

IDHURST ATTERS



Week A | Monday 13 October 2025

Principal's Message

We opened the school for visitors on Tuesday and Thursday this week for parents/carers who are considering MRC as a possible school for their primary school child. Over the two mornings, we had nearly 200 families come and see the school in action. They were very complimentary about the school, our students and the atmosphere. They were especially positive about our Year 7 tour guides, who did a brilliant job. I am very grateful to the students and staff who helped out on the days.

This week, we officially opened our 'Reflection Garden'. I would like to thank Mr Banbury, a member of our site team, for building it. Our reflection garden is a quiet space for students to use, if they feel they need to. We know, sadly, that some of our students and families go through very difficult times. The reflection garden is there for students to use in these times as it provides a calm and safe place for them to pause and think.

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I will finish this week by focussing on two of our students. Firstly Frank C, one of our Year 10 students. Frank has just won two gold medals in the under 16 British Tumbling Championships. We have included a video link of him on our **Instagram account (@mrc_lst)**. It is incredibly impressive - please take a few moments to view it. Well done Frank - a brilliant achievement!

Secondly Roxy M, another Year 10 student. Roxy has recently been offered a place in the England Rugby PDG (Player Development Group) Foundation Phase Sussex programme - another fantastic achievement, well done Roxy. Full details for both students can be found in Student Spotlight.

Best wishes

Stuart Edwards

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Mon 13 Oct		Ugandan visitors
Tue 14 Oct		Ugandan visitors
Wed 15 Oct	Yrll	Yr 11 Sixth Form Taster Day & Open/Options Evening Ugandan visitors
Thurs 16 Oct		
Fri 17 Oct		
Mon 20 Oct	All Years	Silent Disco (invites)
Tues 21 Oct		Petworth Festival/BIG SING
Wed 22 Oct	Year 11	CNAP Sports Trip
Thurs 23 Oct	Years 7,8,9	PSHE - Sussex Safer Road Partnership
Fri 24 Oct	Sixth Form All Years	Politics/Law visit to Parliament End of Term

28,651

KIPLING 30,701

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YEAR 11 ASSESSMENT DIARY

The Year 11 mock exam window begins after half-term. All Year 11 will sit assessments in all subjects from the 10 November onwards.

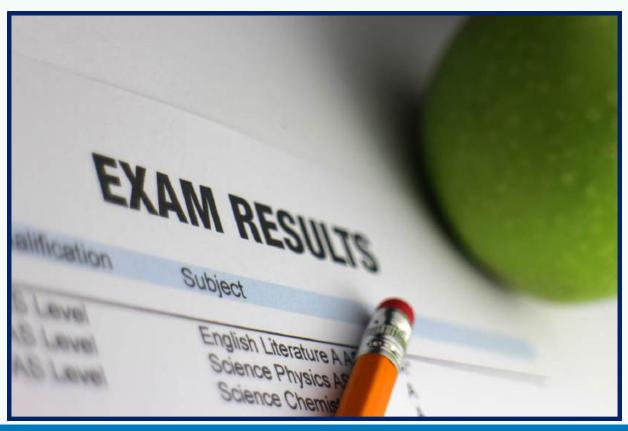
All exams are now visible on students' Arbor timetables (skip forward to November), and should be noted in diaries/calendars to aid revision planning.

By half-term, class teachers will have shared 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.

We will also be providing all Year 11 students with a set of papers to take home and complete over the half-term break; this is to support students to revise effectively and be familiar with the style and content of exam papers.

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.

We are also mindful that these assessments can create a degree of stress and anxiety. We do not want our students to feel overwhelmed – please do contact Mrs Down for support and advice should this be the case – gemma.down@mrc-academy.org).



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KENYA EXPEDITION JULY 2027 - AVAILABLE FOR CURRENT YEARS 8 - 12

Join us on Tuesday 21 October at 6pm for our information evening. For further information, please click here...

https://true-adventure.co.uk/trip/midhurst-rother-college-kenya-2027/









SILENT DISCO

Well done to all the 784 students who managed to achieve 100% attendance from 22 September – 3 October. They now have the opportunity to join the Silent Disco on 20 October and will receive an entry ticket in tutor time next week.

As ever, we look forward to seeing all the students in class each and every day.





COMMUNICATIONS

We are aware that some of our college emails may be landing in parents'/carers' spam or junk folders. While we work to resolve this issue, please check these folders regularly to ensure you don't miss any important information.



BREAKFAST

Start your day right - we're offering free toast, porridge, and cereal every morning from 8:00am in college!
Open to all students, so swing by, fuel up, and get set for the day ahead.



FRANK STRIKES GOLD - TWICE!

We're incredibly proud to share the fantastic success of one of our students, Frank in Year 10, who had an unforgettable weekend representing his club and school at the British Tumbling Championships.

On Saturday, Frank competed in the British Age Group Championships, where he delivered a stunning performance and came away with a gold medal – securing first place in his category. This incredible achievement qualified him for the British Tumbling Championships on Sunday, where the competition got even tougher. Frank powered through the morning rounds, finishing in the top 16, then progressed to the top 8, and finally into the top 4 for the grand final later that day.

Showing focus, strength, and outstanding talent, Frank once again delivered when it mattered most - and was crowned British Junior Men's Tumbler Champion for the third year running!

What makes this even more impressive is that Frank is one of the youngest competitors in his age group, making his back-to-back titles a truly remarkable achievement.

Everyone at school is incredibly proud of Frank's dedication and success. **Congratulations**, **Frank!**

p.s. To see one of Frank's incredible performances, please visit our instagram account @mrc_1st





ROXY M YEAR 10 - SELECTED FOR ENGLAND RUGBY PDG FOUNDATION PHASE

We are delighted to share that Roxy M in Year 10 has recently been offered a place in the England Rugby PDG (Player Development Group) Foundation Phase Sussex programme, following a successful trial.

This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to Roxy's hard work, dedication, and passion for the sport. Being selected for such a prestigious development programme is an exciting step forward in her rugby journey, and we are incredibly proud of her success.

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DEPARTMENT NEWS - READING

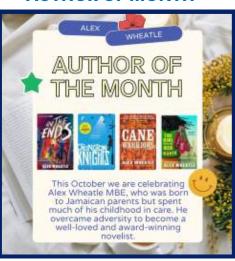


BOOK FAIR

From Monday 13
October to Thursday 16
October, we will be
holding a Book Fair in
the library where
students can buy
books from £1.99 and
stationery from 50p,
before school, at break
and lunchtime.
Payment can be made
by cash or Scholastic
Book Token. See the
Scholastic website for
details:

Book Fair Gift
Vouchers - Scholastic
Book Fairs

AUTHOR OF MONTH



GET CAUGHT READING COMPETITION

The following students will be winning the £5 book gift vouchers (for the Book Fair) as they Got Caught Reading!

Freddie H Evie P Maisy D Elliot B Freddie V

A LOVE OF READING





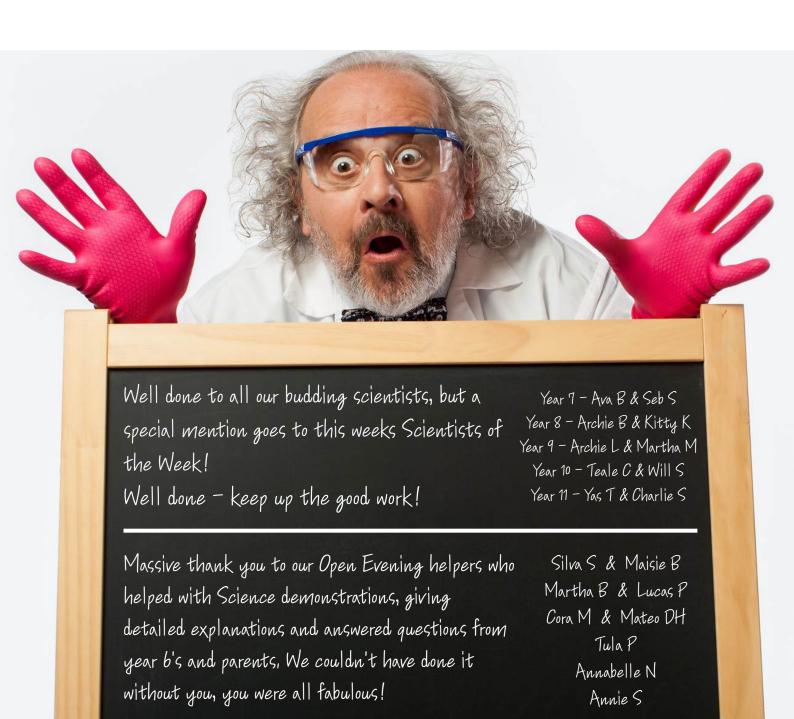
Students have been busy sharing book recommendations and bringing in beautiful copies from home.

If your child has a book they would like to share, we would love to hear about it. If they can bring a copy in to show us, even better. Please just make sure your child has an extra bag to place this in to keep it safe.

We also have a Book Club running after school every Tuesday with Mrs Hasting, our librarian.

SCIENTIST

OF THE WEEK



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DEPARTMENT NEWS - FOOD TECHNOLOGY





YEAR 7 COOKING AND NUTRITION – FIRST LESSON HIGHLIGHT

Our Year 7 students kicked off their Cooking and Nutrition journey with an exciting and hands-on first lesson focused on essential kitchen skills. Students learned about knife safety and practiced vegetable cuts to prepare their own colourful crudités. To complement their creations, they made a yoghurt, exploring flavour combinations and presentation. A fantastic start to building confidence and creativity in the kitchen!

Follow us on Instagram @mrc_cookingandnutrition as we share our KS3 and KS4 students' adventures in cooking at MRC!





Mrs Emery's Kitchen Classroom - Cooking Up Confidence!





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YEAR 11 FOOTBALL MATCHES

The Year II football team got their season underway with a challenging opening match against a strong and physical Bishop Luffa side. Despite the pressure, the team showed great determination and teamwork. Rufus, Tavi, and Dom all created promising chances in the first half, while Harry put in a tireless performance in defence, working hard to keep the opposition at bay. Although the result didn't go our way, the boys demonstrated real grit and resilience throughout.

In their second fixture, the team travelled to The Petersfield School. With a last-minute change, Harry volunteered to go in goal — a brilliant display of team spirit that was appreciated by all. Dom grabbed the team a goal with an excellent run, driving through the defence and finishing with a powerful shot off the bar. The second half saw an impressive all-round performance, with Leo and Gene standing out as they helped push the team to a strong finish.



YEAR 11 FOOTBALL MATCHES CONTD

The Year II football team continued their season with an exciting, end-to-end contest against Saint Phillip Howard last week.

The visitors took the lead in unusual fashion, when a clearance from our very own Morgan found its way into the bottom corner. To his credit, Morgan quickly made amends with a superb goal-line clearance just ten minutes later, preventing SPH from doubling their advantage.

From then on, MRC began to grow into the game. The midfield trio of Dom, Charlie and Josh worked tirelessly to control the play, while at the back, Harry and Charlie formed an excellent partnership to keep SPH's attackers at bay.

In the second half, Rufus, Gene and Marley created a number of promising chances as the team pushed forward in search of a winner. Despite their efforts, it was SPH who struck late on the counterattack, their number 9 firing an unstoppable shot into the top corner.

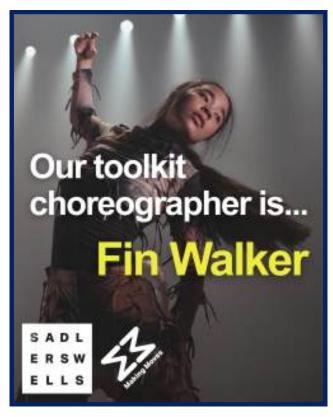
Although the result didn't go our way, this was a fantastic performance from the team, who are showing real progress and growing stronger with each game. We look forward to their next fixture, where they'll be aiming to turn effort and determination into three points!

Mr Marshall

YEAR 9 FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the year 9 boys football team who continued their excellent start to the season with a 1-0 win away at Chichester High School. Following up on their recent victories against The Petersfield School and Bishop Luffa, they secured the win preserving their 100% record this season. The only goal of the game coming from Shay M, but a great battling performance from all of the boys.

Mr Bentley



MAKING MOVES - SADLERS WELLS

We are thrilled to announce that this year for the first time our college has been chosen to be part of the very exiting "Making Moves" project. This project is organised by Sadler's Wells in London and gives young dancers from all over the UK the opportunity to work with a professional choreographer and to perform in a professional venue. This year only 50 schools were chosen and we are one of them!

For this project we have chosen a team of talented and passionate dancers who are going to work with the toolkit of the choreographer Fin Walker. The dance will explore the topic of "Rules".

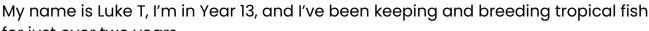
We are so exited to embark on this amazing journey and will keep you updated how far we make it in this competition but it is the experience that we will enjoy more than anything!

Our Making Moves team are:

Grace P, Lucy S, Alice H, Emma S, Wilf M, Reuben D, Monty W, Hugo M-W, Daisy H, Isabella D, Millie T, Peter J, Luke R, Mia L, Elizabeth S and Sasha K.



LUKE'S BRAZILIAN ADVENTURE



for just over two years.

I picked up the hobby from my dad, and I like to think I am doing better than him. I was recently lucky enough to travel to Peru with a few other hobbyist breeders. We spent two weeks in the Madre de Dios region, where we caught and observed tropical fish in their natural habitats. It was incredible, sometimes we'd see 10–15 different fish species in a single outing, along with around 50 types of butterflies, plus parrots, monkeys, and other wildlife.

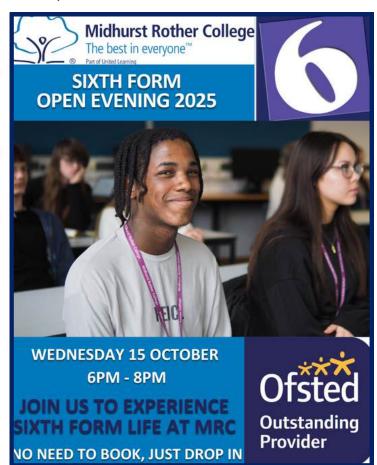






Most of the fish we collected were photographed and released, but a few were undescribed species that were sent to scientists in Brazil for identification. Some were taken back to the house where we stayed, where the owner breeds them to help support wild populations and to teach students and even government officials about the region's biodiversity. One of the highlights of the trip was catching piranhas on rod and reel for some of the display tanks for the house. Now that I am home, I have started to apply the knowledge and experience to my fish room which consists of 25 tanks. The trip reinforced my interest in conservation, and I look forward to where my interest may take me.





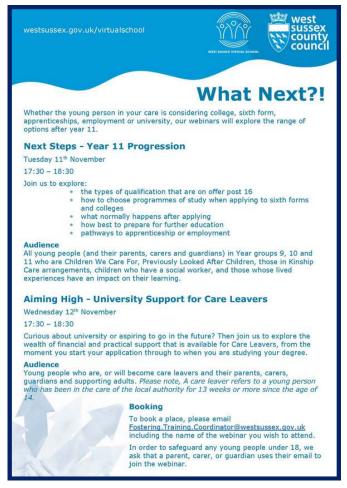
CAREERS INTERVIEWS - MONDAY 13 OCTOBER & FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER

The following students have been scheduled to receive a one to one careers interview with our independent careers advisor at the following date and 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 13 October		Tutor Gp	Period	To go to:
Amy	С	11T-HES	REG (08:30) - 09:10	A117
Yas	Т	11T-HES	09:10 - 09:52 (p1)	A117
Mollyanna	R	11A-JLE	10:00 - 10:42 (p2)	A117
Nina	W	11T-HES	11:10 - 11:52 (p3)	A117
Adam	S	11A-ABN	12:00 - 12:46 (p4)	A117
Lucy	Т	11K-DSS	13:30 - 14:11 (p5)	A117
Lexie	Р	11T-HES	14:15 - 15:05 (p6)	A117
Careers Interviews - Friday 24 October		Tutor Gp	Period	To go to:
Samuel	В	9A-IHD	REG (08:30) - 09:10	A117
Skyla	I	9A-IHD	09:10 - 09:52 (p1)	A117
Thomas	В	11A-ABN	10:00 - 10:42 (p2)	A117
Evie	В	9T-BCR	11:10 - 11:52 (p3)	A117
Toby	J	9T-BCR	12:00 - 12:46 (p4)	A117
Isabelle	М	9T-BCR	13:30 - 14:11 (p5)	A117
Bella	W	9T-BCR	14:15 - 15:05 (p6)	A117

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PILOTS CAREERS LIVE

By visiting Pilot Careers Live students will discover:

- What pilot training involves and how long it takes.
- What the medical requirements are for pilot training.
- How to combine a university degree with pilot training.
- The costs and funding options.
- Is now is a good time to train and what are the career prospects.
- All they need to know about careers in Air Traffic Control.

It's all there and much more! Please let Ms Jones (in the hub) know if you attend.

For full event details and ticket information/prices, please visit: pilotcareernews

STUDENT RECEPTION

SIMPLE PE UNIFORM RULES

A gentle reminder for parents/carers and students about our school PE uniform. We have simple uniform rules so that all students look the same and to remove any social pressures.

- Navy & white College short sleeved sports shirt *
- Navy & white long sleeved College reversible rugby top *
- Navy shorts (girls may also wear Navy skorts)
- Navy & white socks*
- No white socks only black socks with no logos white socks have never been part of the PE Kit
- No tights under skorts students are allowed to wear navy sports leggings
- Navy tracksuit (optional) No Canterbury sports trousers with a large logo down the leg
- Navy sports leggings (any leggings must be a sports spandex/lycra fabric, cotton leggings are not permitted). ALL sports leggings/joggers for all students should be plain navy with a logo no bigger than 5cm x 5cm
- Sports trainers (no casual, street-style, canvas footwear)
- Equipment throughout the year to include football boots, shin pads, gum shield

For sportswear purchased with logos on, the logo must not exceed approx. 5cm x 5cm, no stripes, patterns or other colours are permitted on items of sports clothing

Hoodies/hooded tops/external Ports Clubs jackets/tops/kit are not permitted in College including sportswear. Any outdoor garments should be plain in colour (navy) and style

*Item available from <u>Stevensons</u>. All items purchased from <u>Stevensons</u> are compatible to our policy requirements

In addition, alongside the navy kit whilst the changing rooms are being refurbished, plain black tracksuit bottoms and a plain black sweatshirt with a logo less than 5cm x 5cm are allowed over the top of their PE kit to keep warm in lessons



MRC FIREWORKS

Tickets available here : https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mrc-firework-night-tickets-1729899699569?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

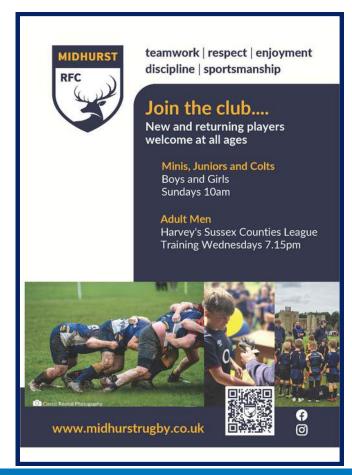


SOUTH DOWNS YOUTH ACTION - FREE EVENTS

Link below to Eventbrite.

South Downs Youth Action by South Downs
National Park Authority | Eventbrite





FACILITIES FOR HIRE



















FACILITIES FOR HIRE

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.

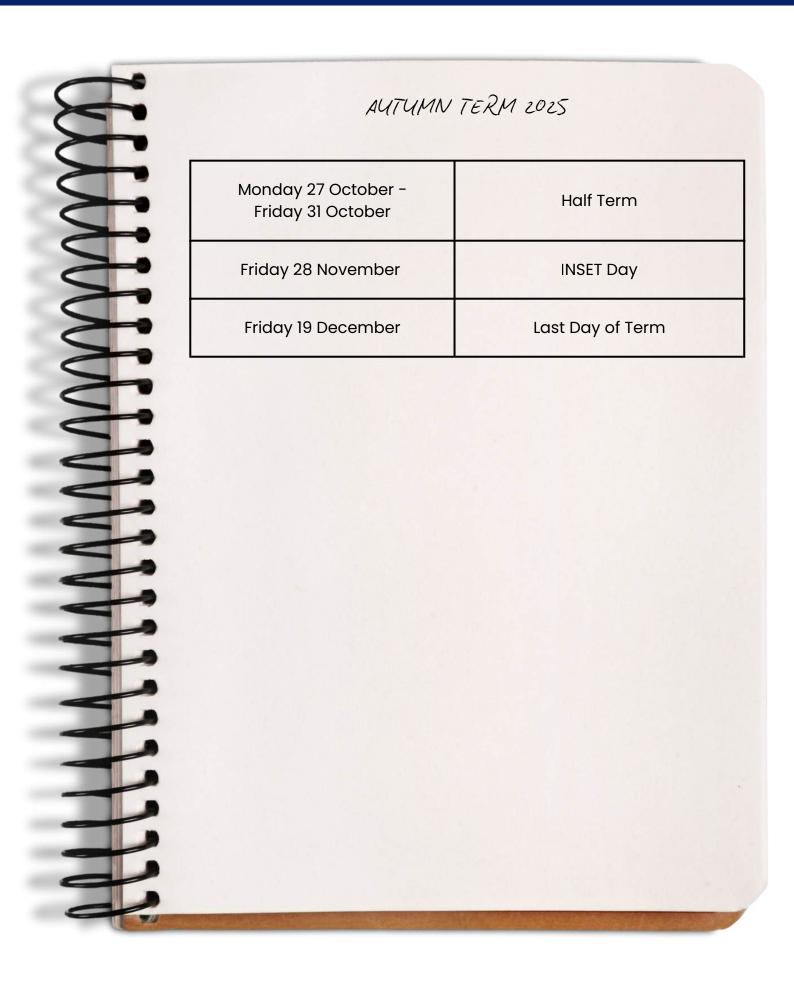
Additionally, the outstanding school facilities are used extensively by the school and local community. We have a diverse portfolio of clubs and activities running every evening and during the weekend.

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. https://mrc.schoolhire.co.uk



MRC Performing Arts - Calendar of Events 2025 - 2026

DATE	EVENT	Students involved	VENUE
Autumn 2025			
Friday 25 October	CFMDS – Deadline for entries	Orchestra, jazz, choir plus soloists/individual entries	Chichester
Wednesday 22 October	Petworth festival		Theatre
Wednesday 5 th November	Rotary Concert	Orchestra Choir Jazz Band	MRC Theatre (P5&6 theatre only)
Thursday 6 th November	Bright Sparks	Y10-11	Royal Festival Hall- London
14-16 November	Midhurst Jazz event		Midhurst
	Music for Youth Proms	Trip – All students that wish to attend.	Royal Albert Hall- London
Wednesday 3 December	Winter Concert	Orchestra Choir Jazz Strings, flutes Drama/production groups Soloists (by invite) Bands Ballet group with life piano	MRC Theatre
Thursday 4 December	Tree of hope service	Musicians - Invite only (P6 rehearsals)	Easebourne Church
Monday 8th December	Pantos	Year 10 GCSE drama	Theatre
Tuesday 16 December	Carol Service	Orchestra Choir Jazz Band	Midhurst Church
Wednesday 17 December	Carol Service	Orchestra Choir Musical Theatre/BTEC Jazz Band	Midhurst Church
Spring 2026			
Saturday 7 th Feb	CFMDS Woodwind Strings	Flute ensemble Clarinet ensemble (+ any soloists who have entered)	New Park, chichester
	Dance House 1	MRC Dance Teams Minibus	Worthing Theatre
Saturday 28 th Feb	CFMDS Festival	Orchestra Jazz Band Flute ensemble	St Pauls, Chichester
Saturday 14th March	CFMDS	Choirs	St Pauls, Chichester. From 9am
Tuesday 10 th Feb	YR 11 Component 2 exam (1)	GCSE Drama YR11	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 11 Feb	YR 11 Component 2 exam (2)	GCSE Drama YR11	MRC Theatre



Thursday 12 Feb	Yr 13 Component 2	A level Drama	MRC Theatre
Friday 13th March	6th form show	Drama Y12/13	Theatre
Thursday 19 March	Gilbert Hannam day	Orchestra	St. Mary Magdalene & St. Denys
Wednesday 25 March	Spring Concert	Orchestra Choir Jazz Strings, flutes Drama/production groups Soloists (by invite) Bands	MRC Theatre
	Choreography showcase event	Y11 Dance Plus dance groups	MRC Theatre
	Rother Valley Arts Festival	MRC Dance Teams	MRC Theatre
Summer 2026			
April TBC	Y13 Music recital	Y13	MRC Theatre
Thursday 3 April	Dance showcase event	Y11/10	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 30 April	Dance House 2	MRC Dance Teams Minibus	Worthing Festival Theatre
Thursday 23 April	YR 10 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama YR10	MRC Theatre
Friday 24 th April	YR 12 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama YR12	MRC Theatre
June TBC	Drama Day		MRC Theatre
Wednesday 1st July	Pre tour concert/info	Tour students	Theatre or amphitheatre
Monday 6 th July	Austria Tour!	Performing arts group	Salzburg
Tuesday 14 July	Drama and Music House Cup	YR 7	MRC Theatre Music P1-4 Drama 5-6

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

Arbor Information Guides: Arbor Information Guides (<u>mrc-academy.org</u>)

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

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: <u>Sparx Reader</u>

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

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

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