

ATTERS ATTERS

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 25 November	11	Mock GCSE Exams continue - Final week
	13	Mock A-Level Exams continue - Final week
Tuesday 26 November		
Wednesday 27 November		
Thursday 28 November		
Friday 29 November		Inset Day

Austen	Kipling	Tennyson	Woolf
58,676	66,579	66,207	70,868
(3,929)	(5,081)	(4,601)	(4,534)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

In assemblies, we remind students every week about the importance of attending. We talk to them about their learning being a jigsaw, where each piece of content or knowledge they learn is a jigsaw piece. We tell the students that they need a full jigsaw and not one with pieces missing. I am grateful to the Gilbert Hannam Education Foundation for donating the funds for us to have a video made about this. The link is here (it is only two minutes and gives a really clear summary) and it tells you about the importance of attending every day.

When Ofsted visited the school in May this year, one of the comments they made in their report is that pupils' behaviour is impeccable. I have always held the view that our students behave in an excellent way and are kind and understanding. I also know that they are children and that they sometimes get things wrong – they are not always perfect all the time!

On Thursday this week, in the snow and during Year 11 exams the fire alarm went off. The students were, as always, just brilliant. They stood outside, in silence in the freezing cold, waiting to be allowed back in the building. It was a fault in the system that set the alarm off, but I know your children can be depended on to know the seriousness of a situation and respond to this. After this, we had break and several hundred students made as many snowballs as they could during break to let off some steam. It doesn't snow here very often and it was good to watch them playing and doing this.

We have decided, after careful deliberation, to change the dates our Head Boy and Head Girl are in post for. In previous years, it was always March to March. After Christmas, all Year 13 must focus entirely on their studies to help them get the best grades.

We will, therefore, have a new Head Boy and Head Girl starting in January 2025. I'd like to thank Monty and Lyra for their work since March and the work they will continue to do until Christmas.

Next Friday (29 November), the school is closed to students for the day and they should not attend. We reopen as normal as Monday 2 December.

Best wishes

Stuart Edwards Principal

ATTENDANCE

New Attendance Video

As Mr Edwards mentioned in his message, our new attendance video is now live on our website to view. For ease the video is linked again here.

Students Attendance View

We will be taking part in a research group with a company called ImpactEd, who will look at trends and views from students on the matter of attendance. We will report further on this in the coming weeks.



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?

KS3 & KS4 ASSESSMENT DIARY

Week beginning: 25 November 2024

Assessments for year 7-10 are now complete and year 11 have one week left for their mock GCSE exams. We have all been very impressed with how well-prepared students have been and how well students have conducted themselves in their assessments. Our thanks to parents and carers for their support and encouragement – we have seen the positive difference it makes.

Teachers are now marking and providing feedback to classes. Tracking Point reports will be produced for all students in December, once all data has been recorded. We will share more information regarding the reports in Midhurst Matters in a couple of weeks time.

Should you have any feedback regarding the assessment process, please contact edgar.vanhoek@mrc-academy.org.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BANK

Thank you so much for all your kind and generous donations to the The Midhurst Foodbank Chrismas Hamper Appeal this morning. Your donations will really make a difference in the local community.





MOVEMBER

Gro A Mo!

Gro A Mo latest mug shots...Mr Hayward and Mr Marshall's caterpillars are coming along nicely!

This November we will be raising much-needed funds for prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention. Men die on average six years earlier than women.

Together we can stop men dying too young.

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

Click here or scan the QR code code.

Mr Thompson







CHILDREN IN NEED

Fundraising Total

Last Friday the Charities team organised and ran a cake sale and an obstacle course in aid of Children in Need. The cake sale was a great success, being sold out in just 10 minutes! The obstacle course was a fun event for all, amounting to 55 house points for the winning house Kipling, followed by 48 points for Austen, 43 points for Woolf and 40 points for Tennyson. Our best time for the obstacle course was Wilf Dryburgh with 19.79 seconds! There was additionally a "How many sweets in the jar" competition, the results are below. Well done and thank you to everyone that took part, baked, donated or guessed! Lyra - Head Girl



Woolf - £211.87

Austin - £166.24

Tennyson - £210.69 Kipling - £222.50

Cake sale Our students loved a sweet treat during breaktime and raised £59.05

Obstacle Course £19.60

Guess the number of sweets in the jar for the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund - £65.52

Big Jar - 305 sweets - Archie Pearson in year 9 guessed 300

Little Jar -105 sweets - Grace Bulloch in year 7 guessed 102

Grand Total Raised: £955.47





YEAR 5 INTERIOR DESIGNERS IN THE MAKING

Year 5 students from the Rother Valley Primaries spent a day this week in our Design and Technology Department being introduced to techniques used in textiles for design and creative projects. The day started with simple techniques of pining and cutting out, threading a needle, basic hand sewing stitches and introduction to using a sewing machine. Students then went on to use these skills as they used contrasting fabrics for design impact using their artistic eyes and attention to detail, along with a lot of creative imagination to make a unique festive item for their family's Christmas tree.











COLLEGE NOTICES





DEPARTMENT NEWS

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

GCSE and A Level Music students visited the Royal Festival Hall on SouthBank, London for the London Philharmonic Orchestra's BrightSparks concert. Based around music which they are studying for their exams and designed to inspire the students with a live concert experience the sessions also include a presenter breaking down the music in a fun and engaging way, and a big screen behind the Orchestra picks out key elements from the music or story.

The programme included 'Badinerie' by J.S. Bach, the first movement of Beethoven's Symphony No.1 (new AQA study piece), and film music, including Coates Dam Busters March as well as some musical surprises relevant to learning on all exam boards. Often this visit is the first time students will have encountered the thrill of a live prestigious orchestra. The day was an unforgettable experience for all who took part-support staff included, who also learnt new facts including that a Leitmotif in a film score is a recurring musical theme associated with a particular character, idea, or situation in a film.

A wonder along Southbank, in the chilly winter's sun, rounded off a wonderful visit to the Capital.



Date for your Diary - Winter Concert - 4 December, 7pm in the Theatre

We are now turning our rehearsals to the upcoming Winter Concert. We are so excited to welcome you, we have been working hard with a variety ensembles. You will be treated to music from the orchestra, jazz band, choir and instrumental groups, as well as getting a sneak peak to some work from the Addams family production, we are also lucky to be able to show some of our dance groups! We hope you can make it.

Tickets are £5 on the door and £1 for children.



Chichester Festival of Music, Dance and Speech

Last chance - If you would like to enter your child into the Chichester Festival of Music, Dance and Speech, the deadline is 30th November.

We will be entering: Orchestra, Jazz band, Choir, Advanced choir, String ensemble, Flute ensemble and Clarinet trio. If you would like to enter a solo or duet, please follow the link here (and let us know, as we would love to come and watch!) Chichester Festival for Music, Dance & Speech

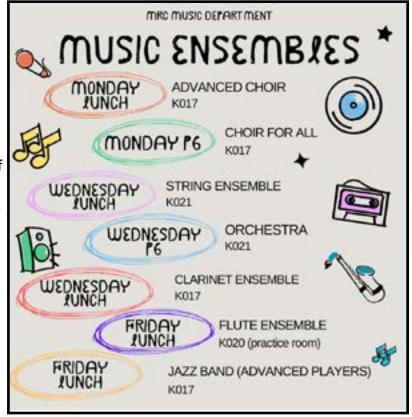
We Need You!

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

Scholastic Winter Book Fair

The Winter Book Fair will be held in the Library from Monday 2 December to Thursday 5 December, where there will be lots of discounted titles on sale for students and staff to purchase just in time for Christmas! Payment can be made via cash or Scholastic book token, which can be bought online by parents/carers at Book Fair Gift Vouchers - Scholastic Book Fairs.





PHOTOGRAPHY



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.









ART DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Yesterday it snowed during our Year 12 texture lesson. We just had to go outside on our balcony and enjoy the fun! Mrs Kinally and Mrs Murray-Killen.









PE DEPARTMENT

Football

Congratulations to the Year 7 football team who beat Bishop Luffa School 4-3 on Tuesday in a really entertaining game. Two goals from Alfie G put the team 2-0 up at half time with the boys playing some really good football in cold conditions. Further goals from Lucas P and Jasper F was enough to see out the win. The boys were fantastic and battled hard all game and deserved their win.

Mr Bentley

Netball

The Year 7s have been dominating the MRC sports scene this week! Representatives from all tutor groups have been taking part in a Capture the Flag Competition for their houses during P6, and both Year 7 netball teams won their matches on Wednesday night, with the pinks winning 11-0 and the blues winning 4-0! Well done for all your hard work at club and enrichment, it's clearly paying off! Miss Simmonds said "the midcourt movement and spacing was excellent, the give and go of the ball was spot on, and loads of interceptions were being made" well done to all who have been involved with MRC sport this week! Shout out to Scarlett and Miley for players of the match! (All that's left to do is get some smaller bibs!).







SIXTH FORM

Futures Newsletter 49 - 19 November 2024

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

<u>UCAS Discovery Events</u> - 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 – 23 November 2024 and 18 January 2025.

Bangor University - 23 November 2024.

Bath Spa University - 30th November 2024.

University of Law (London Bloomsbury Campus) - 4 December 2024.

Opportunities and Work Experience

<u>Durham University</u> – 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.

<u>Channel 4 Virtual Work Experience</u> - 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.

<u>STEM</u> 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.

<u>From classroom to courtroom</u>: 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.

<u>Shape your Future:</u> 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.

<u>How to prepare for exams and tests</u> - 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.

<u>University of York MOOCs</u> - 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.

<u>Nottingham University Ambition programme</u> – 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

<u>Rapid Reads</u> from Amazing Apprenticeships on a variety of topics including apprenticeships and work. <u>The Parent Perspective</u> from Amazing Apprenticeships is a podcast for parents.

Parents' and Carers' pack 2024 from Amazing Apprenticeships.

<u>Workshop & Webinars - Amazing Apprenticeships</u> - 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.

<u>BAE Systems - Women in Engineering Insight Experience</u> – Explore opportunities for apprenticeship insight experiences.

Oxbridge and Medicine

<u>University of Southampton - Year 12 Medicine Virtual Work Experience.</u> Applications for the August Medicine Virtual Work Experience will open on 17th June, more information <u>here</u>. 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.

<u>Young Doctor Summer Work Experience</u> - 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.

<u>Women and Non-Binary People in STEM Online Series</u> - 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

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

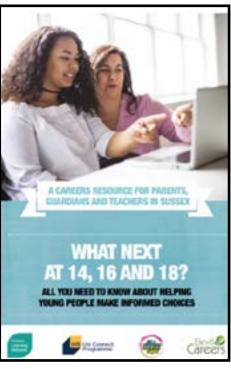
Year 13

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.



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



LOCAL EVENTS

NORTHCHAPEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

One of our rural feeder schools has been devastated by flash flooding which has impacted greatly on the schools daily life. The insurance sadly doesn't cover all the damage and the childrens outdoor play area is one of them.

The school needs to raise over £30k and are running a festive fundraiser in the form of a Santa Dash!

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

The more Santa's the Merrier!!





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	Orchestra, jazz, choir plus soloists/individual entries	Chichester	
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
14 November	Flu Vaccinations
15 November	Year 12 A Level Drama Visit to Theatre - Waiting for Godot Evening
17 November	Years 11, 12, 13 GCSE LPO Brightsparks Trip
29 November	INSET Day
4 December	Winter Concert
5 December	Year 10 Parent/Carers Consultation Evening
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	AL
27 January	Chess	History	All
3 Polymany	Cross Country 2	PE	All
10 February	Mario Kart	PE	All
24 February	World Maths Day	Mathe	All
3 March	Photography 2	Photography	All
16 March	World Science Week	Science	AL
17 March	Badminton	PE	All
24 Merch	Holocaust	RP	AE
31 March	Volleyball	PE	All

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MRC HOUSE EVENT CALENDAR TERM 3 - 2024/25

Week beginning	Event	Subject	Year Group
22 April	Open Performance	Music	All
19 May	Chess	History	AL
19 May	Art	Art	All
2 June	Photography3	Photography	AL
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)

Arbor Link: Midhurst Rother College (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)

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

Term Dates: Midhurst Rother College > Information > College Term dates (mrc-academy.org)

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

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

Sparx Reader: Sparx Reader

Lexia POWERUP Literacy - Login and Student Program: <u>Device Setup - PowerUp (lexiapowerup.com)</u>

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