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# Newsletter

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## A Rolls Royce affair



Top Shannon Kemp, Alison Collins, Jen Welsman, James Hills, Martha Bishop  
Right hand group from left to right – Lucy Davies, Amber Creber, Frankie Wakefield-Harrey, Lisa Taylor (winner) ...Right Jordan Bates, Jonathan Russell (back seat)  
Aaron Andrews, Jack Ward (front seats)

It's not often a car gets guest of honour status, but at the recent Year 9 Careers Morning, a lovely silver and blue Rolls Royce almost stole the show! Almost because our students were on fine form, using their best communication and writing skills to try to secure the one off experience day on offer at the car manufacturer's plant in Chichester. Ten students reached the shortlist - Jen Welsman, Ally Collins, Martha Bishop, Shannon Kemp, James Hills, Lucy Davies, Hallam Potts, Amber Creber, Frankie Wakefield-Harrey and Lisa Taylor. *contd/2.*



## Being the best we can be...



Top Left to right - Ethan Pope, Joshua McLelland, Jacob Peachey, Lucy Paice, Paige Whittington, Abigail Welsman  
Bottom Left to right - Eleanor Godsman, Joe Taylor, Harry Wadey, Jasmin Cain, Meghan Scott, Lewis Pake

Ben Quilter, visually impaired Judo World Champion and Olympian, caused a big stir recently when he visited Year 7 students at Midhurst Rother College to launch the **Be The Best You Can Be** programme. Ben captivated the students with his story, telling how growing up with impaired vision and all the related difficulties had made him determined to achieve and exceed expectations. *contd/2...*

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Midhurst Rother College has gained the **RFU Schools Development Award**. This award recognises the hard work, the development of young rugby players, the promotion of the sport through playing, teamwork and developing coaches (many of our students have gained coaching and refereeing awards in Rugby) and our support and collaboration with the local team, Midhurst Rugby Football Club.

Said Mrs Hayley Kemp, PE Curriculum Leader, "This is a great achievement for us all. It's down to the hard work of our PE

Department enabled by the total commitment of our very keen students. This is a nationally recognised award, one we are very proud of and one to which we intend to do full justice!"

## Partnership News



University of Chichester

The partnership with Winchester College and the University of Chichester continues to grow ever stronger.

In November eight students participated in the Winchester College Art Symposium alongside Winchester College students. Our students were particularly privileged to attend a private viewing of the Roche Court (Wiltshire) art collection, rarely open to guests, followed by a visit to Winchester Cathedral. The day ended with a workshop during which participants were invited to demonstrate their artistic skills using ink and reed collected from the riverbank.

During the Saturday **SHINE** programme Year 7 students have launched rockets in Physics, looked at violent chemical reactions in Chemistry, studied *The Dark is Rising* by Susan Cooper and learned how to play water polo. There are six more Saturday sessions left this academic year.

Year 10 and 12 students have visited the University of Chichester to participate in learning performance seminars and to start the process of planning for life after A-Levels and Higher Education.

**Future plans...**In the Spring Term, a joint photographic exhibition is planned with Winchester College and Year 7 students will be participating in the Star Student Scheme with the University of Chichester.



Lucy Bryant, Lucy Skinner, and Alice Hatch experiment with reed and ink art at Winchester College

**Excellence is not a singular act, but a habit... You are what you repeatedly do.**

Shaquille O'Neal, professional basketball player and rap artist... you can't argue with that, nor should you - Shaquille is the largest basketball player ever in the history of the game at 2.17 metres tall and weighing in at 147 kilos!

*free to achieve, belong and contribute*

# Being the best we can be... contd/

Said Ben, "The MRC Students were incredibly attentive. It was clear that they had absorbed everything I said in my presentation from the energy with which they undertook the morning's programme of **Be the Best you can Be** tasks and the way they grilled me for more information at every opportunity!"

The students were impressed by Ben's achievements, not just as one who is visually impaired, but as a sportsman who has worked hard to reach his goals in the face of great adversity.

While visiting the College, Ben was surprised and delighted to be able to compare medals with fellow martial arts expert, Year 8 Lucy Van Zwanenberg who won a much coveted Tae Kwon Do Gold medal in the South East Championships. Said Lucy, who trains with the South Downs Club in Midhurst, "Achieving gold in the Championships was a fantastic feeling and made the 5 years of training worth it. Meeting Ben Quilter was truly inspirational and has strengthened my resolve to persevere to be the best I can be. My next goal is to win black belt which I am due to take in April 2011."



And following Lucy's success, another Year 8 expert in martial arts 'beat off' 99 fellow competitors to come second in a regional judo match. Well done to Georgia Stemp (right) who, as a member of the Tony Newton Judo Club, has been training since she was 5 years old. Her ambition—to be Olympic/ World Champion!



The '**Be the Best you can Be**' programme is the continuation of an exciting and innovative approach to securing a lasting legacy from the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Legacy, a new charity founded and led by Olympian David Hemery CBE, has developed a programme to inspire and empower a generation of young people to be the best they can be. It is intended to provide an educational and motivational legacy with young people that will last a lifetime. You can get more information at <http://www.21stcenturylegacy.com/>

## Flying high at Chi Uni Conference



Front l-r: Katie Moore, Chloe Knight, Clara Haidon, Grace Scott, Rebecca Hill  
Rear l-r: Daisy Davies, Corrine Curry, Annette Browne (Trading Director of Women's Wear, Marks and Spencer), Chelsie Carver, Jemma Frankland - Annette Browne was the production team member responsible for the women's wear in this year's Marks and Spencer advertising campaign.

Midhurst Rother College young lady students were recently invited to join a University of Chichester conference of top businesswomen from across the UK, designed to encourage the girls to become the country's next high flyers. Senior female executives from companies such as Marks and Spencer, O2 and Deloitte spoke to students from West Sussex schools, encouraging them to push themselves as far as their abilities will take them and aim for their dreams. Students also heard from the most senior female police officer in Sussex, Assistant Chief Constable, Olivia Pinkney, bestselling author, Harriet Evans and Kirsty Brimelow, a leading Criminal and Human Rights barrister. Keynote speaker, Felicia Trewin from Deloitte's captured the audience when she explained that although driven to be a success in her career, giving something back and helping to develop talent was a big part of her life. She currently sits on the board of the American Cancer Society in the USA, co-leads her company's Consulting Community Investment Programme and consults for Help for Heroes and The Prince's Trust. Miss Trewin recently received the 2010 Women in the City – Future Leader's Award. Students also got the chance to quiz the guests about how they progressed through education and climbed their professional ladder. MRC girls were

particularly thrilled with their private audiences with both Annette Browne, Trading Director of Women's Wear, Marks and Spencer and renowned barrister, Kirsty Brimelow. The advice that seemed to impress them all was "...aim to be what you want to be not what others have in mind for you!" Said Chloe Knight, Year 10 student, "The women presenters were amazingly confident and happy with their career choices. We were lucky enough to talk to some face to face and were totally inspired and encouraged to hear how such important people made their way on different paths to their current roles, often from very small beginnings."

The impact on student Clara Haidon was particularly positive "A career in law has always appealed. Having met Kirsty I now feel sure it's something I'm going to pursue."

## A Rolls Royce affair contd/...

All were interviewed by Ms Liz Batten, Advisor, Apprentice Training, Rolls Royce, but the winner was Lisa whose application and interview stood out from the crowd. She will spend a day at Rolls Royce in the New Year. However, Ms Batten was so impressed by the other finalists that she has invited them for a tour of the factory. Lucky people and well deserved!

It was also our privilege to welcome numerous members of our business community who gave informative and entertaining presentations to students about their own career paths and were on hand afterwards with help and advice. Thank you to **Andrew Cook**, WaterAid, **Laura Woodham**, Therapy (clothing and gifts), Petworth, **Francis Martin**, Keats Estate Agents, **Francina Dirand**, personal trainer, **Dan** from Esporta, Brighton, **Angie Townsend** and two of her assistants from Eden Hair & Beauty, **Sara Voice**, Jacaranda catering, **Danny Walker**, Barclays Bank, **Neil Ivans**, Air Products.com, **Sarah Sprinks**, Practice Nurse and one of our Trustees, **Philip Stringer**, Ministry of Defence and one of our Governors and **Liz Batten** with 3 apprentices from Rolls Royce. Also available with guidance were MRC 6th formers, representatives of Chi Uni, Chi College and the Connexions service and Andrew Mier, a 6th former who spoke about the Army Cadets.



Carly Lane & Annabelle Finch with staff from Eden Hair & Beauty



# Tate Modern



**Is it art or is it vandalism?** Just one of the thought provoking moments during the recent 6th Form trip to the Tate Modern. Jasmine Hall, Aimee Jones, Amber Johnson, Jack Clark, Evan Griffiths, Nathan Smith, Leah Russell, Adelle Tracey, Nikki Tripp were joined by the 6th Form dragon mascot who also seemed to enjoy the trip!

Students enthused about their day agreeing that it was ‘...totally worthwhile and really exciting to see the actual paintings by artists we are currently researching...’

For one student the work of Bridget Riley captured her imagination, ‘I particularly enjoyed looking at her work and will definitely be studying her in more depth. The visit also enabled us to see off the wall artists, some we had never heard of.’

## Here's to the *Power of 5...*



With Christmas break approaching, Mr Phil Lloyd, Assistant Principal responsible for English, Literacy and Numeracy strategies, has taken the opportunity to write to Year 11 students, who are in their all important GCSE year, and their parents, with regard to study and revision, focusing on the....**Power of 5**. Said Mr Lloyd, “Although my letter was aimed at Year 11 in particular, our teaching and learning strategies apply throughout College and I have found the **power of 5** approach to be a very helpful element in our guidance and support. Psychologists suggest that for information to go from short to long term memory one needs to learn something **5** times. Revising and reviewing work at least **5** times creates such familiarity that it sticks and does not disappear when you switch off. Each student should employ **5** different approaches in their review, research, revision programme...**seeing, listening, writing, saying and doing**...this, it is said, increases the likelihood of remembering significant amounts of information.

And finally, **Take 5**...revision in twenty minute chunks, with **5** minute breaks in between to refresh thinking, will make a considerable difference to effective revision techniques... **5 times, 5 techniques and 5 minutes**.



...and to all our wordsmiths in Years 10 and 11—this term, sponsored by our College Trustees, we launched our Gilbert Hannam Essay Competition, with a first prize of £100 which will be awarded at our Prize Giving Day in March. More details will follow in the New Year.

## Forming words using letters...

**That'll be spelling then!** And now is the time for our students who have reached, or will reach, the age of 12 between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011 to sharpen their spelling skills.

We have entered **The Times Spelling Bee 2011** competition. Each participating school is invited to put forward a team of three students who excel at spelling to compete with other schools up and down the country.

Now in its third year, the Championship involves hundreds of schools and all report that the event provides an excellent focal point to highlight the importance of spelling in school and is tremendous at motivating children to practise.

The **Spelling Bee** has been introduced to Year 7 students and the new **Spelling Bee Club** has been launched, meetings to be held after school on Tuesdays. “The response has been terrific,” says Mrs Hathaway, Community Partnership Co-ordinator, “and the students themselves have already turned the sessions into fun. I would urge everyone to visit the website which is interactive, fun and totally addictive! <http://www.timesspellingbee.co.uk> - you can create a profile so scores can be saved and start tracking progress. You can even compare your score with that of your friends and family members turning it into a family challenge. Let us know how you get on!”

*The Championship starts in March 2011 when schools will go head to head in live, local spelling heats with a grand final to be held in London in June.*



## Traditions of Christmas..

MRC carol services are becoming legendary with the inimitable joint presentations of Reverend Derek Welsman and Father Marcus Ronchetti in both of our churches, sound from our very talented musicians some 40 strong and now we have our very own campanologist in Year 11, Harry Carter. As we all walked to Midhurst church Harry was part of the team responsible for the wonderful bell ringing which called us to our service. The services have developed into traditional *with a twist*. This year Reverend Welsman and Father Marcus put on an X Factor show (**I Factor**) with the finale led by students in a rousing version of Slade's *Merry Christmas*, which seemed, on each of the five occasions, as though it might take the roof off!



Harry Carter (Y11) ringing the bells for our Midhurst Carol Services.

Musicians Imogen Reed (Y7) and Alice Neil (Y9) playing at the Easebourne Carol Services

# Let's hear it for the boys!



**Front:** Lucy Brodrick, Callum Dowdell, Joe Harris, Callum Thorpe, Zac Simmonds, Sebastian Barsby  
**Rear:** Mr Richard Macadam from The Angel, Miss Marion Short, Teacher of Food Technology, Mr Shannon Wood of The Seven Fish Restaurant

In the second round of the Rotary Young Chef competition, five boys and one girl from Year 10 presented imaginative three course menus to Midhurst based judges and sponsors, Shannon Wood of The Seven Fish Restaurant and Richard Macadam of The Angel. This is the third year running Food Technology Teacher, Miss Marian Short, has coached her students for this challenge. The judges commented on the high standard of all the meals presented and their professional, methodical approach. Each student received a certificate to mark their participation, but winning cuisine came from Sebastian Barsby with Lucy Brodrick in second place.

Midhurst & Petworth  
 Rotary President,  
 John Sexton,  
 congratulates Sebastian

Sebastian and Lucy will be presented with a Rotary/MRC chef's jacket each to wear when taking their places in the Rotary District semi-final at St. Edwards School, Godalming on 20 January 2011 for which both judges have offered pre-training in our Food Tech

Department. Sebastian, Lucy and third placed, Callum Thorpe, have also been offered work experience by The Angel, Midhurst and The Seven Fish Restaurant.

# If music be the food of love...



Year 10s Rebecca Romanowicz, Emily Collins-Wingate, George Dobson, Chloe Tucker, Daisy Hodd, George Stringer, James Young (Y12) & Luke Collins (Y10)

MRC students recently had the privilege of joining **Glyndebourne's Opera Experience Workshop** in Surrey designed

to introduce young people to the art through a combination of engaging workshops followed by an evening performance from *Glyndebourne on Tour* of Mozart's **Don Giovanni**. The student activities included physical and vocal warm ups, drama work, musical listening exercises, singing and discussion.



Gerald Finlay as Don Giovanni & Anna Samuil as Donna Anna © Bill Cooper

"It was a really good experience for us all and has really shed a new light on opera for me," said student, Daisy Hodd, "We all enjoyed the workshops and were able to stretch ourselves in an area I had never imagined. The performance itself was very dramatic and intense—it was a long day but a great opportunity to have had."

Mr Brimacombe, Teacher of Music, was very proud of the MRC group, "The students led the way in contributing to the workshop tasks and placed themselves head and shoulders above the other students who were mainly from private schools. The workshop was extremely exciting and everyone really enjoyed it. The three hours just flew by and we all came away with a better understanding of the opera. We all then had a much deserved pizza supper before enjoying the evening performance of Don Giovanni - it was a fantastic experience and one that I think none of us will forget."

# Rhythm of life...

Students from Year 7 were enthralled as visiting children's author, John Houghton, told a tale from his childhood about losing a shoe and how the outcome led him to understand the rhythm of life, the ups and downs and the individual paths we all have to follow.

"I lost one of my brand new shoes as I waded through deep pond mud while playing with friends," said John, "I was devastated as it was the first new pair I had ever had and one that my parents could ill afford. I was sure it was the end of the world...but of course it wasn't."

Author of many children's stories, the most famous of which is *Hagbane's Doom*, John spent the day giving writing workshops to Year 7 classes to help them with the planning aspect of story writing to stand them in good stead for next term's Story Telling Competition.



Year 10 students, who were inspired by 'Hagbane's Doom' presented John Houghton with a sequel that they had written - he was 'thrilled' - L-R Mim Fox, Catriona Gibbon, Emily Collins-Wingate, Rebecca Romanowicz, John Houghton, Jo Rosenburg (Librarian), Odette Marshall (Head of English, Key Stage 3), Martha Bishop (Year 9)

# Catapulted to the top



Ben Clarke, Abbie Smith, Jessica Read and Sam Cain with ULT/UCST Chief Executive, Sir Ewan Harper

On a freezing cold, damp day in November Year 9 students acted above and beyond the call of duty in the name of MRC. Ben Clarke, Sam Cain, Jessica Read and Abbie Smith got out of bed at 4am, to be at College by 5am, so they could travel to RAF Shawbury in Shrewsbury to take part in the ULT Academy Challenge, against 15 schools and colleges.

The challenge was set in an RAF Aircraft Hanger and the teams were judged on rope climbing, problem solving, team building and catapult building. The most difficult activity was when three of the group had to climb a 10m pole at the same time and stand on the top while supporting each other. Our team did well with all the tasks, but excelled in the high ropes and catapult construction. They were complimented on their team work and the RAF organisers were particularly impressed by some of the problem solving ideas Sam and Ben came up with.

Said Mr Barney Clarke, Business & Enterprise Curriculum Leader, "We had a great day. We were made to feel really welcome and returned exhausted, but deservedly very proud of the team's 3rd place which was brilliant as none of them had ever done anything like this before."



# Putting you in the



The Midhurst Rother College *virtual learning environment*, **Moodle**, was very important to students and staff through the snowy weather when we had to close College, and will continue so to be in emergencies. On a day to day basis, however, it is a **vital** College tool which supplements and enhances all learning and presents a platform for revision, review, research and homework.

Said Mrs Welsman, College VLE Co-ordinator, "This facility is invaluable to us all and our aim is to refresh and update content every day. Students should access their subject departments regularly to keep up to date with new resources and work set. But, it's not all work and no play - there are some great interactive links designed to make learning fun and it's something that all the family can get involved with! I know I'm biased, but once you log in, surfing through all the different elements becomes quite compulsive!"

And in response to many enquiries from parents it is now our intention to have a Moodle 'corner' at our various year group open evenings and those for whole College. Our Moodle team will be there to take visitors on a 'tour' of the site and answer any queries that students or parents may have.

**Remember Moodle can be accessed either through the Parents and Students tab on our website or direct through this link**  
<https://vle.mrc-academy.org/>



Our College uniform signals very clearly that students belong to Midhurst Rother College. It is something we are all very proud of. We are pleased to say that the majority arrives dressed smartly, in appropriate form. We would ask for the support of all students and parents to maintain high standards by following uniform expectations. Our College uniform is intended as formal dress and fashion items and styles such as trainers, low slung trousers, short fashion skirts and shirts un-tucked should be reserved for leisure time. If you would like more information about the College uniform please visit our website...

<http://www.mrc-academy.org/parents-and-students/view/23/>

# Principal

Midhurst Rother College has been open for nearly two years and a great deal has happened since January 2009. Listed below are strong signs that we are moving forward purposefully in our development as a new school:



- A clear improvement in 2010 examination results at Key Stage 4 and 5 (69% overall 5+ A\*-C GCSE (+12% on 2009), 97% A\*-E A level (+3% on 2009))
- Steadily improving Contextual Value Added (CVA) at Key Stage 4, good CVA at Key Stage 5 and an A Level Performance System (ALPS) report which shows increasing areas of excellence (KS4: 984 (up from 974); KS5: 1008 (up from 999); ALPS: *good* (up from *satisfactory*))
- 150 students in Year 11 taking GCSE English in November – we hope those who get the right results will then have time to concentrate on their other GCSEs
- Newly established intervention and mentoring strategies in place for Year 11 and 13 to help them improve examination performance with a deep commitment from staff to 'make success happen'
- Significantly improved Year 7 to 13 student attendance (93.2% (up from 90.4% at this time last year))
- The knowledge we really are getting our new building – early works have begun (road access, temporary classrooms and concrete pilings) and River Site will be demolished shortly after Christmas
- Good to excellent student approval ratings for the College (2010 Kirkland Rowell survey)
- A good Ofsted report from the summer of 2010
- A large group of dedicated and passionately committed teachers wanting to see *all* students achieve and who regularly deliver good to outstanding lessons (our termly monitoring of teaching and learning shows nearly 70% of lessons fall in the good or better categories)
- A strong group of 15 new teachers and leaders who joined the College in September and who have already made a positive impact (the feedback from students is very good)
- Steadily improving Data, Tracking, Assessment and Reporting systems that show us where are, what we have to do in order to improve outcomes and which keep parents regularly informed of progress
- Curriculum developments at Key Stage 3 which are placing a greater emphasis on accredited (public examination) outcomes by Year 9 and which are contributing to developing the key skills necessary for success at GCSE and A level
- A strong commitment from staff towards our students and a desire to form strong relationships that will be the foundation for future achievement (the 2010 Kirkland Rowell student survey ratings showed this to be excellent)
- Improved communications with home: our Absence Reporting system has been a great success, our website is the source of a wide variety of regularly updated information and our Virtual Learning Environment (*Moodle*) means far greater access from home for students to resources and teaching materials. The VLE was greatly appreciated by parents during the 'snow days' we had this year
- Ever growing partnerships with the University of Chichester and Winchester College (for example the 'Star Student' and 'Shine' programmes in Year 7)

We all recognise at Midhurst Rother College that these things are just the *start* of something that will be even better in the future. However, our first job is to consolidate the successes above and continue building on and them – we do not take them for granted and recognise we still have some way to go.

As I have said before in other Newsletter articles, we are always open to ideas for improvement. One area in which I would welcome feedback is regarding our students' use of *Moodle* (VLE). During the recent 'snow days' access was good and the number of hits showed students responded well to our text messages home. *We thank parents for their support in making this happen.* However, we were surprised that in the lead up to the November Year 11 GCSE English examination only *three* 'hits' took place on the many materials that the English Faculty posted on *Moodle*. The College takes responsibility for this disappointing response from students but would like to know from parents how we can improve on this in the future. One area that comes to my mind is that whilst we have 100% of parents' mobile and home telephone numbers we are still nowhere near this percentage for home email addresses. Can parents who have not given the College this information to do so as follows:

1. Email [enquiries@mrc-academy.org](mailto:enquiries@mrc-academy.org)
2. In the email's subject line please simply include the following:

**"Updated contact details for [student's first and second name] Year [year group]"**

I believe that using every means of communicating with home will help parents 'stay in the picture' about College life and also provide a means of supporting their children's education. I hope you agree.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year and I look forward to greeting staff and students again on Tuesday 4 January 2011. There is still a lot to do!

# Congratulations

to...ex MRC student Ryan Moss and those who are current, Anais Pontet-Matthews, Charlie Clee and Daisy Hodd, pictured here with fellow Petworth Player Jan Sadler, who played to packed audiences in the much acclaimed production of High School Musical.



Midhurst Rother College Drama students who work with Centre Stage Academy Theatre School now have access to an Agent, and no ordinary agent at that. Jo McLaren is a fearless stunt woman who has appeared in major productions such as the latest Harry Potter movie, Captain America and Dr. Who for which she recently had to throw herself backwards off a two storey building! She has set up the Stage in association with CSA. Students names and photographs will appear in the famous Spotlight Casting Directory for Children and Teenagers. For more information please telephone 07773 416593 or visit their website at [www.csa-theatreschool.co.uk](http://www.csa-theatreschool.co.uk).

to...Midhurst and

Easebourne Under 14 football team which is entirely made up of our students bar one, including manager, Tom Cain (Year 11), who has given up playing opportunities himself to take on this role.



Sam Cain, Jake Burtoo, Aaron Wakeham, Jack Mephram, Tom Wilson, Lucas Thornley, Rhys Greet, Matt Greer, Callum Thompson, Elliott Taylor, Jordan Warren, Liam Field-Millard, Aidan Lorgan, Jed Lorgan, Will Murphy, Styn Oomen, Oscar Ford, Tom Cain

The team's recent successes have lead to their securing valuable sponsorship from local supermarket, Budgens.

to...to our rugby players — in our first rugby match of the season, in an away game, we beat The Regis School, Bognor Regis 35-10. With tries from Connor Reid(2), Peter Thomas(2), Robbie Campbell(1), Piers Lunt(1) and Harry Chard(1). Midhurst dominated throughout the whole game, only losing 2 scrums and a few lineouts. The most improved player was Harry Chard and man of the match was Connor Reid.



PE Curriculum leader, Mrs Hayley Kemp had no trouble filling the coach bound for the England v Samoa Rugby International on Saturday 20 November at Twickenham! And although a firm fan of her home team, Wales, she still cheered with our students and staff as the match reached the final score in England's favour —26-13.



Front: Martha Bishop and Tiffany Coles Middle: Bethany Simpson, Thelma McWilliams, Barnaby Scott, Ella Heaume, Lauren Turner Rear: Ted Murray, Cameron Black, Joe Dunsford

## Wearing spots we collected lots!

Congratulations to all students and staff who donated £851 to Children in Need 2010



Don't forget that hush Salon gift vouchers are available throughout the year. Coming in the New Year ...Hot Stone therapy.

# Our Calendar

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## DECEMBER

17 College closes for Winter Break  
Easebourne: 2.45pm Midhurst: 2.50pm

## JANUARY

4 College re-opens following Winter Break  
13 Y9 Options Evening  
15 SHINE (Saturday School) Winchester College  
18 Y11 Group and Friendship Photos  
20 MRC Local Governing Body Meeting— Capron House  
21 Y6 **Big Sing** 'Glee to the World'  
22 SHINE (Saturday School) Winchester College  
25 Yrs7&8 Cross Country Run @ Christ's Hospital Horsham  
26 Yrs5&6 SSCO—Cross Country Run - 10 - 12pm—venue tbc  
27 Y11 Mock Results Day  
27 Foundation Day  
27 Secondary Maths Challenge  
27 Yrs7,8,9 boys Emerging Rugby Tournament - Venue tbc  
28 Y10 Higher Education Advice Day with Chichester Uni

## FEBRUARY

2 Yrs5 & 6 SSCO Rugby Festival 10 - 12pm  
3 Yrs10 & 11 UK Intermediate Maths Challenge  
3 Y8 visit to Chichester Festival Theatre - 'Goodnight Mr Tom'  
8 Y5 G&T Science Day - Easebourne  
10 Yrs 11-13 Parents' & Carers' Consultation Evening—5.30-7.30pm  
11 Yrs10 & 11 G&T Language Trip, Brighton  
12 SHINE (Saturday School) - Winchester College  
14-16 'Oliver' the Musical - 7.00pm - Memorial Hall, Midhurst  
17 Ski Trip to Boston USA  
21-25 Half Term Break  
28 Y11 March modular exams and ALAN testing

## MARCH

1 Yr 8 Parents' & Carers' Consultation Evening - Easebourne Site - 5.30pm  
2 Y6 Rother Valley Schools Day  
3-4 MRC Local Governing Body Meeting at Dunford House, Midhurst  
7 Y10 Geography GCSE Fieldwork trip this week - tbc  
10 Yrs10&12 Parents' & Carer's Consultation Evening  
14 Y11 Core Mock Exams and ALAN testing  
15 Y9 Boys Active Day tbc  
17 Gilbert Hannam Prizing Giving Day  
18 InSeT  
20-23 AS Geography Fieldwork Trip  
24 Languages Evening  
24 A Level Geography Field Trip  
25 Orchestra for primary musicians - tbc  
28 Yr12 fieldwork week  
29 Y11 Group Photo - tbc  
30 Y7 Singing Competition

## APRIL

4-8 Charity Week  
6 Spring Concert, Memorial Hall- 7-9.30 pm  
8 College closes for Spring Break  
26 College re-opens following Spring Break



Midhurst Rother College students present  
Oliver!

14—16 February 2011  
Memorial Hall  
7.00pm

Tickets will be on sale soon!!

Principal: Dr J. A. Vitagliano

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