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Dear Parent / Carer

End of term update

I write to you as we approach the end of term. This has been a very positive and successful term and I share some key points and updates here.

Year 7 September 2026

We are oversubscribed for September 2026 as nearly 500 families have expressed an interest in their child attending MRC. We had our highest number of visitors on our open mornings in October and we received several positive comments both about the atmosphere in the school and our students' conduct and engagement in lessons. It is positive that so many parents are willing to trust us to educate and care for their child.

Eduio Student survey

Our students recently completed their annual survey on the school. There are always areas where we can improve and it useful to hear what the students say about us. I know percentages give an overview only – each child is unique and whilst the overall feedback is helpful, it cannot apply to every student as their experiences and perceptions differ. Irrespective of the percentages, I know we must always seek to improve. The following is a list of key points:

- 99% of students stated they are expected to show their own thinking and understanding in lessons.
- 96% of student feel that they are pushed to be successful by their teachers.
- 95% of students feel they can be successful at school and that this will help them in the future.
- 94% feel it is important to attend every day.
- 96% feel safe at school.
- 66% stated that they feel that homework helps them to learn and 77% state that parents assist them with homework.

Students also commented that they read often in school in lessons, but the percentage is lower for reading in their own time. Students are very positive about teaching in English, maths and science and know who to talk to when they need help or pastoral support. We will go into more detail with the students in assemblies after the holidays and plan to improve in every area.

Year 11 and 13 mocks

I would like to congratulate our Year 11 and 13 students for their preparation, work and effort for the mock exams. The results are very positive overall and provide a strong basis for the students as we make the final push towards exams in the summer. Year 11 students are in masterclasses in English maths or science for three of their tutor time sessions each week to help them to close gaps in their knowledge. The masterclasses will change after Christmas in response to the mock examination results.

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Building update

We currently have three building projects underway at the school. Our changing rooms are being redeveloped and refurbished. The work on these is planned to finish by the end of the Spring term. We also submitted a successful bid to the South Downs National Park Association for funding to cover our amphitheatre with a canopy. Planning for this is ongoing and when it is completed, it means we can use this space outside of the summer term. Finally, we held a pre-planning application drop-in evening on Wednesday relating to the proposed redevelopment of Whiphill Farmhouse. The plan is to convert this beautiful, but very run down, building into accommodation for teachers and key workers at MRC. There will be more information on this in the coming weeks and months.

Key dates until the end of term:

- 10 December: Year 13 parents' evening.
- 11 December: 'save the children' Christmas jumper day. Students can wear a Christmas jumper as part of their normal school uniform on this day.
- 12 December: Christmas karaoke in the theatre at lunchtime. Students can attend this **and** participate. To gain entrance, students must donate any non-perishable item for the food bank.
- 16 December: Christmas lunch will be served in the canteen.
- 16 December: Year 11 mock exam results assembly.
- 16 and 17 December: Carol services at the Church take place for each year group.
- 18-22 December: Cologne Christmas market trip.
- 19 December: term finishes for students at **1.30pm**. Buses will leave shortly after this time.

Please be aware there are no after school clubs or late buses in the last week of term.

There will be a final edition of Midhurst Matters before the end of term. I would like to wish everyone a very happy and restful Christmas break.

Yours sincerely



Stuart Edwards
Principal