



MIDHURST MATTERS

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 6 May	All	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 May	11 10	External Exam Window Begins UL English Language and Literature Exam
Wednesday 8 May	10	UL English Language and Literature Exam
Thursday 9 May		
Friday 10 May	12 13	Biology Practical at Winchester College Celebration Day

Austen	Kipling	Tennyson	Woolf
112,448 (2,457)	128,351 (3,261)	127,846 (3,484)	107,807 (3,158)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The Year 11 and 13 students are working really well in the lead up to the exams. The Year 11's look great in their hoodies – the different colours around the school are good to see. They have worn them for about the last two weeks and need to be back in full school uniform from next week for their exams.

I'd like to thank and say a huge well done to our students who represented the school in the Senior Mountbatten athletics this week. I know they took part in a range of activities on the day. I don't have the full set of results yet, but I will share them with you when I do. I would also like to say well done to the Year 7 and 8 students who took part in the UM Maths Challenge last week. Several students achieved gold and silver medals, which is a terrific achievement.

Our Community Day on Saturday was excellent and was well attended by members of the school community, as well as from residents in the local area. It was good to see so many different stalls and activities going on during the day. Thank you to everyone who came to support.

Best wishes.

Stuart Edwards
Principal

EXAM SEASON

Supporting Pupils With Exam Pressure

It is a stressful time of year for students, and some may need extra support to get through these challenging exam weeks. We have included some articles below that we hope will help you support students.

[Coping with exam pressure - a guide for students - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

[Information for 11-18 year olds – Exam stress - Mind](#)

Year 11 - Bacon Butties Blaster Sessions Start Next Week

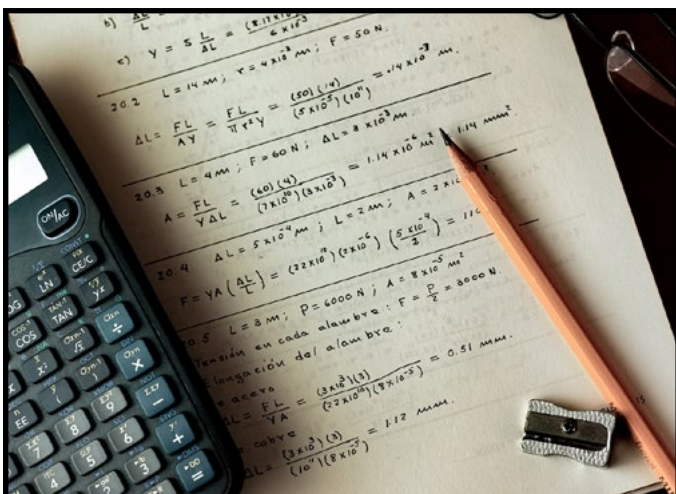
To help our GCSE students start their exams full of confidence and energy, many days in May and June begin with bacon and blasters (B&B) for Year 11. Students are served a free breakfast before core subject exams from 8am. Every exam, whether morning or afternoon is preceded by a blaster. This 20-minute session with a specialist subject teacher, who students know well, is created to calm nerves and remind students of exam technique and timing for each paper. We aim to build confidence and set our students up to show off what they know.

GCSE examinations are rigorous and demanding, intended to measure and demonstrate a young person's all round learning in education up to this point in Year 11. Many students have already sat speaking and/or practical components of their exams and produced a high standard of work. The intensive season of written exam papers begins straight after the early May bank holiday and continues until late June. Students each sit 25-30 papers over 6-7 weeks. They will often have GCSE exams in two different subjects on one day. Where they sit subjects set by different exam boards, there could occasionally be three exams on the same day!

Research shows and we agree, that students revise better by working in a structured environment at school with subject experts than they do at home by themselves. For this reason, MRC insists all students attend college daily throughout the exam season, going to all lessons around the exams of course. Students must wear correct uniform - no leavers hoodies (please see note further down the newsletter).

On the afternoon of Wednesday 12 June, Year 11 staff and students will enjoy a lunch together after the traditional celebration assembly. We have, of course, arranged for the ice cream van to come along as well. After this date, we will all see students coming and going in smaller numbers, to attend their own blasters and the remaining exams. The students certainly deserve a lovely, long summer break after so much hard work, something to look forward to as they begin their exams next week.

Fiona Lunskey
Assistant Principal - Raising Standards



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ASSESSMENTS COMING UP!

Week beginning : 6 May 2024

Assessments are coming up for the following year groups

- Year 10 : United Learning assessments begin this week for English (7 May 2024 onwards)
- Year 10 : all other subjects over three weeks beginning 10 June 2024
- Year 9 : all subjects (except Science) in the fortnight beginning 10 June 2024
- Year 8 : all subjects in the fortnight beginning 10 June
- Year 7 : all subjects in the fortnight beginning 3 June 2024

Prior to half-term, 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.

Please support your child in preparing well for these assessments with effective revision, adequate rest the night before and a good breakfast to fuel them for the day. It is also very helpful to ensure students have appropriate equipment – pens, pencils, highlighters as a minimum. We are also mindful that these assessments can create a degree of stress and anxiety – please do contact your Head of Year for support and advice should this be the case.

STUDENT RECEPTION

Call For Preloved School Uniform

As the end of the academic year approaches fast, a reminder that we gratefully receive any Year 11 uniform which still has some life in it (once they have completed their exams). We are always happy to receive donations of uniform that students have outgrown from all Year groups to replenish our stocks.

Water Bottles

The Summer Term has arrived and with it comes the prospect of warmer weather. All students are expected to bring water bottles into school especially in the warmer months to stay hydrated.

Water fountains are located in the lower main Hub and the PE Department



UNIFORM

MRC Uniform Policy

We expect our students to wear full uniform whilst in College. See below links to view our Uniform Policy for a refresher. If you need help with uniform please contact your Head of Year. Just a reminder that all students are expected to wear black short socks and not white during the summer months.

Year 11

It has been wonderful seeing our Year 11 students wearing their leavers hoodies in College over the past few weeks, a definite milestone in the Year 11 diary. After the forthcoming Bank Holiday weekend, full uniform must be worn during the exam season by all Year 11 students. Week commencing 7 May 2024.

[Uniform.pdf \(mrc-academy.org\)](#)

[Uniform policy.pdf \(mrc-academy.org\)](#)

MATHS DEPARTMENT

Get Ahead Stay Ahead Easter Challenge

A huge well done from the Maths Team to all students who participated in the 'Get Ahead, Stay Ahead' tasks over the Easter break. They were asked to work on independent learning on Sparx Maths. We shall be issuing almost 500 golden tickets into the prize draws. Good luck to everyone!

The Maths Team



DANCE DEPARTMENT

MRC At The Dance House

Last Wednesday students in Dance Team 1 and the Advanced Team represented MRC at the Dance House event in Worthing.

Not only did our students deliver an excellent performance on stage and impressed a big audience with their dance skills, but they also showed great sportsmen/women ship by supporting and cheering on the other dancers from schools around the County!

I am very proud of them and we are all looking forward to participating in the Dance House event again next year.

Mrs Rampton - Head of Dance



SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Student of The Week

Students of the Week are as follows...

Year 7 - Bailey D

Year 8 - Hugo M-W

Year 9 - Rufus K

Year 10 - Charlotte H

Year 11 - Oliver T

Well done to all our Science stars!



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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

100 Mile Walk for St Mungo's

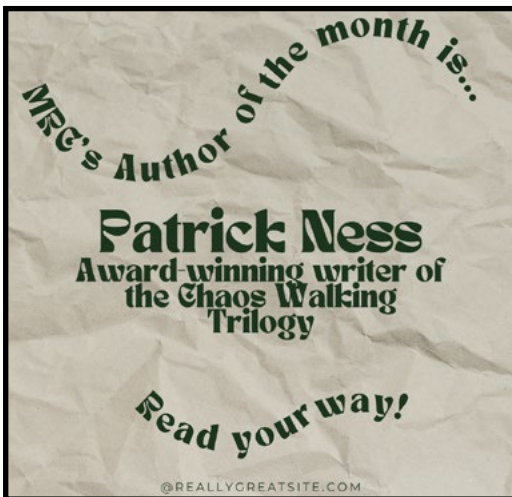
Over the month of April, Gabriella A in Year 8 and her parents walked 100 miles as a means to raise money for St Mungo's - a charity focused on ending homelessness and supporting rough sleepers and their pets finding a permanent home. The family are passionate about helping others and felt that this was a great way to fundraise for a worthy cause.

Gabriella is a bright young lady, with a fantastic work ethic and a great attitude to learning. I am very proud to have her in my year group and I am particularly impressed that she has been able to raise over £800, massively surpassing her target of £500! Gabriella is an excellent example of the school's values: respect, happiness, achievement. Well done Gabriella!

Miss Wright
Head of Year 8



LRC - AUTHOR OF THE MONTH



This month we celebrate the wonderful Anglo-American novelist Patrick Ness, who has had a prolific and award-winning career writing for Young Adults. Born and raised in America but currently living in London, one of his most famous works, *A Monster Calls*, was turned into a feature film and we have many of his works available in the library, such as *The Chaos Walking* trilogy, *Release*, *Burn* and *The Rest of Us Just Live Here*.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS - YEAR 4

Year 4 Art Day

Last Friday we had twenty Year 4 students from 10 different local Primary schools with us.

They spent the morning learning how to create different textures and patterns on paper before creating collage arrangements of vases of flowers.

We were supported by our lovely Sixth Form students Bailey, Lara, Alex, Lois and Aura. Every student took home a beautiful piece of art that they were very proud of, they were very talented and creative young artists.



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COMMUNITY DAY

A BIG thank you to all who came along last Saturday to support our annual Community Day. The rain stayed away and even the sun popped out to join in the community spirit.

There was an array of lifestyle, leisure, fitness and fun family activities on offer, with great giveaways from many local businesses. Local artists, creators and makers displayed and sold their wares alongside a variety of delicious food and drink to taste and buy.

Entertainment was provided by TJays inflatables and South Downs Ukuleles. Local community groups were on hand to advise and help people in this time of financial hardship and also to recruit volunteers to their fold.

The event showcased locally produced, locally grown, local people, eco-friendly, sustainable, renewable, recycled or recyclable, reflecting on the event's evolution, over the years, from the MRC Sustainability Day.

It truly was an event with something for everyone.

Maddie Hathaway



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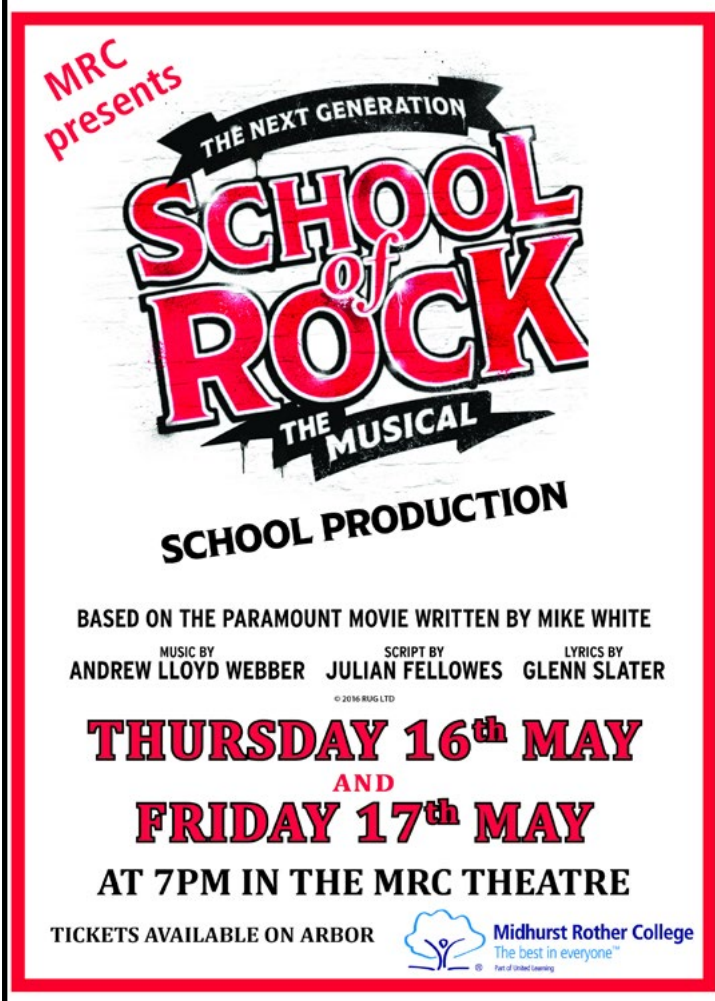
PERFORMING ARTS

MRC presents School of Rock The Musical!

On the 16 and 17 May, The Performing Arts team are very excited to invite you to come and rock out to our 2024 school production!

Tickets can be purchased through Arbor > Quick Actions > School Shop, buy your tickets in advance to avoid disappointment!

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start, we can't wait to see you there!



MRC presents

THE NEXT GENERATION

SCHOOL of ROCK

THE MUSICAL

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

BASED ON THE PARAMOUNT MOVIE WRITTEN BY MIKE WHITE


MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER SCRIPT BY JULIAN FELLOWES LYRICS BY GLENN SLATER

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THURSDAY 16th MAY
AND
FRIDAY 17th MAY

AT 7PM IN THE MRC THEATRE

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON ARBOR



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LOCAL RUNS

For all those budding runners out there, some local events happening over the next few weeks with medals for finishers!



MIDHURST MILERS

COCKING 10K TRAIL RACE

Sunday 5th May 2024

Enter online at www.midhurstmilers.org

RATED ON LET'S DO THIS!
★★★★★
4.9/5.0

The poster features a photograph of runners on a dirt path through a forest. The text is overlaid on the image. A circular badge in the bottom right corner contains a rating.

Cocking 10k Trail Race

Please click here to sign up for Cocking10k.



NORTHCHAPEL PTA PRESENTS

NORTHCHAPEL

5K

SCS SOUTH COAST SPORTS

MEDALS FOR FINISHERS

SATURDAY
18TH MAY 2024
START 11.00 AM

NORTHCHAPEL VILLAGE GREEN

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY SOUTH COAST SPORTS

FIND US ON FACEBOOK UNDER NORTHCHAPEL 5K FOR ENTRIES AND ALL DETAILS

The poster features a photograph of runners on a grassy field. The text is overlaid on the image. A circular badge in the bottom left corner contains the text 'MEDALS FOR FINISHERS'.

Northchapel 5k

Please click here to sign up for Northchapel5k.

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CRICKET CLUB

EVERY WEDNESDAY WITH
MR LAMB & MR MARSHALL

3.45pm-4.45pm

**ALL YEARS
WELCOME**

**HARD &
SOFT BALL**





DIARY DATES – SPRING TERM

These dates are accurate at the time of publishing.

Date	Event
Monday 27 May 2024	Half Term (27-31 May)
Friday 19 July 2024	End of Summer Term

House Events Calendar 2023/24			
Month	Events & Faculty	Year Group	Head of House Link
May	Gym Challenge	Yr10/11	AHK
June	Art House Competition	TBC	JOT
July	Drama	Yr7	RHN
July	Music - Battle of Bands	Yr7	CHS
July	PE House Cricket	Yr7-8 Combined Yr9-19 Combined	AHK
July	PE - Sports Day	Yr7-10	All

 Performing Arts Calendar of events - Spring and Summer 2024 			
Spring 2024			
Saturday 24 th February	CFMDS Festival	Musical Theatre Y13 duologue	St Josephs Chichester
Thursday 29 th February	Dance House 1	MRC Dance Teams Minibus	Worthing Theatre
Saturday 2 nd March	CFMDS Festival	Orchestra Jazz Band Flute ensemble	St Josephs School 9.45am Chichester
Saturday 9 th March	CFMDS Festival	MRC Singers Choir	St Josephs School Chichester
Wednesday 13 th March	YR 11 Component 2 exam	GCSE Drama YR11	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 20 th March	Spring Concert	Orchestra Choir Jazz Strings, flutes Drama/production groups Soloists (by invite) Bands	MRC Theatre
Friday 22 nd March	Rother Valley Arts Festival	MRC Dance Teams	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 27 th March	Courtney Pine at Ronnie Scotts	Y11 & 6 th form music	Ronnie Scotts London
Wednesday 27 th March	YR 11 Choreography Showcase	GCSE Dance Yr11	MRC Theatre
Summer 2024			
Wednesday 24 th April	Dance House 2	MRC Dance Teams	Worthing Theatre
Thursday 2 nd May	YR 10 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama YR10	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 15 th -Friday 17 th May	School of Rock!	School Production Cast Band/musicians	MRC Theatre
June TBC	Drama Day	BTEC Performing Arts	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 26 th June	Pre-tour Concert	Students that are coming to Belgium Orchestra Choir BTEC Performing Arts Jazz Band Drama (Invite only)	Amphitheatre
Tuesday 2 nd July	Drama and Music House Cup	YR 7	MRC Theatre Music P1-4 Drama 5-6
Friday 8 th - Tuesday 12 th July	Tour- Belgium	Orchestra Choir BTEC Performing Arts Jazz Band Drama (Invite only)	Belgium

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.mrc-academy.org/about-us/vacancies)

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)

Past editions of Midhurst Matters Newsletter [Midhurst Matters \(mrc-academy.org\)](https://www.mrc-academy.org)



The Midhurst Rother College Summer Internship Programme

Salary : £300 per week

Are you currently in your penultimate or final year of undergraduate study? Are you interested in a teaching career? Why not spend two weeks at Midhurst Rother College experiencing what it is like to inspire and change the lives of students.

We are an 11-18 rural Academy situated in the beautiful and historic town of Midhurst. Our vision for Midhurst Rother College was created by all staff and students in December 2016. As a community, we agreed that we would promote respect, achievement and happiness to underpin the culture of our College. Our drive is to provide an excellent standard of education for the whole community which supports and develops each and every individual to be the very best they can be.

The two weeks will be between **Monday 24 June – Friday 5 July**.

During your two week placement, you will;

- Experience different roles within a school and education.
- Have a designated mentor to help you and develop your understanding of the education setting.
- Experience the classroom setting, by observing teachers within different subject areas, as well as your own subject specialism. You may even get an opportunity to co-teach with your mentor!

We would love to hear from you, no matter what your degree. We can offer an internship in a number of subjects, and it may be that your degree would be suitable for teaching a subject you that may not have considered! Most importantly, you will have a genuine interest in a teaching career, but we will look for the following in applicants;

- On track to achieve at least a 2.2 in an Honours Degree.
- Personable, approachable and a good sense of humour.
- Kind, patient and able to work as a team.
- A willingness to learn.

We expect several applicants, so please apply early.

If you have any questions, please contact Jordan Roberts (Jordan.roberts@mrc-academy.org).

To apply, please complete the following form;

<https://forms.office.com/e/YF7dVlyAbx>

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