



# Midhurst Rother College

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **RE: New Year Message & Reminders**

As we welcome the new year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and prosperous 2024. May this year bring you joy, good health, and success.

I am looking forward to working with the year group over the next 18 months and supporting all students towards success in their internal examinations in June and December, and ultimately their GCSE examinations in May 2025.

I have included some important information below ready for the new year.

### **Tracking Point Assessments**

As we begin the new year, I wanted to remind you that the next set of Tracking Point assessments will be taking place week commencing 15 January 2024. During this period there will also be an English Language on Thursday 18 January and Maths Foundation and Higher being held on Friday 19 January in the theatre.

If you have any questions or concerns about the assessments or anything else, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's class teacher.

### **Camping Bushy Wood Essex**

Unfortunately, following a very low uptake for our Year 10 trip to Bushy Wood Essex, we are having to look at other options. Following a conversation with the campsite they have been kind enough to hold our booking until the beginning of February. This means we have been able to extend the sign-up deadline to Monday 29 January 2024. If your child would like to take part in this trip, all the information can be found on Arbor. ([Letter sent out 22 November 2023](#))

### **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 sent to student reception.

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

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## Attendance

This year we continue to focus on all students achieving 96% attendance. When a student's attendance is below 95% it is a cause for concern. Low attendance results in less time in the classroom and can severely impact on outcomes; for your child to have the best chance and good GCSE grades and future study pathways, please ensure 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](mailto:attendance@mrc-academy.org).

As always, punctuality will also continue to be monitored. Regular poor punctuality will be flagged to parent/carers and sanctions may be put in place. Please can we ask parents to support us in encouraging good attendance and punctuality.

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

<https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/attendance> or by emailing our Year 10 Attendance lead Mrs C. Houghton-Wilson [carolynne.houghton-wilson@mrc-academy.org](mailto:carolynne.houghton-wilson@mrc-academy.org).

## School Contacts

Please continue to contact form tutors initially regarding queries or concerns regarding your child, as they play a vital day to day role in the pastoral care of your child. Please see below our Year 10 teams contact information.

10A-JWE	Mrs J Wilkie	<a href="mailto:julie.wilkie@mrc-academy.org">julie.wilkie@mrc-academy.org</a>
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## Key Dates

TP2 Assessments	15 January – 26 January 2024
End of Year 10 Internals	17 June – 28 June 2024
Work Experience week	8 July – 12 July 2024
Parents Evening (face to face at MRC)	16 July 2024 (5-8pm)

Once again, Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ashley Lamb  
Head of Year – Year 10