



MIDHURST MATTERS



Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 2 December		
Tuesday 3 December		
Wednesday 4 December		Winter Concert 7pm in the Theatre
Thursday 5 December		
Friday 6 December		

Austen	Kipling	Tennyson	Woolf
63,349 (4,673)	71,572 (4,993)	71,514 (5,307)	76,440 (5,572)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Next Wednesday we have our fantastic Winter Concert in the theatre, starting at 7pm. It promises to be a great evening, with music, dance and drama performances from our performing arts department. Please come along if you can make it - tickets can be bought on the door.

Staying on the theme of music and performances, in the last week of term we are holding our traditional Christmas carol services. Our orchestra will perform at the church and our students will walk there from school to be a part of the community and celebrate this event together. Students from MRC have been to the church for this service for many years and it is good to maintain this.

Well done to our Year 11 and 13 students for completing their mock exams. Good luck to Year 12 who are doing exams next week. We will share the results of the mocks with students before we break up.

A final point about our school day consultation. I sent responses to the queries raised by parents / carers earlier this week. If you have any further comments you would like to make, please email them to: schooldayconsultation@mrc-academy.org

Best wishes

Stuart Edwards
Principal

KS3 & KS4 ASSESSMENT DIARY

Week beginning : 2 December 2024


Apart from a handful of creative subject assessments for Year 11, assessments are now completed for this term. It feels like a marathon effort from all – students for their preparation, revision and sitting the assessments, and staff also for the marking and feedback.

Tracking point reports will be sent out between now and the end of December. Information to help understand your child's tracking point report is found here : [Understanding your child's report - Parent-Carer Info.pdf](#) Please refer to this guide. Queries about individual subjects can be directed to class teachers, and more general queries directed to Heads of Year. Please do be mindful that teachers and Heads of Year may receive more messages than usual at this time, and thus you may have a slightly longer wait than usual for replies. We are grateful for your patience and understanding as we try to do our best.

EQUIPMENT

As the College term progresses, we are noticing more students not having the right equipment for lessons, taking up valuable time and energy to put right that could be better spent learning.

Please can we remind you to ensure your child attends College every day with the essential equipment listed below. If you are looking for stocking filler ideas for Christmas, how about some items from the Desirables list ready for January. Some of the listed items are available to purchase at Student Reception, including scientific calculators for £10 each.

Essentials	Desirables
- every day, every lesson	- ideal for students to have
 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black pen(s)• Pencil• Ruler• Eraser• Calculator• Whiteboard Pen	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Green pen• Pencil case• Pencil Sharpener• Coloured pencils• Geometry set (set square, protractor)• Small glue stick

ATTENDANCE

Absence

Please ensure that you communicate with us each day for any/all absences. Leave a message for the Attendance Team on 01730 812451 (select option 1) or make contact via email: attendance@mrc-academy.org.

[Attendance Matters \(mrc-academy.org - student absence request form - Is my child too ill for school?\)](#)

MOVEMBER

Gro A Mo!

As Movember draws to a close and our growers are displaying their fabulous moustaches in College - don't forget to donate to this wonderful campaign raising much-needed funds for prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention.

All donations will be very welcome big or small - for all the dads, brothers, sons and mates in your life.

Mr Burton and Mr Lamb showing off their Mo's!

Click [here](#) or scan the QR code code.

Mr Thompson



FOODBANK

Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to the Foodbank Christmas Hamper collection. We gathered 61.9kg of food goods and a wonderful 40.3Kg of Christmas goodies, including toys, books, stationery, toiletries, scarves, gloves and lots and lots of chocolate.

The amount is in Kgs as the Foodbank measure collection amounts by weight.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING SOMEONE'S CHRISTMAS A LITTLE BIT BRIGHTER.





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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER 24

IT WILL BE CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY FOR STUDENTS WHO CHOOSE TO WEAR ONE. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM - IT IS NOT A NON-UNIFORM DAY



DEPARTMENT NEWS

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

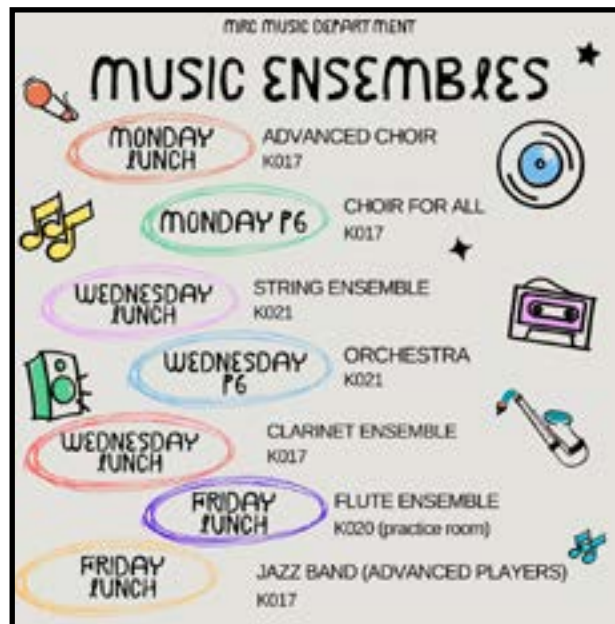
We Need You!

It's the time of year where we might start thinking about New Year's resolutions....

Would your child like to learn a musical instrument? We have some wonderful peripatetic music teachers here and would love to see our orchestra and ensembles grow even more. We are particularly short of brass instruments and string players.

If you are interested in lessons, please either contact sally.tidbury@mrc-academy.org, or the teacher directly. A letter is attached alongside Midhurst Matters with more information and contact details.

Mrs Tidbury, Mr Spinner, and Miss Buckenham

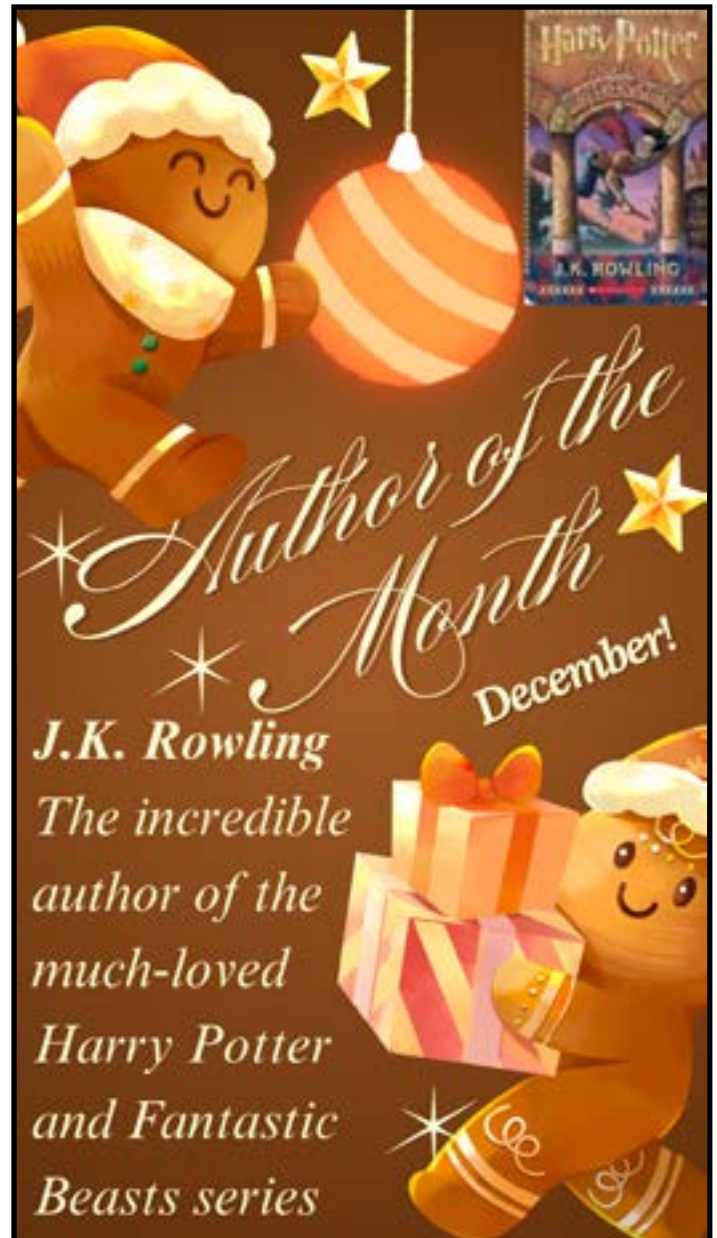


LRC - LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

This month we are celebrating the phenomenal achievements of J.K. Rowling, a British author, who took five years to write the first Harry Potter novel, after an idea came to her whilst she sat on a delayed train. A lot of her early writing was done in and around Edinburgh's cafes, while she was a single mum, with her child in a pushchair beside her. All seven books in the series have been translated into more than eighty different languages, with some of her later books written in aid of various charities, such as Comic Relief and the children's book, *The Ickabog*, released in instalments online for free, to entertain those confined during the Covid 19 pandemic.

She also went on to write the Cormoran Strike crime novels, under the pseudonym 'Robert Galbraith', which have also been adapted for television.

She is the founder of the international children's charity, Lumos, which fights for every child's right to a family by transforming care systems around the world, so that they are raised in a safe, loving home, supported by family to help them thrive.



respect, happiness, achievement

ART DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

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.



PHOTOGRAPHY

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!





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.

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

29 Nov - College Closed

2 - 6 Dec TP1 Internals

17 Dec - TP1 Data Collection

20 Dec - End of Term

Year 13

11 – 29 Nov - Internal Exams

2 – 4 Dec - Art/Photo Exams

19 Nov - TP1

29 Nov - College Closed

3 Dec - TP2 Data Collection

12 Dec - End of Term

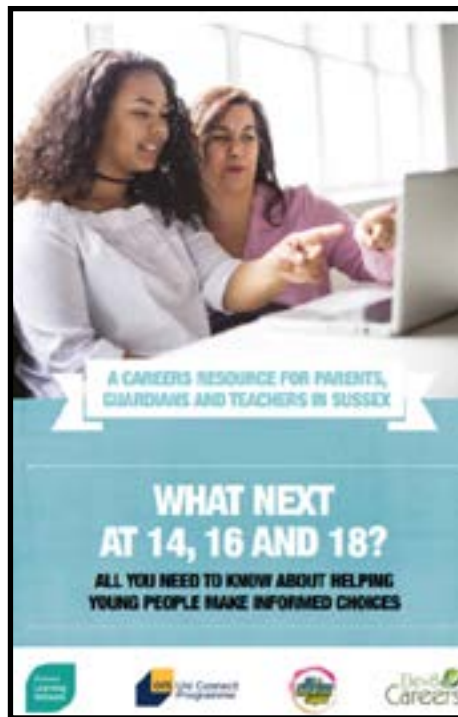
29 Jan - UCAS application deadline

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'](#).



MRC Sixth Form

For application to MRC Sixth Form, internal students just need to have completed their Options Form - no further application is necessary.

A poster for 'CAREER FAIR 2025'. The title is in large, bold, black letters. Below the title is the text: '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.' Below this text are two icons: a calendar icon with 'Tuesday 4 March, 2025' and a clock icon with 'Start At: 10:00 am'. Below the icons is the text: 'Please email: samantha.jones@mrc-academy.org for more information'. The bottom half of the poster features a colorful illustration of various people in different professions (a chef, a nurse, a pilot, a doctor, a construction worker, a teacher, a scientist, a businesswoman, a police officer, a firefighter, a chef, a nurse, a pilot, a doctor, a construction worker, a teacher, a scientist, a businesswoman, a police officer, a firefighter) standing in front of a city skyline. At the very bottom, there is a location pin icon and the text 'Midhurst Rother College'.

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=foOwQucg9s5BDEfPR4hREA%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!

HOUSE EVENTS

YEAR 7

X vs Y

Year Half Championship

Dodgeball 26.09.24

Pedathlon 11.10.24

Crash Mat Sliding 25.10.24

100m Sprint 8.11.24

Kahoot Quiz 22.11.24

Finale 6.12.24

**Point tally can be found outside
the library, or in tutor slides**

LOCAL EVENTS

NORTHCHAPEL PRIMARY SCHOOL - THIS WEEKEND!!

The time has come... the weather is looking dry and the drinks are chilled! We are looking forward to seeing many of you on Sunday for the first ever Santa Dash which is raising funds for Northchapel primary school following a devastating flood earlier in the year.

There is still time to sign up for what will be a fantastic event which is sure to get you feeling festive!

Full details below and to sign up, please click this link www.racesignup.co.uk/northchapel

The more Santa's the Merrier!!



NORTHCHAPEL **SANTA DASH**
5K, 2.5K & U5'S RACE

SUNDAY
1ST DEC
10.30AM

WWW.RACESIGNUP.CO.UK/NORTHCHAPEL

Santa Hat or Full Suit Up to You!

ADULT 5K - £15
WITH LANGHAM'S LOOP OR PROSECCO PLOD OPTION - £18
ADULT 2.5K - £8
WITH LANGHAM'S LOOP OR PROSECCO PLOD OPTION - £11
CHILDREN U15 - £5
CHILD UP TO 5YRS - £2 FAMILY DOG - £2

ALL PROCEEDS TO NORTHCHAPEL VILLAGE SCHOOL

PICK THE LANGHAM'S LOOP OR THE PROSECCO PLOD & ENJOY A PINT OF LANGHAM'S BEER OR GLASS OF PROSECCO HALFWAY!



teamwork | respect | enjoyment
discipline | sportsmanship

Join the club....

New and returning players
welcome at all ages

Minis, Juniors and Colts

Boys and Girls
Sundays 10am

Adult Men

Harvey's Sussex Counties League
Training Wednesdays 7.15pm



Classic Revival Photography

Go to midhurstrugby.co.uk



CALENDARS / DIARY DATES

MRC Performing Arts - Calendar of Events 2024 - 2025

DATE	EVENT	Students involved	VENUE	Time
Autumn 2024				
Friday 25 October	CFMDS – Deadline for entries	<i>Orchestra, jazz, choir plus soloists/individual entries</i>	<i>Chichester</i>	
Thurs 7 November	Rotary Concert	Orchestra, Choir Jazz Band	MRC Theatre (P5&6 theatre only)	P5, 6 & Eve
Wed 20 November	Bright Sparks	Compulsory for KS4 & 5 Music students	Royal Festival Hall- London	All day
Wed 27 November	Music for Youth Proms	Trip – All students that wish to attend.	Royal Albert Hall- London	evening
Wed 4 December	Winter Concert	Orchestra, Choir Jazz, Strings, Flutes Drama/Production Groups, Soloists (by invite), Bands, Ballet group with life piano	MRC Theatre	All day and eve
Thurs 7 December	Tree of Hope service	Musicians - Invite only (P6 rehearsals)	Easebourne Church	P6 & eve
Mon 16 December	Pantos	Year 10 GCSE drama	Theatre	All day and eve Whole theatre and studio
Tues 17 December	Carol Service	Orchestra, Choir, Jazz Band	Midhurst Church	day
Wed 18 December	Carol Service	Orchestra, Choir Musical Theatre/BTEC Jazz Band	Midhurst Church	day
Thurs 19 December	Pantos	Year 10 GCSE drama	Theatre	All day and eve All of theatre
Spring 2024				
Wednesday 26 February	Dance House 1	MRC Dance Teams Minibus	Worthing Theatre	P5/P6
1 or 2 March (TBC)	CFMDS Festival	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 YR11	MRC Theatre	All day & eve
Wednesday 19 March	YR 11 Component 2 exam (2)	GCSE Drama YR11	MRC Theatre	All day & eve
Thursday 20 March	Gilbert Hannam day	Orchestra	St. Mary 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 2024				
April TBC	Y13 Music recital	Y13	MRC Theatre	After school
Thursday 3 April	Dance showcase event	Y11/10	MRC Theatre	P6 rehearsal/after school

Wednesday 30 April	Dance House 2	MRC Dance Teams Minibus	Worthing Festival Theatre	P5/P6
Tuesday 6 May	YR 10 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama YR10	MRC Theatre	All day & eve
Thursday 8 May	YR 10 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama YR10	MRC Theatre	All day & eve
Wednesday 21 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 5-6	All day

DIARY DATES – AUTUMN TERM

These dates are accurate at the time of publishing.

Date	Event
12 December	Year 13 Parent/Carers Consultation Evening
17 December	Carol Service
18 December	Carol Service
18 December	Year 11 Parent/Carers Consultation Evening TBC
20 December	Last Day of Term
8 January	College reopens for Spring Term

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

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

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/about-us/vacancies)

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/communication/letters)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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