



20 October 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

This brief letter at the end of the half-term replaces 'Midhurst Matters' for this week. The key dates and information for the first week back follows:

Monday 31 October – Week B. Please note there will be classroom-based assessments for Years 9 and 10 all week

Date	Event / Activity	Details
Monday 31 October	Year 7 Girls' Netball	Fixture period 6
Tuesday 1 November		
Wednesday 2 November	Choir / Orchestra	Rehearsal for all year groups periods 5 and 6
Thursday 3 November	Year 12 science	Science visit – see Mr Cooke for more details
Friday 4 November	Fireworks evening	MRC Parents' Association fireworks evening – doors open at 6pm

This has been an excellent half-term for our students. We have visited several lessons and seen them working hard and doing well. We are consistently the highest achieving school on Seneca Learning for homework in West Sussex and are in the top ten Sparx users, with over 90% of students completing all their homework on time. This is a fantastic achievement and demonstrates that students are taking their independent learning very seriously. There is no doubt that this will stand them in good stead as they progress through the school.

Our Sixth Form goes from strength to strength. Just under half of our A-Level grades in the summer were A*-A. This is due to the hard work of the students and our staff. Our Year 12 is the largest it has been at Midhurst Rother College and we are looking forward to more of our Year 11 staying with us next year. Our GCSE results were amongst the highest in West Sussex and our students deserve huge congratulations for this.

The vast majority of our students look smart and are in full uniform, which they wear correctly. I would like to remind parents / carers that hoodies are not allowed in school and will be confiscated – they are not part of our uniform. If students would like to wear a jumper Stevensons stock them for us or students can wear a coat to school. Thank you for your support with this.

Messages

Every year in November we ask all members of the school community - staff, students and parents, to complete a survey to share views on the school. The email will come to you from a company called Edurio. Please can I ask you to take a few minutes to complete this when you receive it. Thank you.

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Our fireworks evening will take place on Friday 4 November, with gates opening at 6pm. Tickets are available via a link on our website to Eventbrite. There will be a bar and various food outlets here. I hope you can join us.

We know that the cost of living is increasing. Broadband is now a key utility for many, but according to regulator Ofcom one million households are struggling to pay their broadband bill. There are special discounted social tariffs available to help but millions who eligible are missing out. Click below to see what firms are offering and if you qualify. <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/utilities/broadband-and-tv/broadband-for-low-income-families/>

We are starting to use an electronic permissions system for our educational visits, meaning that you won't have to fill in lots of paper for any visit your child goes on. The 1st priority emergency contact for your child will receive an email from evolve.westsussexvisits@edufocus.co.uk with the name of the visit as the title of the email - this will have all the details of the visit, as well as listing the medical, dietary and contact details that we have on Arbor. You are able to advise us of changes to these as part of the form, choose the payment method (if appropriate) and then give consent for your child to go on the visit. You are then emailed a link or copy of the permission you have granted. Please email any feedback on the system to roger.burton@mrc-academy.org

I would like to wish you and your family a very restful half-term break.

Yours sincerely

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

Stuart Edwards
Principal