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Dear Parent / Carer

## Midhurst Rother College Transition Day and Evening 7 July 2021

### Transition Day Wednesday 7 July 9.15 am - 2.15 pm.

We know that both the transition day and evening are crucial parts in the students move to Midhurst Rother College in September and we are delighted to let you know that our transition day with students will take place on **Wednesday 7 July**. Our aim for the day is to make sure your son / daughter feels happy, safe and welcomed and that we can ease any anxieties they may have about moving to secondary school.

We also know that the step up to secondary school can also be a challenging time for parents and we will make sure there are plenty of opportunities for you to talk with key members of staff before, during and after the day. I hope that we will also be able to host parents and carers face to face on Wednesday 7 July in the evening, but this will be dependent on the national easing of lockdown restrictions. If we are unable to hold this event in person with parents / carers, we will hold a virtual event instead; further details will be provided nearer the time.

We value each and every child individually. We know that they all have aspirations for the future and transition day is the first step in making those a reality. Student voice is very important to us; our current students worked together to choose the values that we all adhere to in the College. Our mission is to **'develop every young child academically, personally and socially to enable them to lead happy and successful lives'**. We do this within a framework of high standards and expectations, underpinned by the values of **respect, happiness and achievement**. These values form the bedrock of everything we do.

On transition day, please arrange for your son / daughter to be at the College for **9.15 am**. They will be met by staff and guides who will take them to the theatre. They will have three different sessions with us during the day and we would like to ask that you collect them at **2.15 pm**. We would like your son / daughter to wear their current school uniform and would ask that they also bring a packed lunch on the day. We will make arrangements for students who receive free school meals. All transition events will be planned with thorough risk assessments to ensure that they are run in line with Department for Education and Public Health England guidelines. Please use the link below to give permission for your child to attend the Transition Day on Wednesday 7 July:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=faTnVVu\\_D0asCx3Eslaxfz\\_Fe0a3ihPnhE\\_euZGCrvUM1o5OTVNMzZHQjgyOTZVOUZIVEVVWjk4WS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=faTnVVu_D0asCx3Eslaxfz_Fe0a3ihPnhE_euZGCrvUM1o5OTVNMzZHQjgyOTZVOUZIVEVVWjk4WS4u)

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### **Transition Evening Wednesday 7 July 7.00-7.45 pm**

The evening part of the transition process will either be face to face or online, depending on circumstances closer to the time. In both cases, we will start the evening with a brief presentation and Mrs Dickens, Assistant Principal, will also give you some key information about Year 7. The evening will last approximately 30-40 minutes and we will make sure that any questions you have are answered.

### **MRC Parental Childrens' Learning and Well Being Form**

As we start to gather your son / daughter's data to assist in the transition process, please be aware that we will be collecting from primary schools the basic student data / information to assist us with enrolling your child as a new entrant. This information is gathered via the school Head teacher or with a key member of the primary school before it is passed to the transition team here at Midhurst.

For parents and carers, using the link below, please could you complete our MRC Parental Childrens' Learning and Well Being Form. We understand that starting secondary school can be a very rewarding but challenging experience. We would appreciate your support in getting to know your child as you know them best. The information gathered in this form will help us to support all our new year 7 students.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=faTnVVu\\_D0asCx3Eslaxfz\\_Fe0a3ihPnhE\\_euZGCrVURVhEN1dFWFNyMFM5UFM1S1MzVVJNVlIXRy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=faTnVVu_D0asCx3Eslaxfz_Fe0a3ihPnhE_euZGCrVURVhEN1dFWFNyMFM5UFM1S1MzVVJNVlIXRy4u)

We would be grateful if this form could be completed by **18 June 2021**. If you require any support in completing the documents, please do not hesitate to contact Midhurst Rother College Office.

### **Uniform Purchasing**

Uniform and being proud to wear our uniform are important to us, as it demonstrates that your child is part of our community. Attached to this email is an update and full uniform list from Stevensons, our uniform supplier and information about how to purchase uniform this summer. Please note Stevensons will be offering in-store appointments during an allocated week for parents of new starters. Our school allocated week in store for appointments is 26 July – 1 August. Appointments are now available to book online via their website <https://www.stevensons.co.uk/>. Please be aware that whilst appointments are running in school, the branch will not be open for general purchases.

Existing parents will be able to order online and click and collect will be available. The appointments will stop running from 15 August and all parents will be able to attend the branch if needed. They will offer a uniform bundle at a discounted price of £149 and more details of this will be available on their website. There are some compulsory branded items that are specific to us and need to be purchased through Stevensons. These include our blazer, tie, skirt and PE kit. Other items such as school shoes (which need to be black and polishable), trousers, socks, shirts and blouses can be purchased elsewhere. Please visit our website to see our full policy on uniform and our dress code.

As we continue the transition of your son / daughter into Midhurst Rother College, where possible future correspondence from us will continue to be via email. If you have questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate in contacting Mrs Hathaway or Mrs Dickens here at the College. I look forward to welcoming your son / daughter to our College on Wednesday 7 July and look forward to meeting you all soon.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Edwards', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stuart Edwards  
Principal