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4 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 7 Autumn Term Information

We are very proud to be welcoming our new Year 7 students to Midhurst Rother College tomorrow as they begin an exciting new chapter in their educational journey. Starting secondary school is a major milestone, and we are dedicated to ensuring this transition is smooth, positive, and full of opportunity.

Tomorrow marks the beginning of something special. Whether your child is feeling excited, nervous, or somewhere in between, please be assured we are here to support them every step of the way. Over the coming months, we look forward to watching them grow in confidence, build new friendships, and discover their strengths both inside and outside the classroom.

We also look forward to welcoming parents to our Year 7 Welcome Evening and the Year 7 Information and Meet the Tutor evenings, both later in September. At these you will have the opportunity to learn more about life at MRC and meet your child's tutor. More information regarding these events will be sent out shortly.

Inside this letter, you will find key information to help you get started, including important term dates, contact details for your child's tutor, and an overview of what is coming up in the next few weeks.

Important Information: Year 7 First Day – Friday 5 September 2025

When students arrive at school, all Year 7 should go straight to the Sports Hall. Our staff will be there to greet them and help guide them to where they will meet their tutor.

The morning will be spent settling in and getting to know their new classmates. They will also receive their timetable and student planner, which will help them feel organised and ready for the term ahead.



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School Contacts

Your child's form tutor is your primary point of contact and is best placed to support a wide range of matters, including wellbeing, and everyday concerns. They play a vital role in your child's day-to-day pastoral care and overall development throughout the school year. Their close, daily interaction with your child enables them to provide the most effective support and guidance.

Please see below for the contact details of our Year 7 team.

Assistant Principal	Mrs C Dickens	claire.dickens@mrc-academy.org
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7T-EHH	Miss E Haigh	NO EMAIL YET
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7W-KMN	Mrs K Murray-Killen	katy.murray-killen@mrc-academy.org

Year 7 Residential Trip – JCA Adventures, Condover Hall Activity Centre, Shropshire

We excited to launch our Year 7 residential trip to JCA Adventures at Condover Hall Activity Centre in Shropshire, taking place during our MRC Activities Week between Monday 6 July to Wednesday 8 July 2026.

This exciting three-day experience offers students a chance to take part in a variety of fun and challenging activities designed to promote confidence, teamwork, and create lasting memories. It's a fantastic opportunity for students to bond with their peers and enjoy a rewarding adventure outside the classroom.

A detailed letter with further information will be sent out via email on Monday, including payment details and how to secure a place.

Attendance Matters

Here at Midhurst Rother College, we place great importance on excellent attendance and continue to aim for 96% or above for all students. When attendance drops below 95%, it becomes a concern, as it means less time in the classroom and fewer opportunities to engage with learning.



Consistent attendance is key to helping your child make steady progress, build strong relationships, and fully benefit from their education. To support your child's success, we kindly ask that they attend school every day.

Ensuring attendance at school is a parent/carer's legal obligation and we are keen to support parents with this, not least because of the huge amount of national data that proves the correlation between good attendance and academic progress.

If your child is unable to attend college, please notify us on 01730 812451 then select option 1 or via email: attendance@mrc-academy.org.

As always, punctuality will also continue to be monitored. Please can we ask parents to support us in encouraging good attendance and punctuality.

More information or forms regarding attendance can be located on our website:

<https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/attendance>

Uniform

If you have any queries regarding uniform, the uniform policy is available to read on our website: <https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/uniform>. Please ensure that your child's belongings have their name in them so that they can be identified if they are lost and handed in to student reception.

A reminder that Nike Airforce trainers and hoodies are not permitted. Black school jumpers are available from our uniform suppliers.

Key Dates

Friday 5 September 2025
Monday 7 September 2025
8–12 September 2025
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11 September 2025
18 September 2025
24 September 2025

First day of term
Launch of Year 7 Residential
NGRT - computer based reading test
MidYIS - computer based all-round test
Yellow Photography – individual photos
Year 7 Welcome Evening
Information and Meet the Tutor Evening

Yours sincerely,

Mr Ashley Lamb
Head of Year 7