

MIDHURST MATTERS



Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 16 December		
Tuesday 17 December	8,10,11 All	Carol services at Midhurst Church Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 18 December	7,9,12,13	Carol services at Midhurst Church
Thursday 19 December	7	Grammar stream trip to Chichester Planetarium
Friday 20 December	All	Last day of term

Austen	Kipling	Tennyson	Woolf
83,273 (12,638)	99,262 (18,908)	94,199 (15,379)	100,718 (17,726)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have one more week until the end of this term. The time seems to have gone by very quickly. The students have been great this term, they don't all get everything right all the time (no one does), but I do see them in lessons every day working hard. I also see a great many strong friendships and relationships between students both in and outside of lessons and I like the noise, chatter and laughter that I hear at break and lunch. It is a privilege to work with your children.

Next week, we have our Christmas carol concerts at the Church – a tradition that goes back a very long way at this school. This will be the first time for our Year 7 students as they continue to represent the school. Tuesday is also our Christmas lunch in school and I know many students are looking forward to that.

I would like to wish you all a very peaceful Christmas holiday and a very happy New Year. Term finishes on Friday 20 December at the normal time of 1.40. Term starts for students at 8.25 on 8 January 2025.

Best wishes.

Stuart Edwards
Principal

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES!

Sixth Form and Staff Karaoke



This week our Sixth Form Charities team hosted a Christmas themed Karaoke event for the school! Featuring performances from Sixth Form students and teachers alike, this truly was a special and memorable event! Particular highlights were performances from Mr Burton and Dr Brown with "I'm dreaming of a White Christmas" and the finale in which all performers joined together in a unique rendition of Let



It Go from Frozen, featuring Head Boy Monty dressed as Santa! Many thanks to everyone involved with organising, performing and everyone who filled the hall for this festive fun!



Year 7 Events

Since the beginning of the school year, we have been running a series of events and activities for Year 7 to help their transition into secondary school. These events featured a Year Half Championship, in which year halves X and Y battled for points through dodgeball, a pedathlon, a 100m sprint, a quiz, crash mat sliding and finally party games which featured a very competitive game of musical chairs! In the end the X half of the year came out on top, with 164 points to 114. Thank you to our Sixth Form house leaders for your help and everyone who took part over the past 2 and a half months! **Lyra Hunt**



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COLLEGE NOTICES

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tuesday 16 December

The annual MRC Christmas Lunch will take place on Tuesday. Students can purchase the festive lunch for £2.52 via their fingerprint at the canteen. If your child receives Free School Meals they will be able to choose this option.



Year 10 Pantomimes

**Jack and the Beanstalk
& Snow White**
on Monday 16 December
and
**Beauty and the Beast
& Peter Pan**
on Thursday 19 December
at 6pm in the Theatre

Admission Free to all

The poster features a large green beanstalk on the left, a golden candelabra on the right, and illustrations of Snow White, the three dwarfs, and Peter Pan at the bottom.

MRC COMMUNITY DAY 2025- SAVE THE DATE

Attention all local businesses, agencies and groups!

The Midhurst Rother College Community Day 2025 will be held on Saturday 26 April from 10am-2pm.

It's a great event where we open up the College to demonstrate what our community has on offer and for you to advertise your wares and also grab a few sales too. Stalls are free of charge to all.

If you would like a space at the event please use this link to express interest:

[MRC Community Day -Expression of Interest](#)



DEPARTMENT NEWS

ART DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Christmas Bauble Competition

The ADT department were thrilled to receive so many lovely Christmas decorations for the Bauble competition. We had entries from year 7-10 students who created incredible designs. We had biscuits, feathers, sequins and wool. Beautiful Christmas houses and snowmen, reindeer, and trees. These baubles will now hang pride of place on our school Christmas tree for the whole MRC community to enjoy.



GCSE and A Level Fine Art/Textiles/Technology/Photography Coursework and externally set assignments 2024

A reminder that all coursework is available for collection between 31 October 2024 - 14 February 2025 - after this date we cannot guarantee storage of the work. Please email tracey.bedford@mrc-academy.org to arrange collection.

MATHS DEPARTMENT

Celebrating Success

Last week in the Mathematics department we celebrated the success of pupils online learning with a cinema afternoon in our Theatre.

122 students were rewarded with some chocolates and a viewing of the film Trolls.

Next week we have our Christmas Sparx cinema reward for pupils that have gone above and beyond with completing Sparx maths homework.

Students that have completed all 3 sections of the online learning in mathematics before Sunday the 15 December will secure their place for this reward.

It was lovely to see so many pupils hard work rewarded and we look forward to celebrating with various other events planned at the end of each half term.



PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

Rotary Young Photographer Competition now open!

Theme: 'Wonderful Water'

Who: two categories; Intermediate (Year 7, 8 and 9) and Senior (Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form)

What: submit **one** image with a brief sentence describing the relationship of the photograph to the theme.

How: submissions using the MS Forms link (sent via email)

When: entry by Monday 10th January 2024

Good luck!



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

English Campaign

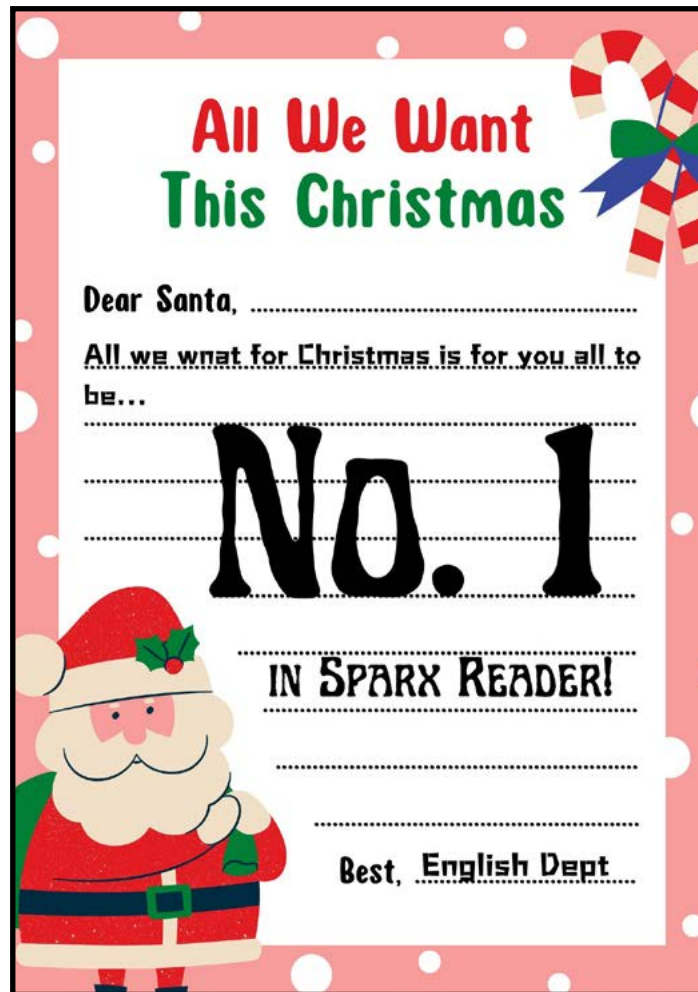
ALL WE WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS FOR YOU ALL TO BE NUMBER ONE...in Sparx Reader!

UPDATE! We have moved up from 6th place last week to 4th place this week... It's happening we are making it happen!

Any support needed in the next two weeks, please see Ms. Evans in T202 every morning 08:00 to 08:25 or in T107 every lunchtime.

Do you have a favourite book or genre that you enjoy reading? Tell us all about it, we can give you 'Gold Reader'.

Ms Evans



**NOW LET'S GET
READING AND HIT
No.1!**



DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Pantomime Rehearsals In Full Swing

Pantomime season has definitely arrived in the Drama corridor. Students are busy with rehearsals perfecting their parts for the performances next week. Admission is free so come along to kickstart your festive season!



PE DEPARTMENT

Football and Netball Update

A busy week for our girls here at MRC. The under 14s girls Football team showed some great teamwork and resilience in their tournament. The in-house 'Little League' Netball tournament fixture was won by a strong Kipling side.

Well done girls!



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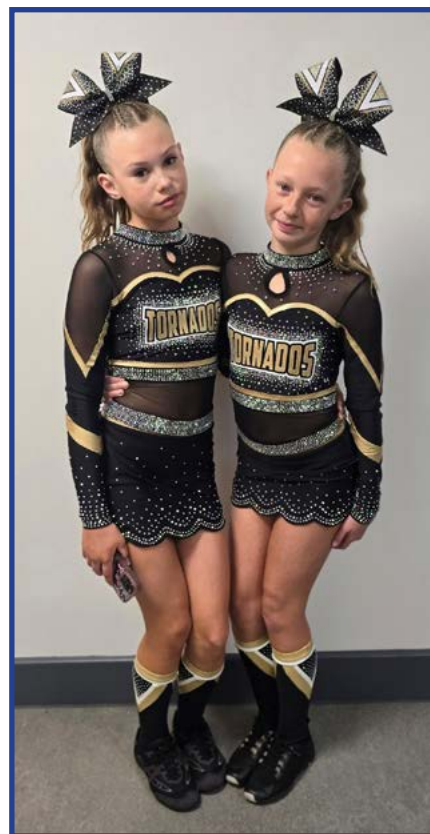
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Cheerleading

Coco P in year 7 competed in the Future Cheer Winter Wonderland competition in Colchester, Essex at the weekend for Sussex Tornados Cheerleaders.

The teams that competed came home with a 1st, 3rd and 2 x 4th places. It was the first competition of the season and we look forward to more in 2025. The Team's head coach was stopped by a director of Future Cheer and said 'that our athletes and coaches are always a pleasure to work with'.

Well done Coco and team!



Superb Achievement by Former MRC Student

A former MRC student has been named as Police Officer of the Year in the Sussex Police Chief Constable's Annual Awards.

In a recent copy of Sussex Police News, it was reported that PC Josh Funnell based in West Sussex division has made an incredible 173 arrests in 12 months. He puts in hundreds of hours of additional work a year into Sussex Police, volunteering his own time on operations and deployments which show his commitment to the organisation and his drive to help victims of crime and catch criminals.

Nominating Josh for the award, Police Sergeant George Powell said: "He is a high achieving and highly respected Police Officer across West Sussex. PC Funnell balances pro-active and reactive policing giving him the capability to deliver outstanding victim service promptly and target offenders. He is an example of an exceptional constable who is a role model to his colleagues and regularly helps with their development. He takes officers under his wing, which allows his approach to policing to be absorbed by others."

Staff who knew him during his time at MRC remember his early ambition to join the police force and were delighted to hear this fabulous news.



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SIXTH FORM

Year 12 students will be revising for their internal exams that take place during the first week of December – data from this will inform their TP1 grade - good luck!

Year 13 students will be ensuring that they submit their UCAS applications – final UCAS deadline of 29 January 2025.

Undergraduate Open Days

[UCAS All About Open Days](#)

[UCAS Virtual Tours](#)

[UCAS Discovery Events](#) - Research your options, meet uni's, colleges and employers face-to-face, and get your questions answered at UCAS events, and uni open days.

[Anglia Ruskin University Cambridge](#) – 23 November 2024.

[The Engineering and Design Institute London](#) – 18 January 2025.

[Bath Spa University](#) - 30th November 2024.

[University of Law](#) (London Bloomsbury Campus) – 4 December 2024.

Opportunities and Work Experience

[Durham University](#) – Subject Taster Days. Teaching staff from a range of subject departments will be running online taster lectures from November 2022-January 2023. These sessions are designed to give you a taste of what it would be like to study at Durham.

[Next Step York](#) – For Year 12 students interested in applying to York – deadline for new student applications is Friday 6 December at 9am.

[ROUTE TO RURAL CALENDAR](#) - The Central Association for Agricultural Valuers.

[Channel 4 Virtual Work Experience](#) - In this 3 step programme Channel 4 will introduce you to real careers and real people as you learn more about what goes into the thriving creative industry that you see around you. You'll be set real world challenges, discover what could be your creative career match and get insider information from current Channel 4 Employees on what makes for a successful creative career.

[Channel Talent](#) - Range of online subject tasters.

[STEM](#) work experience available from a variety of companies through SpringPod.

[RSPB Photography Competition](#) - The theme of the 2024 Royal Society of Biology Photography

[Competition is Transforming Life](#) - The 2024 competition is now open to entries between 14 March and 20 June 2024.

[From classroom to courtroom](#): building a bright future in law From courtroom advocacy to corporate law, public service and beyond, discover how a legal education can shape a bright future for you.

Unifrog Webinar - Wednesday 27 November at 16:30.

[Shape your Future](#): achieving success with a career in tech - Want to explore exciting developments in the world of technology and find out how you can get involved after you graduate? This webinar from Liverpool John Moores University will focus on careers in AI, robotics and advanced manufacturing.

Wednesday 4 December at 17:30 UK time.

[How to prepare for exams and tests](#) - Join this webinar to hear some top tips from a university experts, a current university student, and a member of the team at Unifrog about how to balance your revision and rest time, and how to excel in the upcoming exam and test season. Tuesday 10 December at 16:30.

Applying to University

[UCAS](#) – Applying to University, everything you need to know.

[University of York MOOCs](#) - Designed by York academics, Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are free and open to everyone. Engage with uni-level study, explore a new subject area, or prepare for higher education.

[Nottingham University Ambition programme](#) – apply here for a range of support in your application. Deadline is Sunday 1st December 2024, the programme events will begin in January 2025.

Apprenticeships

Find an Apprenticeship

[Rapid Reads](#) from Amazing Apprenticeships on a variety of topics including apprenticeships and work.

[The Parent Perspective](#) from Amazing Apprenticeships is a podcast for parents.

[Parents' and Carers' pack 2024](#) from Amazing Apprenticeships.

[Workshop & Webinars - Amazing Apprenticeships](#) - A series of informative webinars that will provide an abundance of tips, advice, and information around the topic of apprenticeships. Each webinar lasts between 30 – 60 minutes and will take place on Zoom. Participants will be required to sign up before the session and will receive an email confirmation and a reminder an hour before it begins. The webinars will be recorded and shared with all registrants after the session.

[BAE Systems - Women in Engineering Insight Experience](#) – Explore opportunities for apprenticeship insight experiences.

Unifrog Apprenticeship Fair - Wednesday 12 February 2025 - Virtual - [click here to log in or register](#)

Oxbridge and Medicine

[University of Southampton - Year 12 Medicine Virtual Work Experience](#). Applications for the August Medicine Virtual Work Experience will open on 17th June, more information [here](#). This is a collaborative project with University Hospital Southampton where Year 12 students based in the UK will have the opportunity to undertake LIVE work experience delivered via Microsoft Teams. This is a very popular programme with demand exceeding capacity.

[Oxford Dec Interview Timetable](#) - subject-specific timetable outlining when online interviews will take place in 2024 for applicants shortlisted for entry in 2025.

[Young Doctor Summer Work Experience](#) - Are you an aspiring doctor? Join the 2025 medical summer school in London, designed for students aged 15-18. Over the course of 2 weeks, students will get to step into the shoes of a doctor working in London, through a range of immersive career simulations and exclusive professional site visits. They'll perform key medical tasks in a London hospital, attend patient consultations, practise taking blood, and learn to stitch up wounds.

[Women and Non-Binary People in STEM Online Series](#) - from 20 January 2025. St Anne's, St Catherine and Mansfield Colleges are jointly offering a series of online outreach workshops for Women and Non-Binary People interested in studying STEM subjects at Oxford. There will be a workshop covering 'Applying to Oxford' and then subject-specific sessions led by a college tutor or faculty member. Applications are now open and will close on 13 January.

For Parents

[The Parents' Guide to Teenage Anxiety and Stress](#)

Browse episodes of the [Parent Perspective podcasts](#) from Amazing Apprenticeships

Key Dates

Year 12

17 Dec - TP1 Data Collection

20 Dec - End of Term

Year 13

20 Dec - End of Term

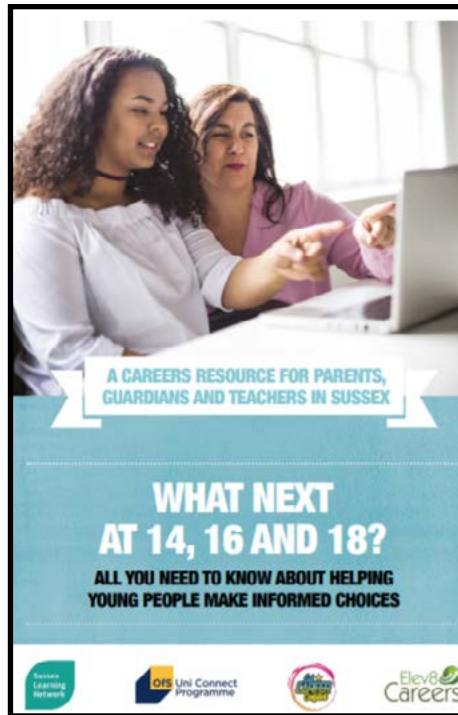
29 Jan - UCAS application deadline

CAREERS INFORMATION

Get Career Confident

Helping a young person decide on their future can be challenging, but 'Get Career Confident' have produced a handy booklet that breaks down the many options available, making them easier to understand and discuss.

Please click this link to the '[What Next](#)' booklet for parents and carers and this link for students '[What Next at 14 - 18 Years for Young People](#)'.



CAREER FAIR 2025

Would you or your Company like to attend our Careers Fair 2025 and share your knowledge and expertise. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to engage with a wide array of post 16 course providers and employers.

 **Tuesday**
4 March, 2025

 **Start At :**
10:00 am

Please email: samantha.jones@mrc-academy.org for more information



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STUDENT RECEPTION

FREE Sanitary Products

We have a plentiful and varied stock of sanitary products at Student Reception, FREE to students! Just pop by and stock up!



Uniform

A reminder to label all uniform so it can be returned to its rightful owner should it be misplaced. Especially blazers as they are a key piece of uniform and a costly item.

Winter Is Coming

As the weather gets colder, a gentle reminder to students and parents that coats are obviously allowed to be worn, but HOODIES are not part of the uniform and will be removed from students if they wear them to College or during break times. Leggings are also not acceptable as part of the school uniform.

Coats over blazers are of course perfectly acceptable, we don't want anyone getting cold, but hoodies are not permitted for school, PE or Dance - we have a no hoodies on site policy. Please click on the link below for the uniform policy if you are unsure on any of the uniform.



<https://www.mrc-academy.org/Portals/0/Information/Policies/Behaviour%20and%20Attitudes/Uniform%20policy.pdf?ver=foOwQuqc9s5BDEfPR4hREA%3d%3d×tamp=1621346226293>

Negative Uniform/Jewellery Points

'Pink slips' are assigned to students who are not conforming to our uniform/jewellery policy. A negative point is added to your child's Arbor and each point represents 1 pink slip that has been issued over the course of the current week – 1 negative point per pink slip. All incidents are currently entered by the Administration Team, not the member of staff who has issued it - this will be changing soon, as we are making slight tweaks. If you have any queries regarding the issuing of the negative point, please email enquiries@mrc-academy.org

Thank you for working with us to help keep our students smart, it is so important in setting them up to achieve!

CALENDARS / DIARY DATES

MRC Performing Arts - Calendar of Events 2024 - 2025

DATE	EVENT	STUDENTS INVOLVED	VENUE	TIME
Monday 16 December	Pantos	Year 10 GCSE Drama	Theatre	All day and eve whole theatre
Tuesday 17 December	Carol Service	Orchestra, Choir, Jazz band	Midhurst Church	Day
Wednesday 18 December	Carol Service	Orchestra, Choir, Musical Theatre/BTEC. Jazz band	Midhurst Church	Day
Thursday 19 December	Pantos	Yea 10 GCSE Drama	Theatre	Day
Spring Term 2025				
Wednesday 26 February	Dance House 1	MRC Dance Teams Minibus	Worthing Theatre	P5/P6
1 or 2 March (TBC)	CFMDS	Orchestra, Jazz band, Flute ensemble	St Josephs School	Weekend
8 March	CFMDS	Choirs	St Josephs School	
Tuesday 18 March	Yr 11 Component 2 exam (1)	GCSE Drama Year 11	MRC Theatre	All day & Eve
Wednesday 19 March	Year 11 Component 2 exam (2)	GCSE Drama Year 11	MRC Theatre	All day & Eve
Thursday 20 March	Gilbert Hannam Day	Orchestra	St Marys Magdalene & St Denys	P1-4
Wednesday 26 March	Spring Concert	Orchestra, Choir, Jazz, Strings, Flutes, Drama/ Production, groups, soloists (by invite) bands	MRC Theatre	All day & Eve
Friday 28 March	Rother Valley Arts Festival	MRC Dance Teams	MRC Theatre	Evening only
Tuesday 1 April	ROH Create and Sing launch for Magic Flute	Invited students - singers plus orchestral players (Audition)	Royal Opera House	Day
Summer 2025				
April TBC	Y13 Music Recital	Year 13	MRC Theatre	After School
Thursday 3 April	Dance Showcase event	Year 11/10	MRC Theatre	P6 Rehearsal/ after school
Wednesday 30 April	Dance House	MRC Dance Teams Minibus	Worthing Festival Theatre	P5/6
Tuesday 6 May	Yr 10 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama Year 10	MRC Theatre	All day & eve
Thursday 8 May	Yr 10 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama Year 10	MRC Theatre	All day & eve
Wednesday 22 May	Y12 Component 1	Year 12	MRC Theatre	All day
Tuesday 24 June	Magic Flute	Invited students	ROyal Festival Hall	All day & Eve
June TBC	Drama Day		MRC Theatre	
Thursday 26 June	Addams Family - School Production	Cast and Orchestra of Addams family	MRC Theatre	
Friday 27 June	Addams Family - School Production	Cast and Orchestra of Addams family	MRC Theatre	
Tuesday 15 July	Drama and Music House Cup	Yr 7	MRC Theatre Music P1-4 Drama P5-6	

DIARY DATES – AUTUMN TERM

These dates are accurate at the time of publishing.

Date	Event
17 December	Carol Service
18 December	Carol Service
20 December	Last Day of Term
8 January	College reopens for Spring Term

MRC HOUSE EVENT CALENDAR

TERM 3 - 2024/25

Week beginning	Event	Subject	Year Group
22 April	Open Performance	Music	All
19 May	Chess	History	All
19 May	Art	Art	All
2 June	Photography3	Photography	All
30 June	Sports Day	PE	All
7 July	We will rock you!	Music	7
14 July	Greek Theatre	Drama	7

MRC HOUSE EVENT CALENDAR

TERM 2 - 2024/25

Week beginning	Event	Subject	Year Group
6 January	Creative Writing	English	All
13 January	Open Performance	Drama	All
27 January	Chess	History	All
3 February	Cross Country 2	PE	All
10 February	Mario Kart	PE	All
24 February	World Maths Day	Maths	All
3 March	Photography 2	Photography	All
10 March	World Science Week	Science	All
17 March	Badminton	PE	All
24 March	Holocaust	RP	All
31 March	Volleyball	PE	All



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S TRACKING POINT REPORT

Throughout the year, parents receive Tracking Point (TP) reports which record Attitude to Learning (A2L), subject grades and gives an overview of attendance for their child. There are 3 TPs in Years 7 – 10, and 4 TPs in Years 11 – 13. This information will be released and viewed on the Arbor platform.

Attitude to Learning (A2L)

A2L is split into four key focus areas and defined as follows:

Classwork: This measures the degree to which a student engages and contributes to lessons. This considers a student's ability and willingness to ask questions, contribute to discussions, engage with classroom activities, produce work to the highest of their ability, seek out extension tasks, and take responsibility for their own learning.

Homework: This measures student engagement with independent work set. This considers a student's reliability to complete and hand work in on time, the quality of the work being produced, and also reflects levels of personal organisation.

Prepared for Learning: This relates to personal standards in and around the College. This considers punctuality to lessons and having the right equipment for learning. For Sixth Form, this includes meeting deadlines, dress code adherence and the use of study periods.

Behaviour for Learning: This measures student attitudes within the classroom. This considers a student's ability to remain focused on tasks, levels of engagement, and positive and negative incidents that impact on their learning or the learning of others - ensuring that all students have the right to undisrupted learning.

Students will receive a score for each of the above elements on a scale of 1 – 4:

4	Outstanding	Exceptionally high standards always met.
3	Good	Mostly high standards, some inconsistencies which leave room for improvement.
2	Inconsistent	Variable standards, satisfactory as often as unsatisfactory. Negatively affects achievement.
1	Unsatisfactory	Standards are often unacceptable. Considerable impact on achievement and learning of others.



Grades



Students receive a GCSE grade in Years 7-11 as part of each TP. As a parent/carer, you will also be provided with a grade following each examination window, along with an average grade. Each year group has a maximum grade they can receive 3+ in Year 7, 4+ in Year 8, 5+ in Year 9, 7+ in Year 10, 9+ in Year 11 and A* in Year 13.

Attendance

Attendance matters! As a parent/carer, you will see an overall attendance figure for your child (given as a percentage). This diagram details the correlation between attendance and education, and how attendance can impact success and life chances. Discussion and support are always offered to maximise the outcomes for every individual.



If you have any questions regarding the report, please contact your child's Head of Year and/or classroom teacher(s).

VACANCIES AT MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE

Please click on the following link for the latest vacancies at MRC:

<https://www.mrc-academy.org/about-us/vacancies>

HELPFUL MRC WEBSITE LINKS

Arbor Information Guides: [Arbor Information Guides \(mrc-academy.org\)](https://www.mrc-academy.org)

Arbor Link: [Midhurst Rother College \(arbor.sc\)](https://www.arbor.sc)

College Calendar: <https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/calendar>

Homework: <https://www.mrc-academy.org/curriculum/homework>

Letters: <https://www.mrc-academy.org/communication/letters>

Educational Visits: [Midhurst Rother College > Communication > Letters \(mrc-academy.org\)](https://www.mrc-academy.org)

Staff Emails: <https://bit.ly/StaffEmailAddress>

Term Dates: [Midhurst Rother College > Information > College Term dates \(mrc-academy.org\)](https://www.mrc-academy.org)

School Cloud: <https://midhurst.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Sparx Maths: <https://www.sparxmaths.uk/student>

Sparx Reader: [Sparx Reader](https://www.sparxmaths.uk)

Lexia POWERUP Literacy - Login and Student Program: [Device Setup - PowerUp \(lexiapowerup.com\)](https://www.lexiapowerup.com)

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