



Week A | Monday 30 June 2025

#### Principal's Message

There are a number of students to congratulate this week and things to look forward to next week. I will start by congratulating Edward and Betty for receiving Best In Everyone awards from United Learning. These are awards that are given across the United Learning group of schools. There are well over 50,000 students in United Learning and it is a fantastic achievement for them to have won. Edward won for music and Betty won for French. Congratulations to both of them!

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This week is the school production of The Addam's Family. I went to the performance last night and it was excellent. The orchestra played brilliantly and the actors were also fantastic. Over 100 children are taking part from Years 7-10, either acting, signing, dancing or part of the backstage crew. If you are able to come and see it tonight, I would encourage you to.

Next week we welcome our new Year 7 for the day on Wednesday, with some students coming on Tuesday afternoon too. The Year 6 induction evening is on Wednesday and I look forward to seeing parents / carers then, as well as seeing the children during the day. Our Year 11 prom is Thursday next week at Old Thorns and I hope to be able to put some photos in Midhurst Matters for this.

Best wishes.

Stuart Edwards
Principal



## The Week Ahead

Monday 30 June	YII	Year 12 Transition Day
Tuesday 1 July	YII	Year 12 Transition Day
Wednesday 2 July		
Thursday 3 July	Y9/Y10 Y10 Y11	Knife Crime Assembly Futures Day - Marketplace Year 11 Prom Celebrations
Friday 4 July	All	Sports Day

AUSTEN 213,132 (4,028) KIPLING 245,155 (3,431)

TENNYSON 243,147 (3,781) WOOLF 249,522 (3,293)

# IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A SPONTANEOUS NIGHT OUT TONIGHT...



## TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR!

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#### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

#### **BEST IN EVERYONE AWARDS**

Midhurst Rother College are celebrating after taking home 2 awards at United Learning's national Best in Everyone Awards ceremony, held at Oxford Town Hall last Friday.

Held annually since 2013, the Best in Everyone Awards celebrate the achievements of students, staff and teams across United Learning. Following an in-school awards ceremony to highlight students' outstanding academic or extracurricular achievements, each school then nominated their very best winners for the national awards. Selected out of an impressive field of candidates, the lucky winners were invited to collect their awards at the prestigious ceremony in Oxford. Alongside the live awards ceremony, a virtual ceremony was also held with videos posted on social media for colleagues, friends and family to enjoy.

Year 9 student Betty H won the Modern Foreign Language Award whilst Sixth Former Edward Grant won the Music Performance Award.

Betty was praised for her exceptional French language ability, consistently scoring the highest of marks in assessments and embracing every opportunity to immerse herself in the language outside the classroom.

Grade 8 Distinction drummer
Edward similarly impressed judges
with his remarkable musical talent
and importantly, his wider
contributions to school and local
music events helping to inspire
many of his younger peers. Edward
has now left MRC after completing
his A-Levels but has kindly returned
to join the orchestra in the school
performance of The Addams
Family. Thank you Edward.

Congratulations to Betty and Edward on their fantastic achievement!



Betty H pictured with Sir Jon Coles



Edward G pictured with Christian Brodie

#### STUDENT RECEPTION

#### **YEAR 11 UNIFORM**

Now the Year 11 exam window has closed, we would be extremely grateful to receive any uniform that is still serviceable. We welcome all items of uniform including PE kit, but we are particularly short on blazers and ties.

#### Items can be dropped into Main Reception at any time - Thank you!



#### **HAY FEVER SEASON**

Please ensure that if your child needs to take hay fever medication, that they do so before coming into College as we do not hold hay fever medication at Student Reception.



## HOT HOT HOT!

With the **HOT** weather continuing into next week - please ensure students bring...

## WATER BOTTLES

...into College. Ice cold water is available at the water fountains.

If possible bottles should be marked with the students name.

#### FLOWER DONATIONS - ACTIVITIES WEEK

Do you have a flourishing garden overflowing with greenery and flowers? Would you would like to donate some on the morning of Tuesday 8 July?

Some of our students have opted to make flower arrangements that day as part of their Activities Week Theme related to local life, reflecting the many beautiful gardens of West Sussex.

We would welcome any donations of any greenery and flowers that you can spare.

Thank you.



#### **ONLINE SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS**

Since their launch in 2014 Internet Matters has provided information and advice to parents and carers to help their children navigate the ever-changing digital landscape. Technology is constantly evolving, and they understand how challenging it can be for parents to keep up. To help make this process less overwhelming, they created My Family's Digital Toolkit. By answering a few simple questions, parents can receive personalised content tailored to their child's age, online activities, and any potential concerns. Please click on the link below to access the website. https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/



#### **DEPARTMENT FOCUS - SAILING TEAM**

#### ITCHENOR SCHOOLS WEEK, NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS, FEVA SAILING REGATTA

On Monday and Tuesday four students competed in the Itchenor Schools Week, National Schools Championships, Feva Sailing Regatta.

Two boats representing MRC (amongst a fleet of 86 boats) went afloat to compete in the fleet race.

After an early 7:45am start down at the sailing club to rig up and await the race briefing, boats were tacking up to where the course had been laid by 9am. Three races were sailed on Monday in sunny Chichester harbour just in front of East Head Spit, with racing the following day on Tuesday in a strong Force 6 and a bit of drizzle!

Both Archie and Emily (Feva 40) and Wilf and Vika (Feva 41) showed some excellent strength and determination having to hike out to keep their boats flat on some long upwind legs, then (quite literally) decided to throw caution to the wind by hoisting their spinnakers for some speedy downwind runs. Despite a fair amount of downwind capsizes, our MRC boats always made it across the finish line and back to the start for the next race signal.

Miss Howard and Dr Dean who were out as a safety crew to support the racing said "We have honestly been in awe of our four sailors the entire time and we really are proud of all they've achieved. A huge amount of physicality, endurance, and resilience went into sailing their five races (and even sailing out to the course and returning ashore was a feat in itself in those conditions!). They've pushed themselves in so many ways and we know they've massively enjoyed themselves in the meantime! They've gone for things with more determination than we even knew they had; **these kids are heroes!** They've given these two days their absolute all, they never gave up, and that's all we could have asked for."

We have massively enjoyed launching our MRC Sailing Team this year, including the Friday afternoon race training sessions too. If we have any more racers/ keen sailors amongst our student population who will be in yr7, 8, 9, or 10 next year – please make yourselves known to Miss Howard / Dr Dean, we would love to get you in the team!

Please also take the time to read Vika's race report below the photos.



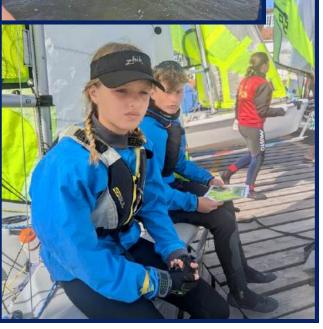


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## ITCHENOR SCHOOLS WEEK NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS - FEVA SAILING REGATTA











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Vika - Year 10

#### Day 1 – Sunday

We headed to Bosham sailing club to grab two Fevas and sailed them over to Itchenor. It was so much fun, especially because I got to boss my helm around a bit (in a good way, of course). Archie left his boat at Itchenor, and then Wilf and I went out for a few hours of sailing in Chichester Harbour. Whilst we were practicing, Wilf hiked out too far and instead of letting go, pulled the boat with him so I fell out as well! It was pretty windy – about 17-18 knots – so we capsized a few more times. After our swim we headed in. It was a really fun afternoon.

#### Day 2 - Monday

We were up early, rigging the boats at 7:40 and waiting for the briefing. My favourite, Miss Howard, was so lovely and supportive. Thanks to her I didn't feel stressed and just had a great time on the water. Weirdly enough, I didn't even care what place we came, I was just proud that I managed to get the spinnaker out and not even capsize! Easily one of the best moments so far.

#### Day 3 – Tuesday

We weren't even sure if we'd be sailing because the wind was wild – like 23-25 knots with gusts hitting 30! But both MRC boats ended up going out once it had been announced racing wasn't cancelled!

Race I was a bit of a mess. More than half the boats were 'placed' on the course (rather than crossing the finish line) because due to the wind being so strong, it was such a challenge to get to the windward mark and it was taking us all too long. Race 2 went way better, the tide had turned and was assisting us with getting up wind. We finished with the main fleet and felt like pros out there heeheehee. The final race was ... let's say "questionable". After all the boats being recalled for too many being over the line in the first start sequence, even more got disqualified in the second start sequence (because we were all pushed "on course side")! Total Chaos. But honestly, it was getting so windy by then that no one really minded.

Overall it was great fun. I learned something new, as I had never sailed a Feva before, and I wasn't expecting to do so well with the spinnaker. I think our team really grew closer and strengthened our friendship. It's a bit sad that I won't be able to compete next year, but I'm happy I got to be a part of this event with such a wonderful team.



#### **DEPARTMENT FOCUS - SIXTH FORM**



## YEAR 11 INTO YEAR 12 TRANSITION DAY MONDAY 30 JUNE & TUESDAY 1 JULY 2025

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 11 back into college for their Sixth Form transition days next week! Students will have the opportunity to sit lessons in their chosen options, experience a typical Sixth Form day and hear from our current year 12 students about the enrichment opportunities we offer.

We would like to welcome all eligible Year 11 students on these dates – they will be expected to arrive at college at 8.30am and go to the Sixth Form Common Room. They will be permitted to wear their own clothes, which should be suitable for a study environment. In the Common Room, students will be given a timetable for the day, based on their original subject choices, and told what to expect on their first day. Students will have full access to the Sixth Form facilities and will also be permitted to leave the site if they wish during a free period (though you must sign in and out of the building).

If students wish to amend any of their options from their original choices, please ask them to email <a href="mailto:michael.puttock@mrc-academy.org">michael.puttock@mrc-academy.org</a>.

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Block E
Art Chemistry Law PE Textiles	Music BTEC English Literature History Maths Computer Science CNAT Sport	Music Biology Business RP Maths Media	Physics Economics Psychology French Drama	Politics Sociology Further Maths Geography

#### **CAREERS INFORMATION**

#### **CAREERS INTERVIEWS**

The following students have been scheduled to receive a one to one careers interview with our independent careers advisor on Monday 30 June 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 30 June		Tutor Gp	Year Gp	Period	To go to:	Coming from:
L	Louise	10W- MMA	Year 10	REG (08:30)	A117	K102
М	Harriet	10W- MMA	Year 10	09:15 (p1)	A117	W113
М	Samuel	10W- MMA	Year 10	10:15 (p2)	A117	A210
Р	Lexie	10W- MMA	Year 10	11:25 (p3)	A117	T106
Р	Alfie	10W- MMA	Year 10	12:25 (p4)	A117	K105
S	Chloe	10W- KMN	Year 10	13:55 (p5)	A117	A103
I	Charlie	10W- KMN	Year 10	14:55 (p6)	A117	A202

#### 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.





#### **FACILITIES FOR HIRE**



















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Midhurst Rother College benefits from state-of-the-art facilities including a large sports hall, a large floodlit 3G pitch and dance studio as well as other sporting and non-sporting facilities. The facilities allow us to provide students with a full range of sporting activities within extra-curricular activities and within the curriculum.

Additionally, the outstanding school facilities are used extensively by the school and local community. We have a diverse portfolio of clubs and activities running every evening and during the weekend.

Our lettings are open 6 days a week, Mondays to Saturdays, with closures only on Sundays and during bank holidays and extended opening hours during school holidays. There is ample parking available onsite and our friendly staff are always available to help. Should you wish to clarify anything, please use the messaging feature available on the link below.

#### **Facilities For Hire**

3G Football Pitch	Art Room	Atrium	Climbing Wall	Dance Studio
Drama Room	DT Room	Fitness Studio	Food Tech Room	Front Field
Grass Football Pitch	IT Rooms	Learning Resource Centre (Library)	Meeting Rooms	MUGA's
Photography Room	Sports Hall	Classrooms	Textiles Room	Theatre

All our facilities can now be booked online with each facility page having detailed information about what we have available. <a href="https://mrc.schoolhire.co.uk">https://mrc.schoolhire.co.uk</a>





Are you passionate about supporting our college community? Do you have ideas, energy, or just a willingness to get involved? The MRC PTA is looking for enthusiastic parents and carers to join our team!

From organising fun events and fundraising activities to supporting college initiatives, there's always something exciting going on. Whether you have a little time or a lot, your involvement makes a big difference.

No experience is needed - just a desire to help make MRC the best it can be for our students.

Interested? We'd love to hear from you!

Email us at PTA@mrc-academy.org to find out more.

Let's work together to build a stronger college community!

## PUTTING THE FUN IN FUNDRAISING!



#### TERM DATES 2025

Friday 18 July

Last Day of Summer Term /Academic Year

#### AUTUMN TERM

Wednesday 3 September	INSET Day
Thursday 4 September	INSET Day
Friday 5 September	First day for Students
Friday 3 October	INSET Day
Monday 27 Cotober - Friday 31 OCtober	Half Term
Friday 28 November	INSET Day
Friday 19 December	Last Day of Term



#### MRC PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER TERM 2025

Date	Event	Who	Venue
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	Year 7	MRC Theatre Music PI-4 Drama 5-6

#### **VACANCIES AT MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE**

Please click on the following link for the latest vacancies at MRC: <a href="https://www.mrc-academy.org/about-us/vacancies">https://www.mrc-academy.org/about-us/vacancies</a>

#### **HELPFUL MRC WEBSITE LINKS**

SAFEGUARDING, Wellbeing and Mental Health - (Click here)

Selfcare Newsletter - (<u>Click here</u>)

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

Arbor Link: Midhurst Rother College (<u>arbor.sc</u>)

College Calendar: <a href="https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/calendar">https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/calendar</a>

Homework: <a href="https://www.mrc-academy.org/curriculum/homework">https://www.mrc-academy.org/curriculum/homework</a>

Letters: <a href="https://www.mrc-academy.org/communication/letters">https://www.mrc-academy.org/communication/letters</a>

Educational Visits: Midhurst Rother College > Communication > Letters (mrc-academy.org)

Staff Emails: <a href="https://bit.ly/StaffEmailAddress">https://bit.ly/StaffEmailAddress</a>

Term Dates: Midhurst Rother College > Information > College Term dates (mrc-academy.org)

School Cloud: <a href="https://midhurst.schoolcloud.co.uk/">https://midhurst.schoolcloud.co.uk/</a>

Sparx Maths: <a href="https://www.sparxmaths.uk/student">https://www.sparxmaths.uk/student</a>

Sparx Reader: <u>Sparx Reader</u>

Lexia POWERUP Literacy - Login and Student Program: Device Setup - PowerUp

(<u>lexiapowerup.com</u>)

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