

IDHURST ATTERS

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 7 October	All	House Events: Just Dance
Tuesday 8 October		Prospective Students Open Morning 9.30am - 11.30am
Wednesday 9 October		
Thursday 10 October		Sixth Form Options Evening
Friday 11 October		

Austen	Kipling	Tennyson	Woolf
18,698	20,287	20,452	22,692
(5148)	(5408)	(4796)	(6949)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I will start this week with a first push for our Fireworks Night, which is on the 8 November this year. This is one of the highest attended, if not the highest attended, annual events in Midhurst. Last year, we had well in excess of 2000 people at the school for the evening. Tickets will be available via our website next week and I encourage you all to come along.

As we approach the winter, I would like to remind all parents that hoodies are not part of our school uniform. Students can wear a plain black V-neck jumper (optional) under their blazer. We notice every year that lots of students don't wear a coat in winter – I encourage them to do this and to wear it over their blazer.

The students continue to work well in lessons. Next week we have our first open morning event for prospective Year 7 students for September 2025. I enjoy and look forward to this day, as the students and parents get to see our school in action.

Thanks again to all students who represent us in sports fixtures. Win or lose, it is great that they are

participating.

Have a good weekend. Best wishes

Stuart Edwards
Principal





KS3 ASSESSMENT DIARY

Week beginning: 7 October 2024

At MRC students in years 7-9 sit three assessments per year. These assessments support students to reflect on their progress, provide opportunities to practice and prepare for KS4 GCSE assessments in a 'low stakes' situation. 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 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

Before the 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.

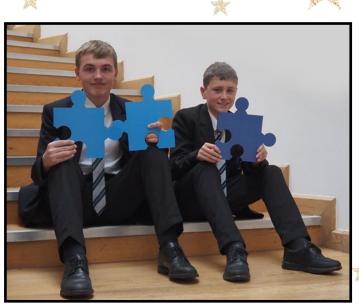
Additional information and revision guidance can be found on the college website (https://www.mrc-academy.org/curriculum/revision-resources) at any time; this page provides useful ideas and strategies to support independent and effective revision by any child at any time.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Winners!

Congratulations to our last two attendance prize winners! Barney S, Year 11 and Ted C, Year 8. Your child can put themselves in the draw this year by achieving 96% attendance or above. Also, your children will be aware that we are looking to hold a Silent Disco for all those students who recieve 100% attendance between 23 Sept - 4 Oct and want to attend.

Another great week for attendance. Last week we had 867 students who managed to have 100% attendance, meaning that no days were lost, and learning was maximised. Amazing! Let's hope that they can do the same this week and get themselves into the Silent Disco (details to be confirmed).



Also, please be aware we have updated our Attendance policy to reflect the changes made by the DfE. Please make sure you are familiar with its content. You can find the policy <u>HERE</u> on our website

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.

If your child needs to attend an appointment, please send us a copy of any supporting information such as a medical letter or appointment card. Our website (<u>Attendance Matters (mrc-academy.org)</u> contains further information, including links to our policies and a link to our <u>student absence request form</u>. You may also find this link useful from the NHS, <u>Is my child too ill for school</u>? We work closely with the legislation as laid out in the DfE's <u>Working together to improve school attendance</u> (applies from 19 August 2024) publication to ensure that we fulfil the government's mandate on attendance and support you and your child.

EXAMS

Supporting your child through Revision and Exam Periods

October is an important month for Year 11 students. Now is the time to embed sustainable homework habits into daily routines and practise effective methods of revision. With a full set of internal GCSE exams to do next month, students' preparation needs to start now. Parents' support is vital even if teenagers don't always admit it. Thank you for encouraging your child to plan ahead and revise all their subjects in good time.

The week beginning 13 October will have a Revision Theme in Year 11; Elevate Education will run workshops for all Year 11 students on Thursday 17 October in College. Masterclasses and lessons will model and practise revision techniques. Students will make revision planning calendars for the 9 days of half term.

Parents are asked join the Eleveate Webinar on Tuesday 15 October at 6pm, link to register below (you can also download and listen back to the first two sessions about study skills and managing time, links are sent to all parents by email from Arbor).

Teachers will start setting tasks to guide students' work over half term week. These tasks are not optional. Half term work is expected from all our Year 11 students.

We will offer a Half Term Study Space in College for Wednesday 30 November, with snacks and support for students from 9.30 - 2.30pm in College. Practical exams and MFL speaking begin as soon as we return after half term before written papers begin on Monday 11 November. Exam timetables for students are being added to the Exams section of Arbor so you can see your child's schedule in November.

The next webinar will be on Tuesday 15 October 6-7pm. See below for details.

Elevate Webinar How You Can Help Your Child Set Up for Success in Exams

Tuesday 15th October 6:00-7:00pm (BST)

Click here to register for free

Here's what Elevate will be covering on the night:

Create a road map to maximize success in their exams

Structure their final week before exams

Stay on track and avoid cramming or stressing the night before

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 - we have female staff in the hub to help if prefered.







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

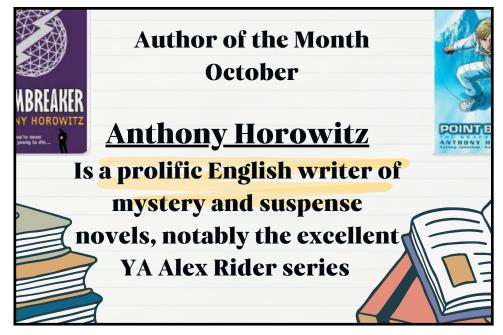
As the weather gets colder, a gentle reminder to students and parents that coats are obviously allowed to be worn, but that HOODIES are not part of the uniform and will be removed from students if they wear them to College or during break times.

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

LRC - AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

October's Author of the Month is Anthony Horowitz CBE, an English novelist and screenwriter specilalising in mystery and suspense. His works for children and young adult readers include the Alex Rider series featuring a 14 year old British boy who spies for MI6, The Power of Five series and The Diamond Brothers.



PRELOVED PROM DRESS SALE - SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER

Year 11, 12, 13

The Bishop Luffa School in Chichester is holding a preloved prom dresses event, dresses will be available to buy and sell. This is a great event for sellers as we supply a captive audience thus increasing your chances of selling. Over 100 dresses were in stock at the last event in a variety of sizes, colours and designs.

Bishop Luffa School very much look forward to welcoming our families to buy and sell at their sale on Saturday 19 October 2024.

FOODBANK FRIDAY

On Friday 18 October, we will be holding our first Foodbank Friday of the year. We are always overwhelmed by your generosity in supporting our local Midhurst Foodbank. For this collection, the Foodbank have suggested items from the list below would be very useful for them to receive:

Tinned fruit, tinned custard or rice pudding, instant whips, tinned meat products, tinned fish, barbecue sauces, liquid hand wash, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, rice, instant flavoured noodles, long life milk.

A reminder that we are a referral point for the Foodbank and if you at any point require any Foodbank vouchers, then please do not hesitate in

contacting us via foodbank@mrc-academy.org or through your child's pastoral leader.





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.

You should have received a voucher and if you haven't, please email Mrs Hathaway - madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org.

ART DEPT

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.

MRC Learning Journey

2024/25

MRC Learning Journey 24/25

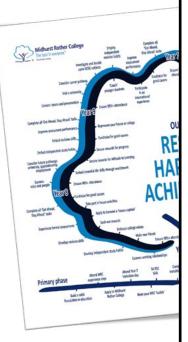
There are three levels (visible on Arbor once achieved) aimed to push students to work hard and experience more.

Bronze Silver Gold

Students can complete all criteria at a certain level to receive a guaranteed prize and go into an additional prize draw.

They can also complete bonus criteria, to gain additional prize draw entries.

All criteria & prizes are subject to changes through the year.





- · Attendance of 90% or more
- Participate in a house event
- Be awarded 150 or more achievement points in a term
- Complete 2 full proud cards in a term
- Achieve an average attitude to learning score of 3 or above in a tracking point
- Sign the MRC Student Charter
- Surpass the expected amount of homework achievement this term (25+)

Bonus:

- ✓ Represent the College in an event or trip
- ✓ Complete a 'Get Ahead, Stay Ahead' task
- ✓ Attendance of 96% or more
- ✓ Participate in a recycling event



You must have completed the bronze level to unlock silver

- Attendance of 94% or more
- Participate in four house events
- Be awarded 250 or more achievement points in a term
- Complete 4 full proud cards in a term
- Surpass the expected amount of homework achievement this term (50+)
- Receive an enrichment nomination for improvement, excellence, or leadership

Bonus:

- ✓ Represent the College in two different events or trips
- ✓ Complete two 'Get Ahead, Stay Ahead' tasks
- ✓ Attendance of 98% or more
- ✓ Participate in two recycling events



You must have completed the bronze and silver level to unlock gold

- · Attendance of 97% or more
- Participate in nine house events
- Be awarded 350 or more achievement points in a term
- Complete 6 full proud cards in a term
- Surpass the expected amount of homework achievement this term (75+)

Bonus:

- ✓ Represent the College in three or more different events or trips
- ✓ Complete three or more 'Get Ahead, Stay Ahead' tasks
- √ 100% attendance
- ✓ Be appointed to a leadership role within College



Check they have completed their homework each week

Ask them which house events they are going to do?

Ask them about their progress?
Have they got enough
points/completed proud cards

Is there anything more they can do?

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Last weekend Silka J in Year 9 travelled to Northern Ireland to compete in a mounted games competition. The team came third overall which is a great result. Well done Silka!





AEN DEPARTMENT

Additional Support

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

MATHS DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to all the KS5 Mathematicians for taking part in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge on the 1 October.

Results should arrive within two weeks. Also, a well done to the Year 11/12/13 girls who took part in the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls on 25 September. This was a first for the school, and we are excited to see what the scores will end up being.

Mr Boyt



United Kingdom Mathematics Trust

PE DEPARTMENT

Several MRC students have been attending sports trials recently and some have impressed enough to have been selected to play for county teams.

Pippa M (Year 8) who plays for Horsham Hockey Club will now be training with Sussex. Pippa plays as a midfielder and is excited to see how far she can progress with her hockey this year.

Scarlet H (Year 11) who played netball at Surrey Storm last year attended the London Pulse Netball trials among 400 other netballers, and was one of 20 girls who were selected for the team.

Some great sporting achievements for our students at MRC.

Miss Isobel Howard

Do You Dinghy Sail?

Dr Dean and Miss Howard are gybing into the pool of MRC sailing talent and want to know how many keen sailors there are within the college!

If you are into your dinghy sailing, please go and see Dr Dean or Miss Howard for a copy of the form to fill out (some exciting opportunities to get involved with interschool sailing competitions could be pending*).

We look forward to finding out who knows their port from starboard.

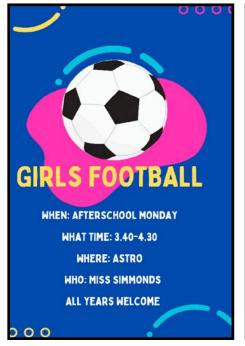
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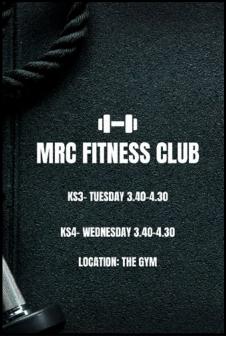
*based on several factors

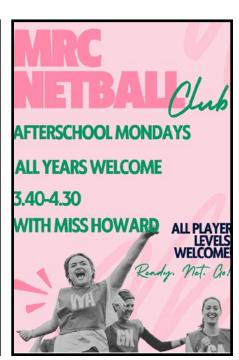
Do You Dinghy Sail? Name: Tutor Group: Where do you normally sail? RYA Stage? Do you have your own boat? How often do you sail per year? What class of boat do you sail? Do you prefer to helm or crew? Detail any race experience you have: Anything else you want to tell us?

PE DEPARTMENT

We will be running a variety of after school clubs this term, details below.







HOUSE EVENTS



EVENTS



EVENTS/TALKS

Join us for another interesting talk with Mr Hills on Wednesday 23 October at 7pm. Please email Mr Hills to reserve your seats, **simon.hills@mrc-academy.org**.

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.

Booking Form HERE

Wednesday 23rd October
7pm
Midhurst Rother College







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 RUBY CLUB



MRC Performing Arts - Calendar of Events 2024 - 2025

DATE	EVENT	STUDENTS INVOLVED	VENUE	STAFF	TIME
Autumn 2024					
Friday 25 October	CFMDS – Deadline for entries	Orchestra, jazz, choir plus soloists/individual entries	Chichester		
Thursday 7 November	Rotary Concert	Orchestra Choir Jazz Band	MRC Theatre (P5&6 theatre only)	RSR STY RBN	P5,6 & eve
Wednesday 20 November	Bright Sparks	Compulsory for KS4 & 5 Music students	Royal Festival Hall- London	STY ? ?	All day
Wednesday 27 November	Music for Youth Proms	Trip – All students that wish to attend.	Royal Albert Hall- London	STY ????	evening
Wednesday 4 December	Winter Concert	Orchestra Choir Jazz Strings, Flutes Drama/Production Groups Soloists (by invite) Bands	MRC Theatre	VSN KMS RSR ABM STY RBN	All day and eve
Thursday 7 December	Tree of Hope Service	Musicians - Invite only (P6 rehearsals)	Easebourne Church	STY RSR	P6 & eve
Monday 16 December	Pantos	Year 10 GCSE drama	Theatre	(VSN) KMS	All day and eve All of theatre and studio
Tuesday 17 December	Carol Service	Orchestra Choir Jazz Band	Midhurst Church	RSR RBN STY	day
Wednesday 18 December	Carol Service	Orchestra Choir Musical Theatre/BTEC Jazz Band	Midhurst Church	STY RSR RBN	day
Thursday 19 December	Pantos	Year 10 GCSE drama	Theatre	VSN (KMs)	All day and eve ALL of theatre
Spring 2024					
	Dance House 1	MRC Dance Teams Minibus	Worthing Theatre	CRN ABM	
1 or 2 March (TBC)	CFMDS Festival	Orchestra Jazz Band Flute ensemble	St Joseph's School	STY RSR RBN	Weekend

DATE	EVENT	STUDENTS INVOLVED	VENUE	STAFF	TIME
8 March	CFMDS	Choirs	St Joseph's School	STY (CMN)	
Tuesday 18 March	YR 11 Component 2 exam (1)	GCSE Drama YR11	MRC Theatre	VSN KMS	All day & eve
Wednesday 19 March	YR 11 Component 2 exam (2)	GCSE Drama YR11	MRC Theatre	VSN KMS	All day & eve
Thursday 20 March	Gilbert Hannam day	Orchestra	St. Mary Magdalene & St. Denys	STY RSR RBN	P1-4
Wednesday 26 March	Spring Concert	Orchestra Choir Jazz Strings, flutes Drama/production groups Soloists (by invite) Bands	MRC Theatre	VSN KMS RSR ABM STY RBN	All day & eve
Friday 28 March	Rother Valley Arts Festival	MRC Dance Teams	MRC Theatre	CRN MHY	Evening only
Tuesday 1 April	ROH Create and Sing launch for Magic Flute	Invited students – Singers plus orchestral players (audition)	Royal Opera House	STY or RSR	Day
Summer 2024					
April TBC	Y13 Music Recital	Y13	MRC Theatre	N/A	After school
Tuesday 6 May	YR 10 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama YR10	MRC Theatre	KMS VSN	All day & eve
Thursday 8 May	YR 10 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama YR10	MRC Theatre	KMS VSN	All day & eve
Wednesday 21 May	Y12 Component 1	Year 12	MRC Theatre	VSN KMS	All day
Tuesday 24 June	Magic Flute	Invited students	Royal Festival Hall	RSR or STY	All day & Eve
June TBC	Drama Day		MRC Theatre	VSN	
Thursday 26 June	Addams Family – School production!	Cast and orchestra of Addams family	MRC Theatre	VSN STY KMS RSR ABM RBN	
Friday 27 June	Addams Family – School production	Cast and orchestra of Addams family	MRC Theatre	VSN STY KMS RSR ABM RBN	
Tuesday 15 July	Drama and Music House Cup	YR 7	MRC Theatre Music P1-4 Drama 5-6	STY RSR KMS ABM HOH's	All day

DIARY DATES – AUTUMN TERM

These dates are accurate at the time of publishing.

Date	Event
8 October	Prospective Students Open Morning - 9.30am - 11.30am
10 October	Sixth Form Taster Day/Open Evening
16 October	Prospective Students Open Morning 9.30am - 11.30am
16 October	Year 11 GCSE Success Fair (Face to Face)
16 October	Year 7 History Trip to Arundel Castle - Group 2
17 October	Year 7 History Trip to Arundel Castle - Group 1
28 October - 1 November	Half Term Break

MRC HOUSE EVENT CALENDAR TERM 1 - 2024/25

Week beginning	Event	Subject	Year Group
23 September	Scavenger Hunt	MFL	7
	MFL Dictionary		All
30 September	Black History Month	History	All
7 October	Just Dance	PE	All
14 October	GeoGuesser	Geography	All
2 October	Cross Country	PE	All
4 November	Photography 1	Photography	All
11 November	STEM Day	Science	All
18 November	Art Scholars	Art	Art Scholars
25 November	Football & Netball	PE	All
2 December	Castle Model	History	7
9 December	Indoor Athletics	PE	7 & 8
16 December	Christmas Tree	Art	All

MRC HOUSE EVENT CALENDAR TERM 2 - 2024/25

Week beginning	Event	Subject	Year Group
6 January	Creative Writing	English	All
13 January	Open Performance	Drama	All
27 January	Chess	History	All
3 February	Cross Country 2	PE	All
10 February	Mario Kart	PE	All
24 February	World Maths Day	Maths	All
3 March	Photography 2	Photography	All
10 March	World Science Week	Science	All
17 March	Badminton	PE	All
24 March	Holocaust	RP	All
31 March	Volleyball	PE	All

MRC HOUSE EVENT CALENDAR TERM 3 - 2024/25

Week beginning	Event	Subject	Year Group
22 April	Open Performance	Music	All
19 May	Chess	History	All
19 May	Art	Art	All
2 June	Photography 3	Photography	All
30 June	Sports Day	PE	All
7 July	We will rock you!	Music	7
14 July	Greek Theatre	Drama	7

VACANCIES AT MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE

Please click on the following link for the latest vacancies at MRC:

https://www.mrc-academy.org/about-us/vacancies

HELPFUL MRC WEBSITE LINKS

Arbor Information Guides: Arbor Information Guides (mrc-academy.org)

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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