

ATTERS ATTERS

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 21 October		
Tuesday 22 October		
Wednesday 23 October	All	Talk - Teens, anxiety and their phones -7pm in the Theatre
Thursday 24 October		
Friday 25 October		Attendance - Silent Disco - In school time

Austen	Kipling	Tennyson	Woolf
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been a very busy week in school this week. Our Year 7s have all been on their first school visit with us to Arundel Castle. Our sports fixtures continue and there is a theatre visit this week, too. We had our second open morning this week and had the highest number of visitors to our school that we have ever had. The vast majority of them were from schools that are out of our catchment area.

I will give a special mention to Year 7 in Midhurst Matters this week. They did exceptionally well in assembly with me this week. We talked about world hunger and how eating insects may be a solution to feed an ever-growing population. The vast majority of them were very happy to try some 'crunchy crickets' either in assembly, or afterwards. It is great to see their enthusiasm!

It is our intention to keep the field open for as long as possible this year. It is good to see students still able to get outside into the fresh air, provided it is dry. Please can I remind all parents / carers that hoodies are not part of our school uniform – these will be confiscated if students wear them to school.

There will be no Midhurst Matters next week, as it is the end of term. I would like to wish you all a very good half-term when we get there and hope to see many of you on fireworks evening on 8 November.

Best wishes.

Stuart Edwards Principal



MOVEMBER

It's that time of year again to Gro A Mo!

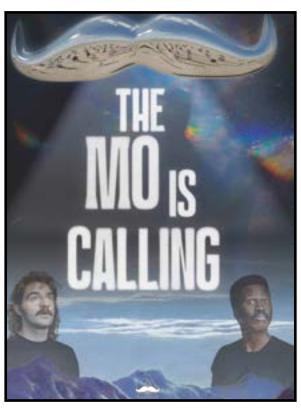
This November we will be raising much-needed funds for prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention. Men die on average 6 years earlier than women. Together we can stop men dying too young.

We had a strong turn out last year - can we recruit more willing mo growers this year?!

All donations are welcome big or small - for all the dads, brothers, sons and mates in your life. Click https://movember.com/t/mrc-movember-23?mc=5 or scan QR code below.

Mr Thompson





KS3 & KS4 ASSESSMENT DIARY

Week beginning: 21 October 2024

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: Mock Exams (Internals) for all subjects in the three weeks beginning 11 November 2024
- · Year 10: in class assessments for all subjects in the fortnight beginning 4 November 2024
- · Year 9: in class assessments for all subjects in the fortnight beginning 4 November 2024

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 your Head of Year for support and advice should this be the case.

YEAR 11 - EXAMS

Half Term Exam Papers

Teachers will be setting one exam paper per subject that must be done over the half term week. A pack of papers will be issued to your child on Wednesday 23 October. These will be collected back in from the students on Monday 4 November. Some subjects will set other work appropriate to their course. A letter detailing what each subject is setting will be emailed home before the half term week begins.

We are offering a Half Term Study Space in College from 9.00am - 3.00pm on Wednesday 30 October. Please email Mr Lamb (ashley.lamb@mrc-academy.org) if you would like your child to attend. Some subject teachers will also be there to guide students and snacks will be provided. Students may wear their own clothes rather than school uniform. Transport to and from College is not provided for this event.

We know that Year 11 is a demanding, very busy academic year for students. We are impressed with the hard work our students are already doing and thank you for the support and encouragement you give at home. Please do contact us by email about academic and pastoral concerns if they arise.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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?



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 that HOODIES are not part of the uniform and will be removed from students if they wear them to College or during break times.

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!

COLLEGE NOTICES

TALK ON TEENS, ANXIETY AND THEIR PHONES

On Wednesday 23 October at 7pm Mr Hills, our Director of Behaviour, will be giving an interesting talk aiming to help decode the teenage brain! Please click on this link to book your place: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=faTnVVu_D0asCx3EsIlaxfz_Fe0a3ihPnhE_euZGCrVUQjREVExLQ1E2WIFaOVA0VUxSQ0JCSIdYQSQIQCNjPTEu

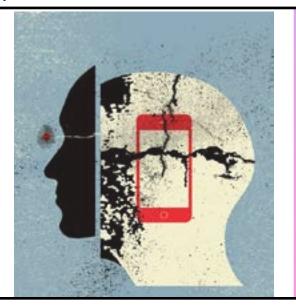
Teens, anxiety and their phones!

Huge stress points for us all, as parents, carers and students! Does one cause the other, are they related, should my teen have a phone at all?

This 40-minute presentation brings together the latest research on these topics, where governments and schools are ultimately heading, this session will give you as parents/carers ideas to try or discuss.

This is expected to be busy so please book, it's free, using the link below, and secure your seat for this important information evening.

Wednesday 23rd October - 7pm, Midhurst Rother College



FIREWORKS NIGHT AT MRC FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2024

Amazing professional pyromusical display staged again by Aurora Fireworks.

Entry gates will open from 6.00pm with last entry at 6:45pm.

Food trucks include Spud Shack, Dirty Mac, Simply Hog Roast, The London Churro Company, Amazing Graze, Really Awesome Coffee, Bombshell Bakes, plus a licensed bar, sweets and goodies stall and glow sticks for sale.

Ticket prices:

Family (2 adults, 2 children) £16, Adult £6, Child aged 5 and over £3.50

Available online via Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mrc-fireworks-2024-tickets-1040454085177 or by searching on Eventbrite for Midhurst Rother College Events.

Tickets are also available to purchase at The Upholsterer on North Street and MRC Reception. Any remaining tickets will be available on the night at the gate.



FOODBANK FRIDAY

We would like to say a huge thank you for your generous donations to the foodback this morning. Such a variety of basics alongide hand washes, sanitary products, baby food, sauces, cereals and a few treats.

The Christmas Foodbank Friday will be Friday 22 November which will be all about treats!

ADD weight.



CHRISTMAS KIDS LUNCH PACKS

Registration is now open for Christmas Kids Lunch Packs for families on low incomes. If you are on a low income and your child or children get free school meals, you should have given a voucher number so you can receive a box of food to help ease the pressure over the school holidays.

Register your voucher online at https://bit.ly/3juhqYf by Sunday 17th November.

If you have yet to receive a voucher, please email Mrs Hathaway - madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org.





POPPY APPEAL 2024

The Royal British Legion's biggest fundraising campaign will launch soon and we are proud to have them avaiable to buy at main reception.

Poppies are worn as a show of support for the Armed Forces community. It is a well known and well established symbol which carries a wealth of history and meaning with it.

Did you know that the Poppy has been the symbol of Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future in the aftermath of the First World War for 100 years. There is no correct way to wear your poppy, from paper poppies to pins, bag charms to pet poppies, the best way to wear won is simply with pride.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Year 10 Netball

Last week our Year 10 girls netball team took on St Philip Howard in a excellent game in which MRC were triamphant! The final score was 15-5. Well done to all who represented the College with some excellent netball and sportsmanship too.

Other Netball news, Year 7 played their first friendly and Year 8 are having a positive start to the season plus we have some new players on board!

Miss Howard







Football Fixture - Year 11

The Year 11 boys football team had a fantastic result in their latest match, emphatically winning 10-3 against Chichester High School.

The goals come from Archie J, Owain A, Denys N, Will A and Jonny O'S. The team were fantastic in all aspects with specially mentions to Archie and Will for securing hat tricks and Hamish U for making 3 assists as a goalkeeper!

A special performance which will be remembered by all involved. We look forward to our final 2 games of the season.

Player of the match was awarded to the whole team!

Mr Marshall



MATHS

UKMT Maths Challenge - Success!

Congratulations to Benjamin S in Year 12 for achieving Gold in the recent Senior UKMT Maths Challenge! With this result, he has advanced into the next round, and so has been invited to take part in the Senior Maths Kangeroo. Huge congratulations to Benjamin, and well done to the two Silvers and five Bronzes that were also achieved.

Mr Boyt



PHOTOGRAPHY

House Photogaphy Competition

Changing seasons is the topic for the next house photography competition. We look forward to seeing your creative take on the brief.

Mr Hayward



HISTORY

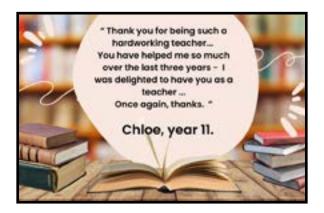
Year 7 Arundel Castle Trip

This week Year 7 History students visited Arundel Castle to deepen their understanding of The Norman Conquest. Students took part in a number of workshops and a moat tour to learn about the development of Motte and Bailey castles, defensive and offensive features and the role of Arundel throughout History up to the present day. A highlight of the trip was investigating weaponry and maille armour used throughout the medieval era. Students were able to handle original arrowheads and tried on maille, this weighed around 20kg, Imagine climbing to the top of the keep in such heavy armour!





ENGLISH



ART DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

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

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



ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (AEN)

Additional Support

A really useful collection of subjects for various FREE sessions supporting children with school anxiety.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Under 18 England Training Squad

This week we are shining the Student Spotlight beam on an ex student. Scarlet Down has been selected into the England Rugby under 18's training squad ahead of the Six Nations tournament in April 2025. What an amazing achievement. We continue to watch Scarlet's progress with a keen eye. Well done Scarlet!

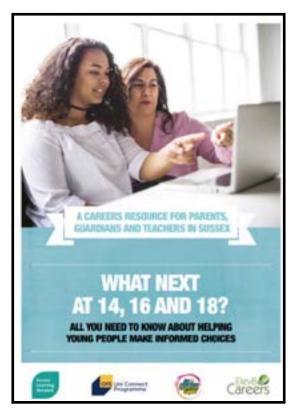


CAREERS INFORMATION

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'.







HOUSE EVENTS



MRC HOUSE EVENT CALENDAR TERM 1 - 2024/25

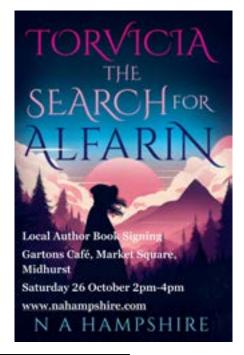
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23 September	Scovenger Hunt MFL Dictionary	MFL	7 All
30 September	Nack History Honth	History	AIL
7 October	Just Dance	PE	ALL
14 October	GooGuesser	Geography	ALL
2 October	Cross Country	PE	Alt
4 November	Photography 1	Photography	ΑL
11 November	STEM Day	Science	AIL
16 November	Art Scholars	Ап	Art Scholans
25 November	Football & Netball	PE	Alt
2 December	Caette Model	History	7
9 December	Indoor Athletics	PE	788
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LOCAL EVENTS

Book Launch!

N A Hampshire is a local author and resident of Easebourne. He has recently released his debut novel Torvicia - The Search for Alfarin, which is a children's fantasy adventure about a girl's quest into a fantastical world to find her missing mother.

Meet Neil and purchase a signed copy at a book signing on Saturday 26 October in Garton's Coffee House, Midhurst from 2pm-4pm.



Northchapel Fireworks



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!!



MIDHURST MILERS





MIDHURST RUGBY CLUB



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

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		Minibus	Theatre	
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
28 October - 1 November	Half Term Break

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 Polymery	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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