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Dear Parent / Carer

Thank you to so many parents and carers for attending our recent Year 11 Information Evening. I hope you have had time since, to read through the information given, which we sent out to parents recently. This link will also remain on the Year 11 letters section of the Midhurst Rother College website for you to refer to over the coming months, as a lot of information on our timeline for the year is contained there.

Year 11 is always an intense, busy year for all involved and we have high expectations of our students. For them to earn GCSE grades they can be proud of, there is a lot of work to do. As explained at the Information Evening, we are challenging our Year 11 students this year to earn their invitation to Prom 2024. Prom will take place on Thursday 4 July 2023 at Old Thorns Hotel, Liphook. Attending prom is a privilege. This event is an opportunity to reward hard work at school and celebrate the bonds of mutual respect and friendship formed over the last five years together.

We want to encourage all the students to adopt successful work habits and fulfil their potential next summer. We are therefore running a points system to reward students who do the right things every day. In brief, positive points are earned for attendance, punctuality, completing homework and working well in school. Arbor feeds our "Passport to Prom" totaliser with all the data we need each week, to see who is most deserving of an invitation to prom, or even better, a discounted ticket. Passport to Prom does not factor in current or predicted grades, so please be assured that students of all academic abilities can earn an invitation to Prom, if they are putting in the effort required.

Students lose "Passport to Prom" points when they are absent from school, late to lessons, missing homework or making poor choices regarding behaviour and uniform. We have 215 students in the cohort and our booking with Old Thorns for 4 July is currently for 160 students. This is a group size we may increase if we have many more than 160 students with excellent scores in the new year.

To secure our venue we ask that parents pay a £10 deposit as soon as possible. The overall ticket cost will be £57 to include a soft drink, two-course meal and entertainments. Once the deposit has been paid, we ask that the final balance is settled no later than Wednesday 17 April. This works out at under £10 per month if you wish to pay in instalments. **Deposits paid are refundable in the unlikely event that your child scores insufficient Passport to Prom points to attend the evening.**



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To pay for the prom via Arbor, go to “The Shop” on your homepage [Midhurst Rother College \(arbor.sc\)](https://www.arbor.sc). We have also attached a guide for you on paying online using Arbor. If you require support with the online process, please contact Hannah Clayton or Nicola Robson in our finance department at finance@mrc-academy.org. If you do not have access to the internet, please make cheques payable to “Midhurst Rother College”.

Over the course of this academic year, we will regularly update students about their scores on the Passport to Prom totaliser. We hope this process will prove very motivating, and of course we look forward to celebrating with our students at Prom next July.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F Lunskey'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'F' and a long, sweeping underline.

Mrs F Lunskey
Assistant Principal Raising Standards

Finding Shop items

Sometimes you will be invited to purchase equipment, or asked to top up your child's printing account or to pay for Food Technology ingredients or to purchase school production tickets etc.

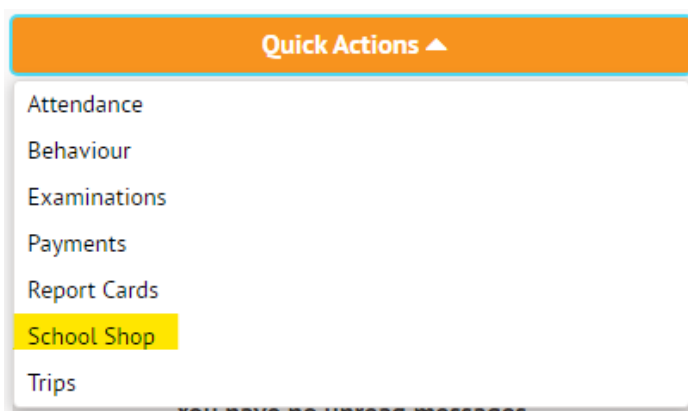
You can do this as follows:

Go to Arbor [Midhurst Rother College \(arbor.sc\)](http://Midhurst Rother College (arbor.sc))

Sign it to the Parent Portal (see Arbor Parent Portal Login Guide).

Click 'Quick Actions'

Click 'School Shop'



Here you will see all the shop items accessible to you and your child.

Click on the item you need. Here you can purchase the product you require.

Arbor>Quick Actions>School Shop

OR

Go to Arbor [Midhurst Rother College \(arbor.sc\)](http://Midhurst Rother College (arbor.sc))

Sign it to the Parent Portal (see Arbor Parent Portal Login Guide).

Scroll to the bottom of the page.

In the 'School Shop' section, click (student's name): School Shop Products

Here you will see all the shop items accessible to you and your child.

Click on the item you need. Here you can purchase the product you require.

Arbor>School Shop>School Shop Products