



# MIDHURST MATTERS



## Principal's Message

This week we celebrated our annual Gilbert Hannam Day in College. Gilbert Hannam was the founder of a school in Midhurst, which provided a free education for 12 protestant boys. From the original school, which is now part of the Spread Eagle, the school developed and grew into Midhurst Rother College and the 1200 children we have today. It was a real pleasure to go to the Church with the students on Thursday. Their behaviour and conduct was impeccable, the Orchestra played and our Choir sang. The Trustees of the GHEF (Gilbert Hannam Education Foundation) attended the ceremony yesterday too.

The awards event took place last night, where students' successes were acknowledged. The GHEF also give travel bursaries to Sixth Form students and awards for essay prizes. They also give a bursary of £750 to the highest performing GCSE students who stay in our Sixth Form. Outside of the event, the foundation provides support for our College in a variety of ways, such as paying for new computers, new music equipment and contributing to the cost of residential visits. Our students benefit enormously from this charity.

Today is Comic Relief Day and students were able to wear their clothes for a voluntary contribution of £1.00. Various events took place throughout the day to raise money.

Best Wishes.

**Stuart Edwards**  
Principal

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# Diary Dates and House Points

## The Week Ahead

- Monday 24 March**      Year 12      Internal Exams (All Subjects)
- Tuesday 25 March**      Year 11      GCSE Dance Choreography Exam
- Wednesday 26 March**      Spring Concert - 7pm Theatre -  
See poster within Midhurst  
Matters
- Thursday 27 March**      Year 9      Normandy Visit Parent Meeting  
  
Dance Show - 6.30pm Theatre -  
See poster within Midhurst  
Matters
- Friday 28 March**      UKMT Maths Challenge

AUSTEN

153,819  
(7,348)

KIPLING

177,584  
(8,254)

TENNYSON

174,141  
(8,967)

WOOLF

183,255  
(8,573)



# CHARITY EVENTS

## CHARITY FUN!

What a brilliant day, well done all of you! Seven students and one member of staff braved it! And we had a guest barber...Principal, Mr Edwards!

The Sixth Form students completed the 3rd annual Brave the Shave to raise money for their local, independent specialist palliative care service, the Midhurst Macmillan Service. They have now raised an incredible £1,266!

Committing to a Brave the Shave is a courageous thing to do - shaving all your hair off for charity. It's poignant and respectful too - mirroring the hair loss some patients endure during their cancer treatment.

The Midhurst Macmillan Service operates throughout Sussex, Surrey and Hampshire providing world class palliative care to patients with terminal diseases. They are funded solely by donations generated by the Midhurst Palliative Care Charity.

We ask if you would still please consider donating to the JustGiving Page linked at the end of this appeal in order to support our local service and keep them running and available to help patients and their families in one of the most difficult times in their lives. [Donate here](#).

Thank you.

**Saul Combes**  
**Charity Team Coordinator**



Respect, Happiness, Achievement



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A correction to the publicity for this event, Macmillan Cancer Support, the large national charity, no longer funds the Midhurst Macmillan Service. They are now funded independently through their own charity, Midhurst Palliative Care.

Whilst Macmillan does admirable work nationally in hospitals and through its helplines for example, it no longer funds our local palliative care service looking after patients and their families in Midhurst and beyond.

Midhurst Palliative Care appreciate that this is confusing, especially as the Service is still badged a Macmillan service, but it's important to them and MRC that the message about their funding is out there in the community.



The Midhurst Macmillan Service, funded by Midhurst Palliative Care, provides specialist palliative care over 400 square miles of Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire.

Our team provides clinical treatment and care to manage the symptoms of a life-limiting illness and give patients a good quality of life. That's vital work and is at the heart of everything we do. But palliative care is holistic so we also aim to make sure our patients feel supported and comfortable. That's why what we do also includes:

- Offering emotional, spiritual and psychological support - to our patient and their family. The Midhurst Macmillan Service has a whole team of counsellors and complementary therapists who offer additional care.
- Providing practical support such as planning for the future or getting equipment to help our patients live as well as possible. Practical support can also include help with shopping, respite visits or transport to appointments.



  @MidhurstPalliativeCare



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[SC-TR.mpc-charity@nhs.net](mailto:SC-TR.mpc-charity@nhs.net) • 01730 811121

Midhurst Palliative Care CIO • Registered charity No 1195572

Midhurst Community Hospital, Dodsley Lane, Easebourne, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 9AW

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# CHARITY EVENTS

## MEGA BAKE SALE – £260



Last Wednesday, to support Comic Relief – a charity which seeks to diminish poverty and social injustice in the UK – Ben and I, as well as numerous other Charity supervisors within our Sixth Form held a Bake Sale during breaktime and raised £260.

Mrs Oliver, baked a plethora of cakes as a donation to support our Bake Sale and so, I give an immense thank you to her for her selfless and bountiful help. All the Teachers and Students alike spoke so highly of her cakes, particularly Mr Thompson: "Lemon drizzle is my favourite cake and, out of all the lemon drizzles I've had, Mrs Oliver's is by far my new favourite and the best I've had!"

To bake an abundance of cakes constituting of: a carrot cake, a coffee cake, a Victoria sponge, a lemon drizzle, a banana cake, a chocolate cake, cupcakes, blueberry muffins, chocolate muffins and scones, Mrs Oliver sold scones to her village community to raise donations. And so, in a collective effort, the residents of Bury Village raised funds enabling her to bake an entire table's worth of baked goods which monumentally furthered our Bake Sale.



Altogether, it was a successful (and tasty!) Bake Sale which raised £260 and so, I would like to thank all the students who donated – and hopefully enjoyed eating their cakes! And a big thank you to all the Charity supervisors involved, particularly Minnie W and Sam W – thank you everyone! I'm sure we can't wait to all eat cake again (I can't!).

**Kelly Oliver**  
Head Girl

## THANK YOU!

As a College we wanted to say a huge well done to our Sixth Form Charity Team for putting together a robust fundraising programme for The Midhurst Macmillan Service, funded by Midhurst Palliative Care and Comic Relief. Thank you also to parents, carers and students for their contributions to these worthy causes.



# COMIC RELIEF & FOODBANK EASTER EGG DONATION

## COMIC RELIEF 2025

Cake Sale	19.3.2025	£259.77
Dodge Ball	20.3.2025	£16.65
Own Clothes Day - Woolf	21.3.2025	£187.43
Own Clothes Day - Tennyson	21.3.2025	£185.40
Own Clothes Day - Austen	21.3.2025	£169.38
Own Clothes Day - Kipling	21.3.2025	£199.14



**GRAND TOTAL - £994.77**



## FOODBANK EASTER EGG DONATION

Thank you for your EGGCELLENT donations of Easter Eggs!

We gathered an amazing 210 Easter Eggs for the Foodbank collection. Thank you to everyone who donated. They were gratefully received by the Foodbank and will be a wonderful addition to their Easter holiday lunchpacks.

### Mrs M Hathaway



# CHARITY EVENTS

## STUDENT SPONSORED CYCLE

Hi Everyone

My name is Alfie, I am in Year 8 at MRC and in the Easter Holidays I will be doing a Sponsored Cycle (10 miles) for MRC Performing Arts (which covers Dance, Production, Orchestra and Choir).

The Department are showing The Adams Family on the 26 - 27 June 2025 and my goal is to raise at least £200 to go towards the production and I would really appreciate your support with achieving that. Thank you for taking time to read this and If you would like to donate please use the JustGiving link below.

[Go Fund Me](#)





## DEPARTMENT FOCUS – ENGLISH

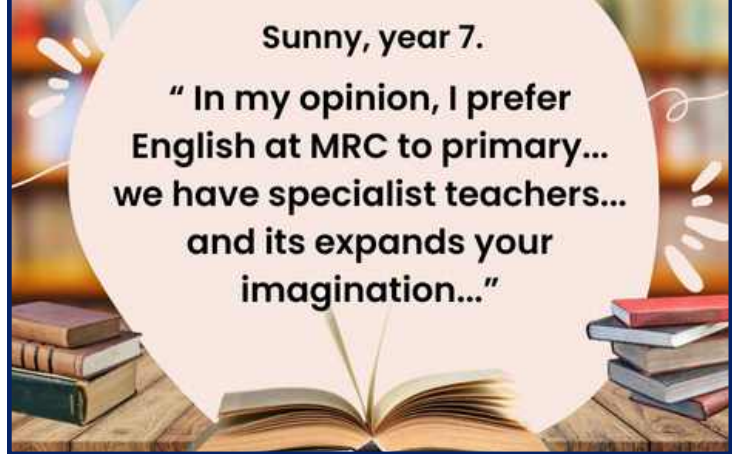
“ I love how we learn lots of new techniques to use in our writing. I also like the freedom you get in your writing.”

Daniel, year 7.



Sunny, year 7.

“ In my opinion, I prefer English at MRC to primary... we have specialist teachers... and its expands your imagination...”



## DEPARTMENT FOCUS – FOOD TECHNOLOGY

### PASTA MAKING

Last week some of our Year 10 students continued to learn the secrets of crafting fresh pasta!



# CAREERS INFORMATION

## CAREERS INTERVIEWS

The following Year 9 students been scheduled to receive a one to one careers interview with our independent careers advisor on Monday 24 March at the following times. The location and time will also be on their Arbor timetable.

Following the interview the students report will be uploaded to their Unifrog account for you to view with them and which you may wish to discuss at home.

Careers Interviews - Monday 24 March		Tutor Gp	Year Gp	Period	To go to:
R-P	Sebastian	9K-AKY	Year 9	REG (08:30)	A117
G	Billy	9T-GBM	Year 9	09:15 (p1)	A117
L	J-J	9T-GBM	Year 9	10:15 (p2)	A117
L	Alfie	9W-VSN	Year 9	11:25 (p3)	A117
M	Chloe	9W-VSN	Year 9	12:25 (p4)	A117
N	Daniel	9T-GON	Year 9	13:55 (p5)	A117
P	Jake	9A-JOT	Year 9	14:55 (p6)	A117

### 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.





# ROTHER VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOLS

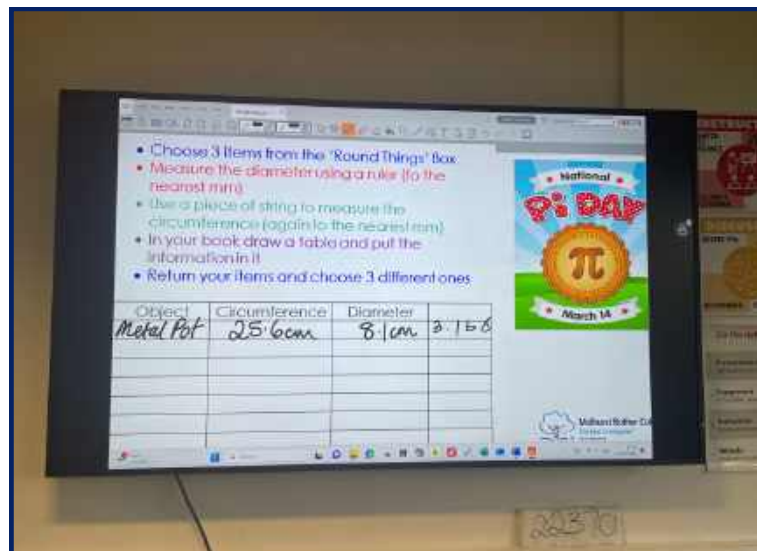
## PRIMARY OUTREACH UPDATE

So far this half term we have hosted two primary outreach events, Year 5 Creative English and Year 6 Maths International Pi Day.

18 Year 5 students from the Rother Valley primary schools spent the day in the English department with Mrs Wilkie creating their "Magnificent MRC" newspaper. Interviewing staff and students and visiting lessons, the students wrote about what they'd discovered during their day at MRC and illustrated their work with some fantastic drawings.

Their wonderful publication can be viewed here: [HERE](#)

Year 6 eager mathematicians spent the afternoon of Friday 14 March with our maths team in the company of Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Bell.



For those who are unaware, 14 March marks International Pi Day, an annual celebration of the mathematical sign Pi. Founded in 1988 by physicist Larry Shaw, March 14 was selected because the numerical date (3.14) represents the first three digits of Pi and it also happens to be Albert Einstein's birthday.



After being firstly wowed by Mrs Lawrence and her maths magic, they then discovered it wasn't magic after all, but maths in action. Mrs Bell and the students investigated the relationship between the circumference and diameter of circles to discover that Pi isn't a random number but is the constant ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter.

They finished the session as secret agents cracking cyphers. Codebreakers need to develop mathematical skills like working backwards, being systematic, and ruling out possibilities in order to crack enemy codes and save the day.

# EXTRA CURRICULAR

## OXFORD UNIVERSITY TRIP – MARIE CURIOUS, WOMEN IN STEM

Last Tuesday, I accompanied fifteen Year 9 students to Oxford University for Marie Curious, Women in STEM – the trip was for female and non-binary students who take part in the weekly Women\* In STEM club at MRC.

A huge thank you to Miss O'Callaghan for organising this opportunity for Year 9 students and to Miss Goodyear for accompanying me on the trip. It was a pleasure to spend time with the students, and I know on behalf of all of us, this was an incredible trip.



We started with some Chemistry work, mixing chemicals to create a reaction, the aim was to get the reaction as close to 45 seconds as possible. To add to the fun it was Students Vs Teachers! Of course, the students won!



We then went onto learning about Astrophysics, we looked at simulations regarding jet streams in supermassive black holes. Following this we looked at Quantum Computers and learnt what is needed to make a Quantum Computer. We had the chance to build our own Laser beam simulation and watched an incredible Science show about Accelerating Particles, learning about CERN. We even got to play with some Liquid Nitrogen!

To the fifteen Year 9 students I took with me, thank you for being passionate about Science, asking questions, getting really involved and making it a thrilling day!

**Mr Clements**







## FUTURES NEWSLETTER

Please click here for the [Futures Newsletter #50](#) - lots of opportunities for you to consider.



Also, a reminder that Year 12 students should be sourcing their work experience placements, these need to be approved by the Sixth Form Team and then submitted through Unifrog ([www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org)) by 23 April.

Year 13 students who have applied to University will need to be applying for student finance if needed, more information here: [Student finance for undergraduates: New full-time students - GOV.UK.](#)

**Miss Hayley Rae**



# YEAR 11 GCSE STUDY SUPPORT CLUB

**GCSE's getting you down?  
Join our Sixth Formers to:**

***Talk about GCSE stress:  
ask questions and get answers***

***Study help from experienced Sixth Formers  
or just sit and chat***

**TRUST**  
**US**  
WE KNOW WHAT  
IT'S LIKE

***Taster Session - Lunchtime 2 April in W115  
Bring Lunch/Snacks/Homework/Revision!***



## SPRING CONCERT

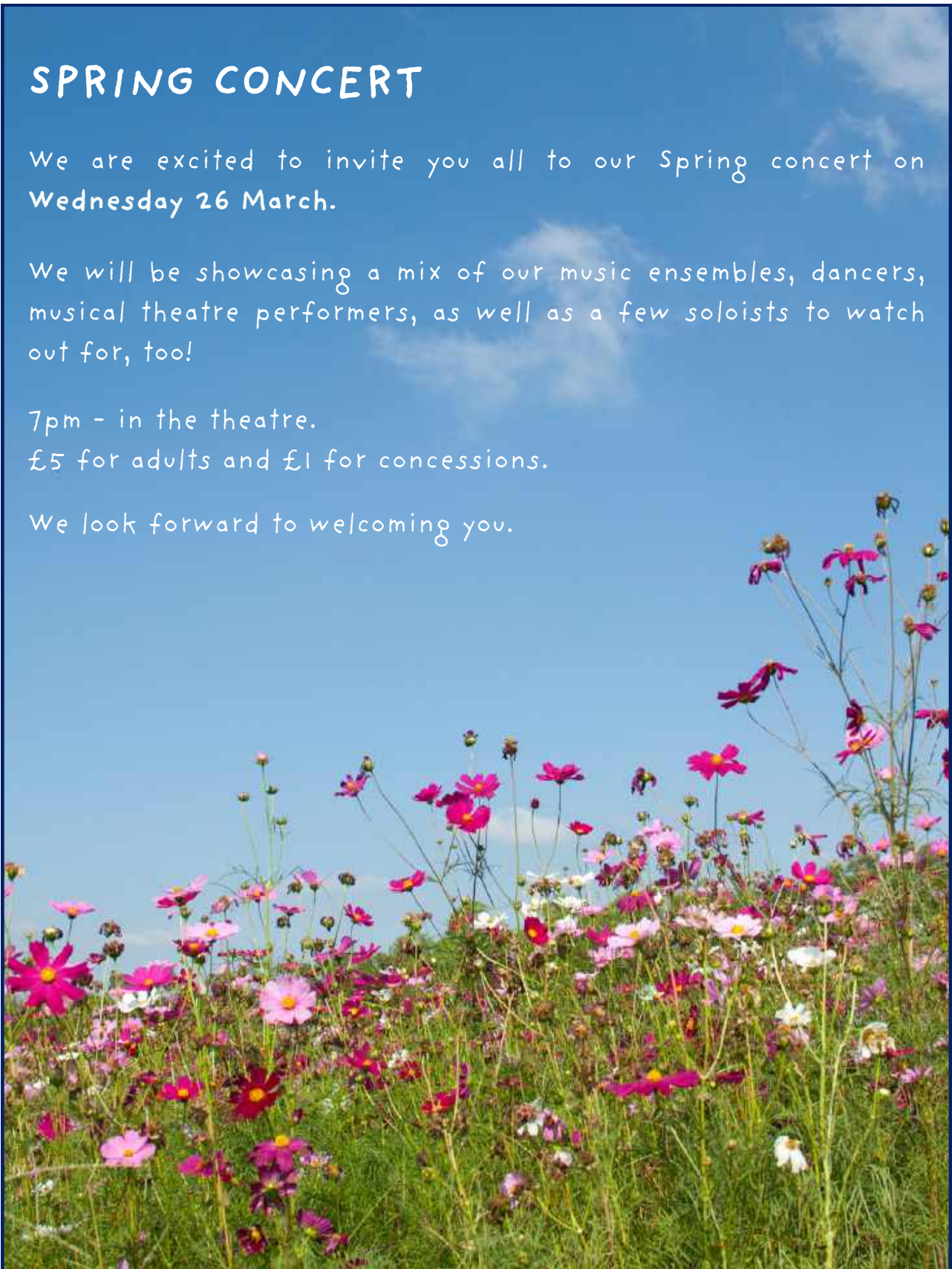
We are excited to invite you all to our Spring concert on **Wednesday 26 March**.

We will be showcasing a mix of our music ensembles, dancers, musical theatre performers, as well as a few soloists to watch out for, too!

7pm - in the theatre.

£5 for adults and £1 for concessions.

We look forward to welcoming you.



# MRC CHOREOGRAPHY

## Showcase



### Performers:

- Year 12 Leaders
- Ballet soloist
- Year 11 GCSE students
- Elite/Advanced/Juniors
- Boys Company "Chaos"
- Choreography Cup finalists

**Adults £4**  
**Children only £1**

**Easter Raffle!**  
A chance to  
win Easter  
treats!

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Doors open: 6:30pm  
Show begins: 7:00pm  
27th March  
In the theatre



# STUDENT RECEPTION

## SPRING CLEAN - RECYCLE UNIFORM

As the sunshine is starting to make an appearance you may be planning a Spring Clean over the Easter Break! If you should find any uniform items tucked away, we would love to have them for Student Reception!

We are short on all items of uniform so as long as the item is in good condition we would welcome it!

The donated uniform is of benefit to all our students should they ever need to change whilst at school.



**FREE**

**Sanitary products for Students!**

**Please send them to Student Reception to stock up!**



## LOST PROPERTY COATS

We have a vast collection of coats on our lost property rail. If your child has lost one, please send them to Student Reception to see if they can be reunited!

We take the majority of unclaimed coats to a Charity Shop at the end of the school year. We keep a small selection on our rail just in case we need some for an emergency.





A special offer for MRC parents and staff, as Petworth Festival confirms a **20% discount** on adult tickets for events at MRC this summer.

This offer is available until Friday, 11 April. Tickets for 18 and under and full-time students are just £5.

Three unforgettable nights of music and comedy at MRC:

### **Wednesday, 30 July - 7:30 pm**

What the World Needs Now - The Music of Burt Bacharach  
(Some of the world's best-known tunes featuring Ronnie Scott's legend James Pearson and a host of brilliant musicians and singers)

### **Thursday, 31 July - 7:30 pm**

Fleetwood Mac's Rumours with the Transatlantic Ensemble  
(Amazing live version of one of the best-selling albums of all time - considered one of Petworth Festival's all-time best gigs - and likely to sell out fast)

### **Friday, 1 August - 7:30 pm**

The Fringe - Ed Byrne + Support  
(A regular panellist on TV shows like Mock the Week and Have I Got News for You, comedy legend Ed Byrne comes to Midhurst)

**To book discounted MRC adult tickets, simply use code 2025mrc20 at the checkout.**

Scan the QR Code & scroll down for full details and tickets for Petworth Summer Festival MRC events.







**MIDHURST MILERS**  
WITH PERFECT MOTION PHYSIO

## 3K AND 5K JUNIOR TRAIL RACE

6-8 YEARS    9-11 YEARS    12-15 YEARS

**9:15AM Sunday 11th May 2025**  
Cadence Cycle Club, Flint Barn, Cocking GU29 0HT

A Junior Trail Race on The South Downs near Midhurst. Categories and prizes for 6-8, 9-11 age groups on 3K and 12-15 age group on 5K.  
£8 online entry only.

**SCHOOL TUNING RACE**  
Mixed teams of 4-6 children from local primary schools. £48 per team including refreshments and prizes.

**ONLY £8** • ENTER ONLINE AT [www.midhurstmilers.org](http://www.midhurstmilers.org)



★★★★★ **One of the highest rated trail races on Let's Do This! in 2022 and 2023!**

**MIDHURST MILERS**  
WITH PERFECT MOTION PHYSIO

## COCKING 10K TRAIL RACE

A 10k Trail Race on The South Downs near Midhurst. A technical uphill trail at the start, some glorious views and a flying downhill to the finish!

**10:15AM Sunday 11th May 2025**  
Cadence Cycle Club, Flint Barn, Cocking GU29 0HT

Chip timing • Finisher's medal • Prizes for leading runners • Parking Refreshments • Enter early, limited to 350 runners

**Prize draw! Enter by 30th April for a chance to win a pair of running shoes up to the value of £150.00, by courtesy of the Run Company.**

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**£18/£20** • ENTER ONLINE AT [www.midhurstmilers.org](http://www.midhurstmilers.org)



## Junior Cricket 2025 Midhurst Cricket Club

Fun based coaching and team play for boys and girls in age appropriate groups 5-14. All are welcome.

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Training season starts Friday 16th May from 6pm

£55 for the season

Family Welcome Night: Friday 2nd May.

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For All Stars and Dynamos, register [here](#).  
For 12+ registration please complete the form [here](#).  
Booking opens 19th March.

Or contact Michelle for more information:  
[midhurstjuniorcricket@gmail.com](mailto:midhurstjuniorcricket@gmail.com)

**Session times:**  
All Stars (ages 5-7) 6-7pm  
Dynamos (ages 8-11) 6-7pm  
12+ preparing for hardball 7-8pm



## MRC PERFORMING ARTS

SPRING TERM 2025

Wednesday 26 March	Spring Concert	Orchestra Choir Jazz Strings, Flutes Drama/Production Grps 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



# CALENDAR – PERFORMING ARTS

## MRC PERFORMING ARTS

### SUMMER TERM 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 Yr 10	MRC Theatre
Thursday 8 May	Yr 10 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama Yr 10	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

# TERM DATES

## TERM DATES 2025

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



# MRC VACANCIES AND WEBSITE LINKS

## 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

SAFEGUARDING, Wellbeing and Mental Health - ([Click here](#))

Selfcare Newsletter - ([Click here](#))

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))

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

Term Dates: Midhurst Rother College > Information > College Term dates ([mrc-academy.org](https://www.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: Device Setup - PowerUp ([lexiapowerup.com](https://lexiapowerup.com))

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