



MIDHURST MATTERS

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 27 January	8,9,10,11	In-house exams continue all week
Tuesday 28 January	12	Visit to Cambridge University - Churchill College
Wednesday 29 January	9,10,11 7,8	UK Inter Maths Challenge - in the Theatre Area Cross Country (P5-6)
Thursday 30 January	10	Netball fixture
Friday 31 January		

Austen	Kipling	Tennyson	Woolf
107,763 (6,562)	124,460 (6,979)	120,750 (7,489)	127,788 (7,310)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is good to see more students in school this week. Our overall attendance has increased this week. This is a trend that we need to see gaining extra momentum over the coming weeks and months. Our attendance is higher than last year, but is still some way below pre-pandemic levels. Thank you for your support in making sure children attend every day.

In assemblies recently, students were awarded (or will be) a certificate for being an 'Hannam Scholar'. This is for students who are in the top 1% of a subject according to recent assessments. The students also have a pin badge to wear to show this. It is good to see students wearing these around the school, alongside the other leadership badges they have.

Best wishes,

Stuart Edwards
Principal

KS3 & KS4 ASSESSMENT DIARY

Week Beginning: 27 January 2025

At MRC, students in Years 7-10 sit three assessments per year, with Year 11 sitting more, especially in core subjects, to help preparations for GCSE exams in the summer. These assessments support students to reflect on their progress, provide opportunities to practice and prepare for KS4 GCSE assessments in a 'low stakes' situation, provide teachers with an objective and comprehensive piece of work to judge students progress and an opportunity to report to parents/carers an accurate measure of their child's academic progress. These assessments cannot be 'failed' and simply give us all an indication of progress and attainment in different subjects – for many an encouragement, for a few some motivation to commit to hard work and progress.

Assessments are coming up for the following year groups:

- **Year 11:** in class assessments are taking place now
- **Year 10:** in class assessments begin for all subjects from 20 January 2025 onwards
- **Year 9:** in class assessments for all subjects (except English, mathematics and science) in the fortnight beginning 3 February 2025 United Learning assessments for English, mathematics and science in the fortnight beginning 27 January 2025
- **Year 8:** United Learning assessments for English, mathematics and science in the fortnight beginning 27 January 2025
- **Year 7:** United Learning assessments for English, maths and science this coming week 20 January 2025 onwards

Detailed dates for assessments are found via the link below. This page is updated every week : <https://www.mrc-academy.org/curriculum/assessment-dates>

Over the next week or two, class teachers will be sharing details of forthcoming assessments with your child, including the length of assessment, type of questions, topics that will be in the assessment and some revision activities that will be useful to help your child prepare. This will be available on Arbor as an assignment. Additional information and revision guidance can be found on the college website (<https://www.mrc-academy.org/curriculum/revision-resources>) at any time; this page provides useful ideas and strategies to support independent and effective revision by any child at any time.

Experience shows us that students who are well rested, have had a good breakfast and are properly prepared with the right equipment experience less stress and anxiety before assessments, and perform better. We thank you for supporting your child in their preparation.

We are also mindful that these assessments can create a degree of stress and anxiety – please do contact

REVISION MATTERS

All schools test students regularly to gauge progress and report to parents. To help MRC students learn good exam technique, stay calm and do well in exam conditions we test students in core and foundation subjects from Year 7 onwards. By the time our students sit their actual GCSEs, and A levels, the exam room environment feels very familiar, so they can concentrate well on each question paper. Currently, Year 11 students must sit between 25 and 30 GCSE papers over 5 weeks of the summer term.

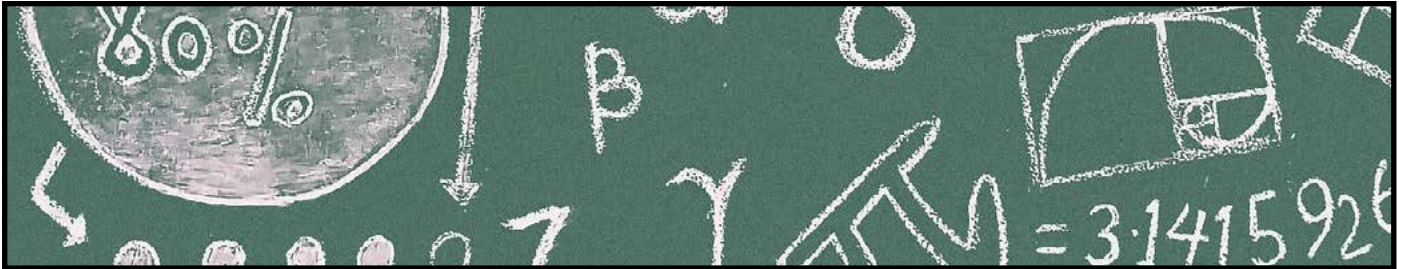
In view of our students needing to remember and answer questions on so much content, we are continuing to teach students more about why revision is needed and how to do it effectively. Each year group will have time dedicated to learning about and practising revision techniques in assemblies, tutor time and lessons. This year we want students to master a small number of revision techniques that they can apply independently when tests are coming up, so they can enter each test or exam feeling well prepared and confident.

Effective revision should be **FLAT!**

- **Focused**, put phones away, turn off the TV, find a quiet space and concentrate
- **Long term**, planned for rather than last minute, checking what's going to be tested to make the revision useful and relevant.
- **Active**, doing something creative, colourful, verbal or thoughtful with a sheet, notes or learning materials, not just copying it out.
- **Transformed**, the revision notes, card, audio recording made should look different and or be summarised and be useful for a quick refresher the day before an exam.

Your child may already like making the following or should soon be trying out mind maps, flowcharts and timelines. They might play Snowball, Chocolate Bar, Lift Pass or Odd One Out in class and then demonstrate these revision tools to you at home. To read more about these revision tools and maybe try them out to help your child revise please follow this link <https://www.mrc-academy.org/curriculum/year-11>.

Thank you to so many parents and carers who support children at home with revision. We hope everyone will find some of these games and techniques help them revise and retain more knowledge and skills before exams.



HANNAM SCHOLARS

Over the last couple of weeks, we have had the pleasure of presenting badges and certificates to our newest Hannam Scholars.

The title of 'Hannam Scholar' is presented to the top 1% of students in each year group for each subject at each tracking point. Once a Hannam Scholar, a student remains a Hannam Scholar for that subject for the remainder of their time here at MRC.

The title is named after Gilbert Hannam who, over 350 years ago, founded a school in Midhurst which in time went onto become our predecessor school, Midhurst Grammar School and, most recently, Midhurst Rother College ([read more by clicking here](#)).

Our Hannam Scholars continue a 350-year-old traditional of educational excellence in Midhurst.



COLLEGE NOTICES

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](#)

Midhurst Rother College Community Day Saturday 26 April 2025 10am-2pm

Calling all local businesses, agencies and groups to join us at this event to

- share your skills
- demonstrate your crafts
- promote your goods
- recruit new members
- engage with the local community

It's all about what's on offer on our doorstep!

ALL STAND & EXHIBITION SPACE FREE OF CHARGE

For more information email: madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org
or contact the College Office: 01730 812451



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HISTORY DEPARTMENT

House News - Castle Competition

Recently Year 7 took part in the House History competition in which they were tasked with creating a historically accurate castle from anything they wanted. This competition was judged by the Humanities Department and the results are below:

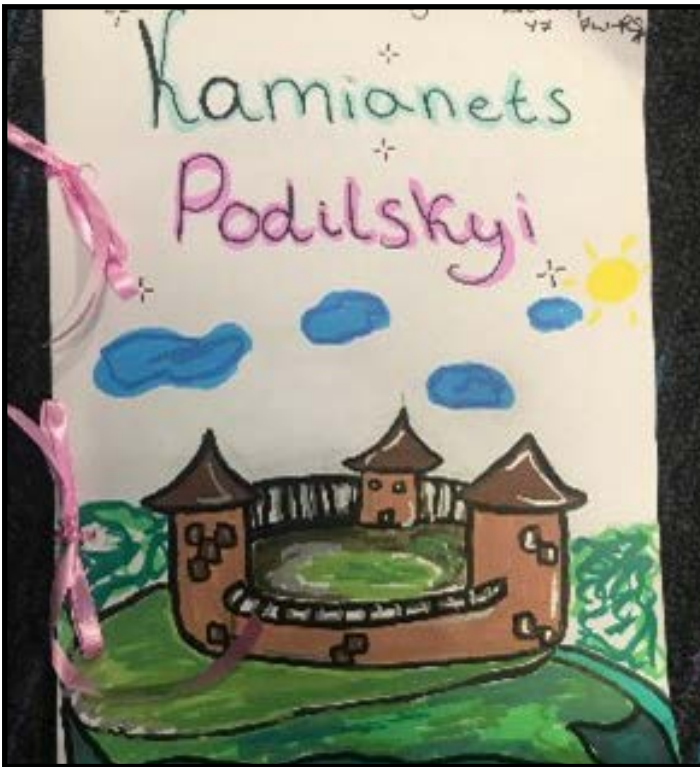
1st Place - Kipling



2nd Place: Woolf



3rd Place - Tennyson



4th Place - Austin



House Captains

Each fortnight our House Captain Representatives meet to discuss current issues in the school in a meeting with their Sixth Form House Leaders. These issues are discussed in their tutor time and they bring their notes to the meeting. This week they were discussing things such as house events, proud cards, gender in sport, rewards and whole school reading.

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GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

NEA Survey - Improvements to High Streets

If you have a spare 5 minutes would you please consider completing Mia H in Year 13's Improvement to High Streets Survey as part of her geography NEA.

Thank you.

Please click on the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/1K3jWwfwri>

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

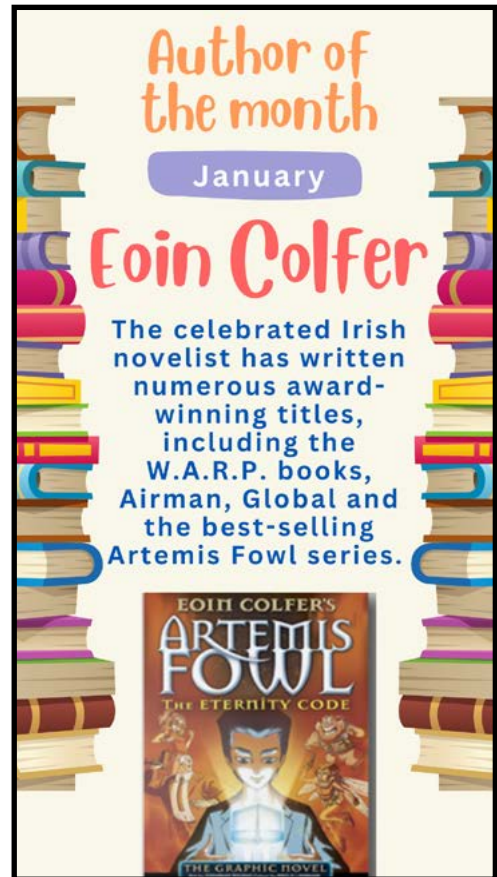
Author of the Month

Eoin (pronounced Owen) Colfer from Wexford, Ireland, is a best-selling children's fantasy author who has sold over 20 million books worldwide, having drawn inspiration from the Viking stories that were read to him at primary school.

Well-travelled after completing his degree at Dublin University, he has used his knowledge to great effect, with his many stories spanning the globe.

His books about the 12-year-old criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl, first published in 2001, are probably his best-known works, but there are many more to explore, waiting in the library.

Mrs Hastings



SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Scientists of the Week

The Scientists of the Week are listed below, keep up the good work!

Year 7 - Isla J and Max G

Year 8 - Elsa N and Yusuf S

Year 9 - Ruby G and Phoenix R

Year 10 - Liam B and Alicia A

Year 11 - Aurora L and George C-S



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

In partnership with West Sussex Music, MRC are now hosting Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme (TOP25) for wannabe musicians in Years 3-6.

TOP25 is a three-term programme for complete beginners aged 7 to 11 yrs old (Year 3 to Year 6). It includes:

- Free instrumental lessons.
- Instrument loan for the year.
- Membership of the TOP Orchestra.

Space still available for brass and woodwind Tuesday at Midhurst Rother College 4:30pm-6:00pm.

TOP25 runs for three terms from January to December. The first term is free* and terms 2 and 3 just £75 per term.

*There is a one-off non-refundable booking fee of £10.

For more details scan the QR code or visit <https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/top/> to book your place.



TOMORROW'S ORCHESTRA PROGRAMME



Starting in JANUARY 2025!

TOMORROW'S ORCHESTRA PROGRAMME
FREE group lessons on orchestral instruments for children aged 7 - 11

MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE
Tuesdays

- ✓ Free for term one
- ✓ Free instrument hire*
- ✓ Play in an orchestra

*A booking fee of £10 will apply to cover instrument delivery

ONLINE BOOKING ESSENTIAL LIMITED PLACES




www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/top
01403 286330


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MRC MUSIC DEPARTMENT


MUSIC ENSEMBLES



MONDAY LUNCH ADVANCED CHOIR
K017




MONDAY P6 CHOIR FOR ALL
K017




WEDNESDAY LUNCH STRING ENSEMBLE
K021


WEDNESDAY P6 ORCHESTRA
K021



WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLARINET ENSEMBLE
K017



FRIDAY LUNCH FLUTE ENSEMBLE
K020 (practice room)



FRIDAY LUNCH JAZZ BAND (ADVANCED PLAYERS)
K017

CAREERS INFORMATION

Rolls-Royce Apprenticeships

All Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Apprenticeships are now live on their website, visit: <https://www.bmwgroup.jobs/gb/en/rolls-royce-motorcars-futuretalent.html>

They have updated the page with more testimonials as well as registration links to two webinars. One will be in school time (10 Feb - you will need to complete an absence request form for the Attendance Team <https://www.mrc-academy.org/Portals/0/Library/documents/Attendance/Student%20Absence%20Request%20Form.pdf?ver=2019-05-21-141007-650>) and the other in the evening (18 March).

These webinars are a chance for young people and their families to learn more about the application and assessment process and to hear from current apprentices.

All information and registration links are on their website.



MRC Careers Fair 2025

Can you help us, do you have an interesting employer or own business that you feel would be an excellent addition to our Careers Fair this year? Please email samantha.jones@mrc-academy.org for more information.

Where are you now? Join MRC Alumni

It's been years...we hope that you left Midhurst Rother College with all the tools for your next steps in life. We would really like to know what you are doing now and what you have been doing since you left. Did you go to university, take an apprenticeship course, start a business or perhaps start working for a family business, have you taken a well-trodden or an unusual Career path?



Please scan the QR code to join our central Alumni Community at Lifelong United Learning to update us or click this link [Lifelong United Learning | Support Us | United Learning](#). You might also want to join our new Midhurst Rother College (MRC) page on [LinkedIn](#) (if you add us as your Education on LinkedIn you will be automatically added as our MRC Alumni, or you can choose to follow us).

It really would be great to hear from you as it's always nice to hear about old students! Please do get in touch.

Surrey/Sussex Police Recruitment Webinars

Two events have just launched to introduce students to the three different entry routes into being a police officer, the recruitment process, pre-employment clearances process and training programme.

There will also be an opportunity to speak to serving officers at the event who will share their experiences of policing and what to expect as part of the role.

The events are free to attend, and places can be booked via Eventbrite using the links below:

[Surrey Police - Police Officer Recruitment Event Tickets, Thu, Feb 13, 2025 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

[Surrey Police - Police Officer Recruitment Event Tickets, Tue, Mar 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

CAREERS INFORMATION

National Apprenticeship Week 2025

Click [here](#) to register for the Virtual Careers Fair.

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2025
VIRTUAL CAREERS FAIR
12.02.2025



MEET ALDI!

DID YOU KNOW THAT ALDI IS A 'TOP 100 APPRENTICESHIP EMPLOYER'?

09:00-09:30

DISCOVERING STEM CAREERS

10:30-11:00



BUILD A CAREER & EARN A SALARY WITH DHL **11:00-11:30**

EARN, LEARN & EXPERIENCE E.ON

11:30-12:00



ATTEND THIS SESSION TO WIN A MOCK INTERVIEW WITH E.ON!



CAREERS IN SPORT



ATTEND THIS SESSION TO WIN WORK EXPERIENCE!

14:00-14:30

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.

Hoodies

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.

[UNIFORM POLICY](#)



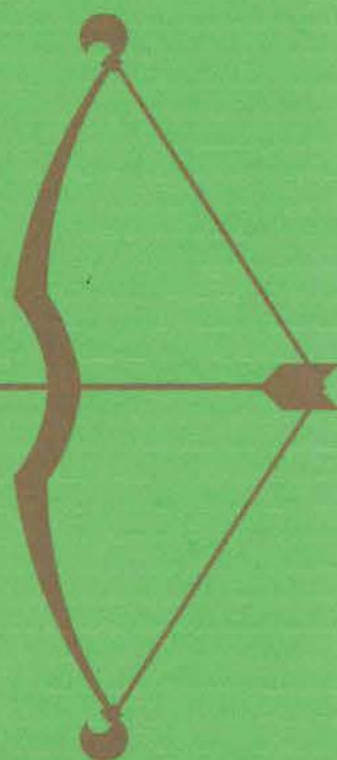
Negative Uniform/Jewellery Points

'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 one pink slip that has been issued over the course of the current week – one negative point per pink slip. 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!

PETWORTH PLAYERS PRESENTS

ROBIN HOOD



AND THE WITCHES OF SHERWOOD

SHOWING 31ST JAN - 2ND FEB 2025

FRIDAY 31ST JAN - 7:30PM

SATURDAY 1ST FEB - 2:30PM / 7:30PM

SUNDAY 2ND FEB - 2:30PM

HERBERT SHINER HALL, PETWORTH

TICKETS: ADULT £10 | CHILD £7 | FAMILY £28 (FAMILY OF 4)

BOX OFFICE: AUSTEN'S, PETWORTH

ONLINE BOX OFFICE: WWW.PETWORTHPLAYERS.CO.UK

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

BUILD-A-GAME CODING WORKSHOP

Have you ever dreamed of designing your very own game?

Join our exciting Kids Coding Workshops for budding game developers aged 10-14 and turn your ideas into reality using the Godot engine!

Six weekly sessions from Saturday, 11 January - Saturday 15 February.

2pm - 3.30pm.

£4 per session, or £20 to attend all 6 sessions.

Learn to create games from scratch or enhance your Godot coding skills.

Work on projects of all levels.

What to Bring:

A computer or laptop. Godot runs on Windows, Linux, and MacOS online.

No laptop? No problem! Talk to a staff member about borrowing one of ours. Please note that library laptops can only be used on-site, so you won't be able to take your project home to work on it.

Get creative, meet like-minded gamers, and bring your vision to life. You can attend as many sessions as you like—don't miss the chance to level up your skills!

Please note that Godot will only run on Windows, Mac and Linux it will not run on a Chrome Book.

Book Now: haslemere.library@surreycc.gov.uk



BUILD-A-GAME

CODING WORKSHOPS



**SAT 11TH
JAN - SAT
15TH FEB
2pm-3.30pm**

£4 per session or £20 for all 6

6 weekly sessions
for beginner & intermediate coders
aged 10-14 using Godot engine

Book Now: haslemere.library@surreycc.gov.uk



CALENDARS / DIARY DATES

MRC Performing Arts - Calendar of Events 2025

Spring Term 2025

Saturday 8 February	CFMDS - Woodwind	Flute ensemble Clarinet ensemble (+ any soloists who have entered)	New Park, Chichester
Wednesday 26 February	Dance House 1	MRC Dance Teams Minibus	Worthing Theatre
Saturday 1 March	CFMDS Festival	Orchestra Jazz Band Flute ensemble	St Pauls, Chichester
Saturday 8 March	CFMDS	Choirs	St Pauls, Chichester, from 9am
Tuesday 18 March	Yr 11 Component 2 exam (1)	GCSE Drama Yr 11	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 19 March	Yr 11 Component 2 exam (2)	GCSE Drama Yr 11	MRC Theatre
Thursday 20 March	Gilbert Hannam Day	Orchestra	St. Mary Magdalene & St. Denys
Wednesday 26 March	Spring Concert	Orchestra Choir Jazz Strings, flutes Drama/production groups Soloists (by invite) Bands	MRC Theatre
Thursday 27 March	Choreography showcase event	Yr 11 Dance Plus dance groups	MRC Theatre
Friday 28 March	Rother Valley Arts Festival	MRC Dance Teams	MRC Theatre
Tuesday 1 April	ROH Create and Sing launch for Magic Flute	Invited students – Singers plus orchestral players (audition)	Royal Opera House

Summer 2025

April TBC	Yr 13 Music recital	Yr 13	MRC Theatre
Thursday 3 April	Dance showcase event	Yr 11/10	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 30 April	Dance House 2	MRC Dance Teams Minibus	Worthing Festival Theatre
Tuesday 6 May	Yr 10 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama Yr10	MRC Theatre
Thursday 8 May	Yr 10 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama YR10	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 21 May	Yr 12 Component 1	Yr 12	MRC Theatre
Tuesday 24 June	Magic Flute	Invited students	Royal Festival Hall
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

DIARY DATES

These dates are accurate at the time of publishing.

Date	Event
17 - 21 February	Half Term
7 - 21 April	Easter Holidays
22 April	INSET Day
5 May	Bank Holiday
26 - 30 May	Half Term
18 July	Last Day of Term / Academic Year



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 uninterrupted 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/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/college-term-dates)

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

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

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

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

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