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Newsletter

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Ofsted Report May 2011



Students and staff at Midhurst Rother College are celebrating after receiving a very encouraging Ofsted report. In our first full inspection since the College opened in January 2009 inspectors judged the College 'Satisfactory' and said that it has 'Good' capacity for further improvement. Dr Joe Vitagliano, Principal of Midhurst Rother College, said: "This is a strong Ofsted report which recognises that progress is well underway at Midhurst Rother College. The inspectors saw clear evidence of our capacity to improve and we expect this summer's GCSE and A level results to

demonstrate this. We are clearly on the right path and with the construction of our new building now taking place, the College has a lot to look forward to." *contd/2...*

Partnership News



Our partnership with Winchester College goes from strength to strength.

The first year of the SHINE programme with Winchester College involved eighteen Year 7 students and was a huge success. Beginning in September 2010 it comprised ten Saturday school sessions, ending with a graduation ceremony in June. The main objective of the programme was to introduce exciting new areas of learning. At each session students studied English, Mathematics and Science as well as Division (Div). Div is a hallmark of Winchester and provides a very unique experience embracing History, English Literature, Religion, Ethics and Philosophy as well as politics and current affairs. This is aimed at developing debate, discussion, reason and listening skills early in their education.

Well done to our Year 7 graduates: Sally Beglin, Anja Blackwell, Ben Bower, Calvin Burse, Nathan Day, Zara Duncan, Lizzie Gaskin, Toby Groves, Imogen James-Johnson, Holly Leavens, Mart Oomen, Jake Scutt, Imogen Sheldrake, Lauren Turner, Harry Wadey. Next year these students will continue their visits to Winchester—there will be one session a term with a focus on English, Maths and Science and languages, in particular Latin.

A slightly different SHINE/Winchester programme will be offered to our new Year 7s.

Water Challenge winners get ...



...cash to splash! A team of nine outstanding young designers from Year 7 were runners up in the **Water Design Challenge Final** at Bewl Water scooping a prize of **£2,500!** The competition sponsored by Southern Water and The Design Council challenged students to investigate the issues surrounding water use in the South and design a means of communication to help reduce the amount of water we consume.

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Drum roll for awards

Awards Evening for Years 7-10 in the Jon Barrott Sports Hall was thoroughly enjoyed by a packed audience of proud students and their families. At this special, annual occasion the College takes great pleasure in recognising the efforts and achievements of our students during the academic year. The guest speaker, Mr Mark Brazier, Operations Director of True Adventure, a Midhurst based expedition company, spent 26 years in the Army and spoke about "achievement" both in and outside the classroom. *contd/6...*



Year 11s in Top Gear



Onlookers at Old Thorns Manor Hotel and Golf Club, Liphook could be forgiven for thinking they were witnessing the filming of an exclusive episode of Top Gear. With not a stretch limo in sight, guests arrived at the Year 11 Leavers' Ball in an unrivalled array of transport. Party goers were thrilled with the number of vintage cars, Bentleys, Porsches, Jags and Aston Martins dropping students off, as they were with the army jeep, Mustang and Chevrolet. *contd/3..*

Two quotes for our final Newsletter this academic year. The first is attributed to many sportsmen and women and a lesson for us all...

"The harder I practise, the luckier I get..."

...and the second, from one of our greatest philosophers...

"If the person you are talking to doesn't appear to be listening, be patient. It may simply be that he has a small piece of fluff in his ear."

Winnie the Pooh

Happy Holidays to all our readers and see you next term!

free to achieve, belong and contribute



Inspectors were overall very impressed with the College remarking that there “has been an upward trend in attainment” since it opened two years ago. They described the College as a “*safe and friendly place*” and said that “*students clearly enjoy learning and are keen to do well*”. Although located across two separate sites, inspectors complimented the College for its “*strong sense of community*” and described the contribution students make to the life of the College and the wider community as “*outstanding*”. The “*well-managed links with other schools and local colleges and resources available through the United Learning Trust*” were said to be giving students “*valuable opportunities*” that they would otherwise not be able to access. Inspectors were also very impressed with the partnerships that have been developed with Winchester College and the University of Chichester. **The inspectors also commented:**

“Carefully and intelligently, the College’s leaders are laying the foundations of a well-integrated and ambitious community”

“The Principal and senior leaders’ assessment of the College’s strengths and areas for improvement is soundly based and their development plan is both ambitious and practical”

“The impact of the College’s approach is reflected in the confidence of parents and carers that their children are safe and in students’ sense of security”

Kathy August, Deputy Chief Executive of the United Learning Trust, which sponsors the College, said “This report is testament to the hard work of Dr Vitagliano and the Senior Leadership Team. Opening an academy is not an easy task particularly when it is replacing three schools but, as this report clearly demonstrates, Midhurst Rother College has got off to a very good start and can look to the future with great optimism.”

You can view our full Ofsted Report on the website - <http://www.mrc-academy.org/about-us>

Activities Week

This year’s Activities Week had one of the largest and most diverse programmes ever. On site activities included art, beauty, photography, climbing, digiblue, drama, film production, free running, geocaching, kick boxing, body conditioning, first aid, Japanese art, Scalextrics, tennis, table tennis, textiles, cookery and mug/tile decorating. The finale included “Zorbing”; rolling around in a huge transparent, quilted orb.

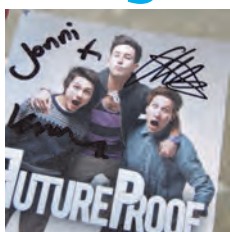
Farther afield students were able to tour Cowdray, swim, practise their bush craft skills and look round, Midhurst Police Station. During the same week seventy Year 7’s took off for a residential at Hayling Island while others spent a day at Thorpe Park and to complete the programme everyone was invited to rock to upcoming band, FutureProof at their special gig in the gym.

The “Cook 4 Fun” sessions included a visit from a local business, La Pizza, a pizza base production company who provided their pizza base product to enable students to provide lunch for their fellow classmates and staff. Mrs Pringle, Vice Principal said, “Activities Week has been utterly exhausting, exhilarating and exceptional.”



Cook 4 Fun - Fleur Coombes, Mr Mick Wharton (Bakery Manager, La Pizza), Chloe Holden, Emily Dudman, Miss Anne Piper (MRC Food Technology Teacher), Lewis Pake, Piers Lunt, Harrison Gowar, Ms Vicki Harrison (Customer Services Manager, La Pizza) Lola Whittington, Amy Saunders.

A sign of things to come...FutureProof



We’re pretty sure that the huge success story of top band *The Wanted* started with their visit to Midhurst Rother College in 2009 and hope for the same rise to fame for Jonni, Kiran and Charlie who played for students at Easebourne site in their band, **FutureProof**, during Activities week. They performed a vibrant playlist, including their debut single, *One More Chance*, to a packed, very appreciative audience and thrilled everyone as they happily stayed on longer than they should, signing autographs and chatting.



The beat of very different drums



A group of Y7 students took part in two **Samba** workshops at Chi High for Girls with their students along with those from Chi High for Boys and Westergate Community College, in preparation for their part in the Chichester Festivities. On Saturday the group met to rehearse then paraded up South Street and took a pole position in front of the Cathedral ready for fireworks and an amazing display of Chinese lanterns. What an unforgettable experience and well done to all for taking part. Our **African drum band** battled with the rain and performed to a very committed(!) audience at Easebourne Church Fete this year. The performance was made particularly special by members of the audience who took our drummers to heart and joined in with the dancing.



Kristian Bediako - has been running regular African Drumming and Dancing on our Easebourne site

Congratulations to ...

Caroline Miller who has gained Grade 6 with Merit Clarinet

Kate Adams who has passed Grade 5 piano.

Ted Murray for his Grade 4 jazz piano with distinction

Music Teacher, Miss Tidbury who has achieved a Merit Distinction in Grade 5 trombone



Our New Build - the story so far



Abbie Nutting and Madeline Challen, both four, from Midhurst nursery help plant flowers at the new to Midhurst Rother College. PHOTO BY GUY WOODS (2011)

Children dig in to spruce up new school entrance

MORE than 50 nursery school children joined Midhurst Rother College principal Dr Joe Vitagliano to transform the new entrance to the school.

They came from First Friends, Early Days Pre-School, Easebourne, Midhurst Nursery Class and Steadham Squirrels Playgroup and they helped plant new flower beds.

Dr Vitagliano said: "The atmosphere created by the enthusiasm of the nursery pupils was terrific, and we were enthralled knowing these youngsters, the first other than building workers to walk up the new drive, will be MRC students one day themselves."

Balfour Beatty the company overseeing the new college building, provided the flowers and workers were on hand to help staff and children, who will now be able to watch the project progress.

Every young gardener was given a set of gardener's tools and a sticker saying "Today I helped make the garden of Midhurst Rother College beautiful!"

It's going, going...



We can see the cranes from our Easebourne Site



Someone has moved in already!

Our new build photo journey can be viewed on our website at www.mrc-academy.org

Year 11s in Top Gear for ball /contd...

And anyone would think that the guests arriving on a trailer pulled by a steam engine, by pony and trap or helicopter would have stolen the show, but it was the 'chapter' of Harley-Davidson motorbikes, some 20 strong, which caught everyone's attention as it escorted students to Old Thorns with a dramatic roar!



Alex Hooker and Lucie Challen

...and perfect prom for 6th formers



Meanwhile MRC 6th Formers' Prom, elegantly presented by Cowdray Golf Club, was thoroughly enjoyed by all on a wonderful summer's evening, with the backdrop of the Downs and Cowdray Ruins completing the romantic setting. Y13 celebrated their time in 6th form alongside teaching staff and Miss Jen Weeks, Assistant Principal/Director of KS5, Mrs Jayne Beesley, Pastoral Leader and Dr Joe Vitagliano, Principal. Everyone enjoyed dinner, awards, speeches and sentiments, followed by a disco provided by Dan Scutt, an ex-student of the College. Said Miss Weeks, "It was a great party and a wonderful opportunity to congratulate our students for all their hard work over the last two years and to wish them every happiness and success in the future."

MRC 6th Formers Scarlett Foyster, Sophie Lane, Ellie Moulding, Georgie Price, Sam White, Rhiannon Burgess, Jas Poole, Eli Brown, Corrie Oliver (Teacher), Hayley O'Leary

Water Challenge winners get cash to splash! /contd...

Nick Hopper a Bognor Regis based architect who specialises in sustainable design, worked with the students to help them investigate how much water College uses and where it is being wasted. Branded **Aqua Saver**, the team's innovation is a water monitor that links to a meter and a mobile phone application, allowing users to keep an eye on their water use and the cost at anytime from anywhere. The app also contains fun games for the younger members of the family. At the final the students had 15 minutes to pitch their idea to a panel of judges. The judges thought their pitch was excellent and their idea very ambitious. So much so that our team was awarded the second prize which included a cheque for the whopping sum of £2500 to spend on either further developing their app idea or on another water saving scheme for College. Said Mrs Hathaway, Community Partnership Co-ordinator, "The effort the team put into the challenge was incredible and Mr Hopper's support and commitment extraordinary. The students were self-motivated and hard working, putting many extra hours into perfecting the fine detail and making sure they presented themselves and their idea in the best possible light. They were fantastic ambassadors for MRC, and complimented as such by the organisers, particularly by Mr Geoff Loader, Director of Communications at Southern Water. This is the best project I have been involved in to date and I am looking forward to working with this team again."



Going for gold ...

Three current 6th Form students, Catherine Pett, Christopher Bowyer and Hedley Palmer and one ex-pupil, Louise Hughes, recently completed their final qualifying expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award. The trek took place over 4 days on Dartmoor, walking 50 miles carrying full supplies and camping wild. Part of the purpose of the expedition was to research some of the old settlements and mining activities that played such an important part in the history of that area, about which the group will create a presentation.

And of course this wonderful achievement means that an invitation from the Palace will be winging its way to all four very soon.



Chris Bower, Headley Palmer, Catherine Pett and ex student Louise Hughes



Rory Neil, Nick Powell, Tyler Small, Paige Taylor, Mikaylah Moore, Alexandra Raines, Jasmine Robey, Lucy Skinner, Bethany Jupp, Helen Taylor, Tanya Wilson, Joe Thompson, Charles Aitken, Harry Carter, Dean Altass-Hye, Jack Clarke, Alice Hatch.

...and beautiful bronze

Meanwhile, a large group of Year 10 students have achieved their Bronze award – well done to:- **Liam Andrews, Lucy Bryant, Thomas Cain, Megan Casebow, Andrew Dewar, Gabi Fisher, Jemma Frankland, Ffion Parry, Scarlett Harris, Patrick King,**

Turning a what *could be* a crisis into a drama



MRC Students at Midhurst Primary School—Rear Ebony McKay, Luke Collins, Miriam Fox, Middle: Charlie Hayter, Front: Josh Holcombe, Millie Bryder, Daisy Hodd and Esther Maidens

The MRC Drama department's brand new Theatre In Education project went down a storm at Midhurst Primary School on Friday 8 July! **Year 10, Josh Holcombe reports...**
This term two groups of Year 10 GCSE drama students, created a performance based around what they thought were issues for Year 6 children about to move up into a brand new school. They recently took the project out to share with local primary schools. After each performance the students presented a workshop for the primary pupils, testing their abilities in leadership and keeping an audience engaged. As well as very good drama practise it was also a perfect opportunity for both College and Primary students to focus on communication skills, particularly as no teaching staff were allowed to intervene. We all felt great sense of achievement and thought it was a brilliant Drama Department initiative, to create something that entertains and educates both the younger and the older students.

The bells were ringing...for Father Andrew

Student Harry Carter (Year 11) and teacher, Mr Paul Robinson were part of the band of bell ringers whose peel greeted Father Andrew Cunnington to Midhurst, as he commemorated his 25years in Priesthood by walking back from his current parish through the places that have been important to him during that time. Setting off on 4 July, the parishes included those he has served and as Father Andrew walked into Midhurst he was met by a dramatic quarter peel from the tower of St. Mary Magdalene & St. Denys.

Said Father Andrew, "As my wife, Alison, is a Pastoral Leader at the College and I have many fond memories of overseeing students at its predecessor, Midhurst Grammar School, it made the occasion extra special to learn that Harry and Paul were part of the band."

Harry Carter, Father Andrew and Mr Paul Robinson



Congratulations!



Adelle Tracey recently won England Athletics SENIOR Championship 800m Bronze running against

women between 5-17 years older than her - Adelle leaves us this summer for Bournemouth University but promises to keep in touch!



A member of Chichester Athletics Club, Peter Thomas, Year 8, has appeared on a weekly basis in the press recently as winner or runner

up in his age group for discus and shot. In recognition of his excellent record in the past year he has been presented with a Bronze Chichester District Youth Sport Achievement Award.



Joe Taylor, Year 7, - has been invited to join the Sussex U13 Athletics Squad following his talents being spotted at Mountbatten



Olivia Winther, Year 10, has begun to take part in big fleet racing on the open sea - her first outing at the FRS Feva National

Championships in Wales. We are looking forward to a full report of her summer activities which she tells us include a full programme of local sailing events.



Alice Buchanan, Year 8, has now passed her Royal Yachting Association Level 3 and is training for Level 4.



The smart set



Full details of the Midhurst Rother College Uniform and the relevant Policy can be found on our website. Here is the current garment list to help everyone prepare for next term.

Boys

- *Black MRC blazer with embroidered badge
- White school shirt (short or long sleeved)
- *College tie – clip-on
- *Black V-necked MRC jumper (can be worn in addition to the blazer not instead of)
- Black tailored formal school trousers
- Black formal belt with plain buckle
- Plain, black, formal school shoes
- Black socks

Girls

- *Black MRC blazer with embroidered badge
- White school shirt with MRC clip-on tie or white blouse (short or long sleeved) with a reverse collar and no tie
- *Black V necked MRC jumper (can be worn in addition to the blazer not instead of)
- Black tailored formal school trousers or
- *Black, knee length, formal school pleated or straight skirt
- Black formal belt with plain buckle
- Plain, black flat school shoes
- Plain white/black socks or plain black opaque tights

PE Kit for Boys and Girls

- *Black & white College short sleeved sports shirt
- *Black & white reversible rugby top
- Black shorts
- Football boots
- Shin pads
- *Black & white socks
- Trainers
- *Black & white tracksuit (optional)

Items can be purchased through our preferred uniform supplier, Stevensons, who are able to take orders over the telephone or through their website:

<http://www.stevensons.co.uk/>

Sales Tel: 01727 853262

Office Tel: 01727 814350

Absence - Fixed Penalty update

Attendance at Midhurst Rother College is good. However, it is important that everyone is aware of the penalties imposed by West Sussex County Council when students are taken out for holidays and treats during term time. Such absence from College seriously disrupts a child's progress and therefore, other than for sickness, medical appointments or extenuating circumstances absences are deemed unauthorised. For each day of unauthorised absence 2 sessions are recorded. If 10 sessions of unauthorised absence are recorded over a 10 week period a fixed penalty of £50 may be issued by West Sussex County Council. For more information, please visit our [Attendance Matters](http://www.mrc-academy.org/parents-and-students/) area on the website <http://www.mrc-academy.org/parents-and-students/>

Principal

We have finally reached the end of a long year!

As you will recall, Ofsted had just left at the end of last half term. The Section 5 Ofsted report for Midhurst Rother College was yet another strong sign that it is heading in the right direction and making the progress that will see it become the school of choice in this part of West Sussex and beyond. It was pleasing to see that the report recognised this and commented that MRC is a 'well-integrated and ambitious community'. Like our new building, strong foundations and a well built structure are in place for a successful future.



J.A. Vilagians

One of the first fruits of the College's ambition will be the fact that many Year 9 students (after the summer holiday results) will have the equivalent of three GCSEs (in English, ICT and PE). A number of others will have made a big start in following a GCSE Statistics course as well others beginning GCSE courses in Science. MRC's future successes will stem from encouraging students to achieve GCSE and equivalent outcomes when they are ready to do so. This initiative also starts to make good the promise of 'pathways for all students'. There will be further developments in this area next year.

One area that the Ofsted report highlighted which I am keen to build on is engagement with parents. It was clear that parents want to play a greater role in shaping the future direction of the College. On the 29 June we made a good start towards making this a reality (with our first Kirkland Rowell Parents Feedback Evening). Whilst not as well attended as I would have hoped, the parents who did come along were able to express their views and were also very helpful in suggesting ideas of what they wanted to see happening in what I have been calling Phase 2 of the College's development, the year prior to entering our new building. I can also announce that there will be a termly parents' forum next academic year when there will be scope for other views and ideas to be shared. The new College calendar will have the dates of these events.

In passing, I would like to announce to parents that the Midhurst Rother College Association (MRCA) is being re-launched next academic year. Membership is automatic for parents and carers, however the College particularly welcomes those who wish to become actively involved in its activities. The MRCA has three aims:

- To provide a calendar of social events for members
- To provide a forum where members can be consulted on current issues or future plans
- To raise money for the College

Membership of the association is also open to current and former members of the teaching staff, governors, past students, and those interested in helping the College. If you are interested in getting involved please email: Jen.Weeks@mrc-academy.org

An area of discussion at the feedback evening was uniform. Parents certainly like the College uniform and felt it looked very smart when worn properly. However, two key points were flagged up: the shortness of girls' skirts and the way that the College tie is worn. As you will know by now, we have reviewed the College uniform policy and a new version has gone home. You will have seen two important short term changes. Girls are required to wear their skirts at *knee length* from September (unless, of course, they choose to wear trousers). We are also moving to a clip-on tie. We believe these two changes will take us another step forward in the idea that we should all be 'ready to work, ready to learn'. Parents and carers will also see that there are plans to move to a new design of skirt for girls and business dress for the Sixth Form (both to come into effect from September 2012). The letter home has a slip for feedback on this review and these future proposals.

Parents also spoke about the issue of communication at the feedback evening. Parents and carers were certainly of the view that communication had improved significantly since 2009, however they wanted easier and more rapid access to teachers and support staff. Improving communication has been a key theme since the College opened in 2009 and I have therefore decided that the email addresses of all staff will be available on the College website from September. I believe this change will take away an important barrier that is stopping better communication between teachers, students and parents. From the second half of September, we shall also be introducing a monthly Principal's/SLT Surgery. There will be a designated time each month when parents and carers can come along and share their concerns and express their views.

When we return to College in September, the frame of the new building will almost be complete and, at the end of that month, it is planned that the fit-out of the building will begin. It will be no time at all before the last newsletter of 2011-12 is published and the plans for entry to the new building are announced! In between times I hope you all have a wonderful holiday.

Congratulations to Award Winners 2011 Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 /contd...



Jasmine Woudstra Y8 receiving her Drama award from Mr Mark Brazier

The evening finale was a rousing session of African drumming performed by our students and enthusiastically lead by visiting teacher Kristian Bediako.

The College would particularly like to acknowledge the Trustees of the Gilbert Hannam Educational Foundation who generously funded the prizes and of course our wonderful musicians, directed by Mr Richard Brimacombe, who always put the icing on the cake of our special events.

- Art**—Imogen Reed, Zachary Baker, Cait Sharp, Damien Copeland, Kirsten Fox, Karol Papaj, Thomas Hollands & Charlotte Griffin
- Beauty Therapy**—Ellie Knight, Yasmin Keen,
- Business**—Liam Kitchener, Rowan Law
- Citizenship**—Bethan Jerrett, Mateusz Trembecki
- Design Technology**—Holly Leavens, Rizwan Chowdhury, Molly Stringer, Emily Ash, Abbie Smith, Frances Wakefield-Harry
- Drama**—Joe Taylor, Anja Blackwell, Josh Funnell, Jasmine Woudstra, Shannon Kemp, Aaron Andrews, Charlotte Adams, George Dobson
- English**—Siobhan Crosdil, Katie Bell, William Piggott, Leonardo De Brito, Styn Oomen, Brandon Fryer, Ashley Baker, Olivia Winther
- Food Technology**—Patrick Cowell, Laura Adam
- Geography**—Edward Murray, Jake Scutt, Peter Thomas, Sophie Marshall, Alison Collins, Zoe Strachan, Danielle Styles, Simon Dennis
- History**—Mart Oomen, Nathan Philips, Flora Shaw, Hana Gates, Thomas Wilson, Amber Creber, Morgan Butt, Cara West
- IT**—Eleanor Godsman, Harry Clee, Adam Carter, Emma Baigent, Sophie Boxley, Harvey White, Mia Clark, Lily Dunning
- Learning Support**—Tiffany Underdown, Aiden Boddy, Michael Turner, Luke Illman, Christopher Boddy, Oliverly Dudman, Ryan Dunstan, Jodie Hames
- Mathematics**—Cameron Gibbon, Jacob Peachey, Matthew Ray, William Keohane, Jennifer Welsman, Corey Pilcher, Catriona Gibbon, George Stringer
- MFL**—Nathan Day, Hannah McNally, Harriet Sharp, Piers Lunt, Lucy Davies, Lisa Taylor, Joseph Furness, Saralouise Puttock
- Music**—Jasmin Cain, Holly Benham, Matthew Payn, Toby Merritt-Smith, Olivia Reed, Alicia Upton-Jarvis, Luke Collins, Rebecca Romanovicz
- PSCHE**—Sian Hackett, Jonathan Redhead, Molly Allen, Robert Keith, Ben Clarke, Dominic Gard
- Photography**—Ailsa Jones, Hollie Kalinski
- PE**—Sophie Parry-Williams, Megan Hill, Elliott Taylor, Isabel King, Sam Cain, Phoebe Glass, Harry Griffiths, Sebastian Barsby
- Production Design**—Charles Bush, Daniel Thacker
- R & P**—Skye Ottaway, Harry Wadey, Isaac Farley, Fiona Hill, Tommy Sheffield, Jordan Warren, Oliver Van Zwanenberg
- Science**—Jeremy Jones, Danny Ellyatt-Child, Joseph Casebow, Lucy Van Zwanenberg, Joshua Frankham, Jacob Calvo-Penfold, Emily Collins-Wingate, Amelia Bryder

Our Calendar

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August

- 1-5 Yrs 5-7 Nature Intrepids Summer School
- 9 Vietnam Trip students return
- 18 'A' Level Results Day
- 25 GCSE Results Day

September

- 2 **InSet**
- 5 Yrs7 at Easebourne & Y12 at Midhurst—to attend registration and induction
- 6 College re-opens to all students
- 7 Y11 Parents' & Carers' Information Evening
- 7 College photographs—Midhurst Site
- 8 College photographs—Easebourne Site
- 13 Y10 Parents' & Carers' Information Evening - Midhurst Site—5.30pm
- 13 Y13 Parents' & Carers' Information Evening (re University finance) - Midhurst Site
- 14 Yrs 11, 12 & 13 visit from the Army
- 14 Winchester College visiting
- 14 Yrs 8/9 Parents' & Carers' Information Evening - Easebourne Site
- 15 Y12 Parents' & Carers' Information Evening
- 20 Y6 Locality Day
- 22 Y7 Parents' & Carers' Information Evening—Easebourne Site 7pm
- 23 Photography Exhibition Open Day – Joint Winchester College/MRC Students – Capron House
- 26 LGB meeting - MRC, Easebourne Site
- 30-6 **30-6 October**
- 30 Photography Exhibition – Joint Winchester College/MRC Students – Angelus Gallery, Winchester College Art Department
- 30 6th Form - Media trip to Mother London

October

- 6 Open Evening 6.30-8.30pm Midhurst Site—families of prospective students Years 4, 5 and 6
- 6 Yr11 Careers Fair
- 7 Yr 6 Big Sing
- 7 Yrs11&12 to World Skills Event in London
- 10-14 Open Morning 9.30-11.30am - Easebourne Site
- 13 Open Evening for New 6th Formers 6.30-8.30pm Midhurst Site
- 19 **InSet Day**
- 20 Yrs11/12/13 Parents' & Carers' Evening—Midhurst Site
- 21 Yr11/12 Taster Day (MRC/Chichester College/Chichester University)
- 21 Yrs12/13 Study Day
- 23 Silent Auction of art painted by MRC students, staff, family and friends in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust
- 24-28 **Half Term**

November

- 3,4&7 Y11 Music Performance Exams
- 10 Y7s 'Up for It' – off timetable all day
- 11 **Remembrance Day**
- 16 Y9 Parents' & Carers' Consultation Evening—Easebourne Site— 5.30pm
- 18 Y5 G&T Science Day
- 21 LGB meeting - Chichester University
- 22 Y7 Parents' & Carers' Consultation Evening—Easebourne Site 5.30pm
- 22 Yrs9/10/11 Football Fixture vs Winchester
- 24 Y9 Careers Day
- 30 Winter Concert Easebourne Site

December

- 7 All Y12 to Chichester University Campus
- 13 Y9 Mini Chichester University Visit (½ day)
- 13 Carol Services Midhurst
- 15 Carol Services Easebourne
- 16 End of term

Race for Life 2011

Thousands of ladies, young and not so young began the morning with a warm up in the beautiful sunshine of Worthing sea front, including Team MRC. **Well done to...Mrs Sam Sheldrake (Catering Manager), Imogen Sheldrake (Y7), Stephanie and Hayley with mum Mrs Janet Gibbs (who is responsible for most of our photography at MRC), Miss Sarah Jessop (Vice Principal), Mrs Kay Grimstead, (former PA to Dr Joe and now Clerk to our Governors), Mrs Maddie Hathaway Community Partnership Co-ordinator and Mrs Jeanette Sutton (Art Teacher)...who raised**



CFT Youth Drama at MRC

CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE : Drama classes for children are coming to Midhurst Chichester Festival Theatre's popular drama workshops for 5 - 19 year olds are coming to Midhurst. Get creative, meet new friends and have fun.

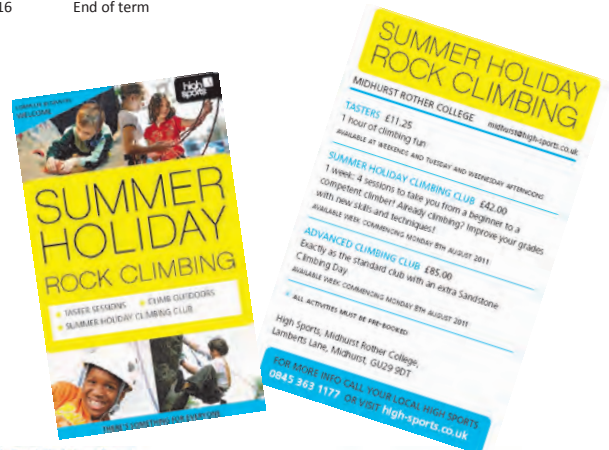
The theatre will be offering two 5-day Summer Schemes at the Memorial Hall at Midhurst Rother College:

Monday 25 - Friday 29 July: 10am - 4pm Devising Theatre Project 8 -11 year olds
Monday 15 - Friday 19 August: 10am - 4pm Shakespeare's Macbeth 12 -16 year olds

In September, starting on Monday 19th, Chichester Festival Youth Theatre will also be launching a new, weekly satellite youth theatre at the Midhurst Rother College

Group 1 (School years 6 – 9) 6.00pm to 7.30pm
Group 2 (School years 10 – 13) 7.30pm to 9.00pm

For more information telephone 01243 784437



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