

28 August 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Class of 2025

We write to welcome you and your child to the start of an important and challenging academic year ahead. We hope everyone has had the chance to relax and re-charge their batteries over the summer break. We look forward to seeing all Midhurst Rother College students on Wednesday 4 September to begin the new term. Mr Lamb will be the first point of contact regarding any wellbeing issues whilst I will assist parents and students with any academic queries or concerns. Please go through this checklist below with your son/daughter at home, to ensure a calm and organised start.

- It is useful to review Year 10 progress, by rechecking the July report on Arbor. Students can address gaps in knowledge this term or speak to staff next week if they are concerned about some subjects.
- Homework has been set to help students consolidate skills and content learned in Year 10 and prepare for Year 11. Students will make better progress and enjoy their learning more this year if they refresh their memories by doing the summer work we have set. Golden Tickets will be awarded in September for good work.
- Students can see their Autumn 1 tutor group on Arbor. They will have normal tutor time with a Year 11 tutor team member and two masterclasses per week. After reviewing progress in late October, we will change students around to new tutor groups and masterclasses for November and December.
- We are introducing a prefect system at MRC. Students will hear more about these roles and be invited to apply for them between 5 and 13 September.
- You are invited to two evenings in College, face-to-face, this half term. The first event helps everyone understand this year and make the most of it; this is the Year 11 Information Evening on Monday 16 September at 6pm. The rhythm and pace of Year 11 is quite different from the students' first four years here. The second event motivates students to work hard this year but concerns their future. This is the MRC Sixth Form Options Evening where students and families learn more about life in Sixth Form and the courses on offer. This is held at 6.30pm on Thursday 10 October.
- Mr Lamb, Mr Van Hoek and I expect Year 11 students to accompany us on a visit to a further or higher education college or university. We will soon invite students to join us on a Saturday in October to visit Reading, Bath or Southampton. These days out will be fun as well as very informative. With their friends, students will have the chance to find out lots about degree courses before visiting a new city for some free time there and/or a bowling trip. Details and a link for booking will soon be shared.

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We thank you in advance for supporting your son/daughter through the challenges ahead and look forward to working with you throughout. Together, we can ensure the students are happy and successful in their GCSE exams next summer.

Yours sincerely

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