resistant Materials, Textiles*

Students choose two other GCSEs from:

*Art and Design*

*Business Studies*

*Computing*

*Dance*

*Drama*

*Geography*

*Health and Social Care*

*ICT*

*History*

*Modern Foreign Language*

*Music*

*Physical Education*

The school also provides vocational courses for selected students. Students in Year 10 take part in Work-Related Learning days, whilst Year 11 students have sessions focusing on post-16 options. Students have the opportunity to meet with local businesses and links with industry and commerce are encouraged throughout the curriculum.

# UNIFORM

School uniform develops a feeling of self-esteem among students and does much to eliminate feelings of inequality as well as projecting a positive image for the school. The principles of the school uniform are smart, professional and understated. All students (other than the Sixth Form) will wear the items of dress set out below.

The school asks for your co-operation to ensure that your child always comes to school wearing correct school uniform. If for any reason this is not possible, please write a note to your child's tutor.

All students in the lower school have a locker for bags and coats.

## DRESS COMMON TO ALL:

- Blazer – black with the school crest blazer badge
- Shirt or blouse – white, of sufficient length to be tucked in
- Tie – clip-on only, the correct colour for your child's year group:  
**Year 9: blue**   **Year 10: red**   **Year 11: silver**  
Ties are available to purchase from the School Office
- Jumper or Cardigan – v-neck, black, standard waist length
- Skirt or trousers – mid-grey trousers or mid-grey pleated skirt, unrolled, unaltered and of an appropriate length
- Tights – black or natural tights, not patterned
- Socks - dark colour with no patterns or designs
- Shoes – black school shoes, they must be leather/leather look/polishable. Boots, suede or canvas or shoes with prominent or coloured logos are not permitted. Please see the school website for examples of acceptable/unacceptable shoes - this is not an exhaustive list.



## SPORTS AND PE

- THS Sports Top - blue and grey
- Sports Socks – black
- PE top – white t-shirt
- Sports shorts, skirt or leggings – black only

Students may wear one pair (only) of discreet earrings and a wrist watch. Other body piercings or visible jewellery are not allowed for any students. Flamboyant or extreme hair colours and hairstyles are not acceptable. Make-up or nail varnish, if worn should be discreet. False nails are not permitted

Students may wear coats on the way to and from school, and during break and lunch if the weather is inclement. Coats may not be worn between or in lessons. Students may wear less formal outdoor wear, such as hooded tops, on the way to and from school, but must store them in their locker upon arrival at school, and may not wear them during the school day, including break or lunch.

## NON-UNIFORM ITEMS

If a student arrives at school in non-uniform items, parents may be contacted and the student sent home **to change, this includes:** *denim or leather clothing; black trousers or skirts; leggings or jeans; t-shirts with logos worn under shirts or blouses; training/canvas shoes and soft shoes with logos.*

Parents should contact the School Office if they have any questions about personal appearance, hairstyles or uniform **BEFORE** purchase.



# EXAM RESULTS 2022

<b>4 or above</b> <i>inc. English &amp; Maths</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>5 or above</b> <i>inc. English &amp; Maths</i>
75%	Thomas Hardye	54%
69%	Local Authority	45%
69%	England	50%

<b>PROGRESS 8*</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>ATTAINMENT 8</b>
+ 0.19	Thomas Hardye	51.5
- 0.09	Local Authority	47.9
- 0.01	England	48.8

\*Progress 8 is a measure of how much progress students make from the beginning of Year 7 to when they complete their exams at the end of Year 11.

<b>EBacc 4 or above</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>EBacc 5 or above</b>
41%	Thomas Hardye	32%
24%	Local Authority	18%
27%	England	20%

# STAFF LIST

Headteacher:	Mr N St J F Rutherford		
Deputy Headteachers:	Mr I Cornell		
Assistant Headteachers:	Mr T Hardinge	Year 9	
	Mrs R Glennie	Year 10	
	Mrs L Morrison	Year 11	
	Mr J Dean	Pastoral Lead	
	Mrs C Noble	SEN	
	Mr R Nicholls	Sixth Form	
Business Manager	Mrs A Bendall		
Heads of Sixth Form	Mr C Hall	Year 12	
	Mr M Bewley	Year 13	

## YEAR 9

## YEAR 10

## YEAR 11

Head of Year:	Mr S Graham	Mrs G Bunker	Mr E Long
Deputy Head of Year:	Mrs S Hedgecox Mrs M McNulty Mr A Sammons	Miss L Bowley Miss H Burton	Miss A Williams Mr G Davis
Guidance Leader:	Mr C Kelly	Miss J Gosling	Mrs J Neesam

A list of teaching staff can be found on the website.

## SUBJECT CO-ORDINATORS

Mrs A Davies	Art & Design	Mr G Hughes	PE
Miss G Higgins	Drama	Mrs G Allner	Business Studies
Mr B Trevorrow	Music	Mrs J Josic	Law
Ms E N'Cube	Dance	Mrs S Hedgecox	Sociology
Mr S Patel	Design and Technology	Miss K Loveless	Psychology
Mr R Davison	Modern Foreign Languages	Mr F Price	ICT
Mr S Walker	Science	Miss C Tanner	Maths
Mrs D King	English	Mrs C Roper-Brown	History
Mrs D Samways	Theology & Ethics	Mrs N Bramley	Geography

SEN/Education for Everyone Coordinator:  
Headteacher's PA:

Miss H Rowden  
Mrs A Pullen



# THE GOVERNORS

The Governors of Thomas Hardy School are:

## CO-OPTED GOVERNOR

Mr Anthony Moore (Chair)

Mr Alan Trowbridge

Mrs Hilary Over

Mr Nick Thornley

## FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

Mr Ross Cumber

Prof Hugh Griffiths

## TEACHER GOVERNOR

Mr Matt Bewley

## SUPPORT STAFF GOVERNOR

Mr Mike Faulkner

## PARENT GOVERNORS

Dr Rachel Turberville-Smith

Ms Joanna Stoker

Mr David Price

## HEADTEACHER

Mr Nicholas Rutherford

## CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS:

Mrs V Smyth

# SCHOOL POLICIES

## ADMISSIONS TO THE SCHOOL

Students are admitted to the Thomas Hardye School in accordance with the Governing Body's Policy for Admissions.

At present the school is significantly over-subscribed. If you wish your child to be considered for admission please contact the Headteacher.

A full copy of the School's Admissions Policy can be found on the school website.

## OPEN EVENINGS

These are held in the summer term for all parents of students in Year 8 moving up to the school in September. Their child will visit the school in the summer term to meet their new tutor and members of their tutor group and to experience lessons for a day. This helps them to become familiar with the school before joining later in the year.

## POLICY INFORMATION

Copies of all school policies can be found on the Thomas Hardye School website.

# PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

The School believes in a well-organised community, emphasising a positive atmosphere based on care, courtesy, common sense and self-discipline. Respect for each other is expected from everyone and bad language is not acceptable at any time. No one should ever seek to hurt another or misuse or damage their belongings.

## REWARDS

Personal achievement is the best way to develop responsibility. High quality work, helpful service to the school community and excellent attendance are recognised and rewarded by special postcards home, merit cards and ties.

Outstanding work is recorded in the Book of Excellence and the student receives a personal letter of commendation from the Headteacher.

## LEAVING THE PREMISES

A student needing to leave the premises during the day must bring a note from their parents or guardian informing their tutor. The tutor will then authorise a pass. The student must always report to the School Reception with the pass to sign out and in.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A parent must complete a Leave of Absence form from the student's College leader. The school does not approve holidays taken during term time and absence will be "unauthorised".

## VALUABLES

Students are advised not to bring valuable items onto the school premises. The school accepts no responsibility for their loss or damage.

## MOBILE PHONES

Students should not use their mobile phones or other mobile devices in school without permission from a member of staff. Parents will be asked to collect the device from the School Reception if permission has not been obtained. Urgent calls may be made by students from the School Office on request. Examination Boards will disqualify any student if they are found to have a mobile phone in their possession during an examination.

# CONTACT INFORMATION

THE THOMAS HARDYE SCHOOL | QUEENS AVENUE | DORCHESTER | DT1 2ET

HEADTEACHER: Mr N. St J. F. Rutherford

TEL: 01305 266064

[www.thomas-hardye.net](http://www.thomas-hardye.net)

## Year 9

Head of Year:

Mr S Graham

Mrs G Bunker

Deputy Head of Year:

Mrs S Hedgecox

Miss L Bowley

Mrs M McNulty

Miss H Burton

Mr A Sammons

Guidance Leader:

Mrs C Kelly

Miss J Gosling

## Year 11

Head of Year:

Mr E Long

Deputy Head of Year:

Miss A Williams

Mr G Davis

Guidance Leader:

Mrs J Neesam

Attendance  
for all year groups:

Mrs A Taylor  
01305 266064 ext: 211





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