



# Midhurst Rother College

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 7 Welcome - September 2024

At Midhurst Rother College our goal is to develop every member of our community academically, personally and socially to enable them to lead happy and successful lives. We do this through having consistently high expectations, high standards, having no barriers and celebrating our individual and collective successes. We have high aspirations for all our students and feel it is essential that they understand the link between consistent hard work and realising their aspirations.

### Wednesday 4 September 2024- Year 7 begins

This is the first day students will begin at Midhurst Rother College. Midhurst Rother College uniform is worn and lessons will be attended later in the day.

- Year 7 students should arrive at by **8:25am**. Students will be welcomed and greeted by our staff directing them to the sports hall. Students should be in full uniform details of which can be found on the College website: <https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/uniform>. This also outlines our expectations on hair, shoes and jewellery.
- **Getting to and from College** - Please note that dropping off and collecting from site is not permitted. If travelling by bus this will pick up/drop off from the same location either on site (WSCC transport) or at Midhurst Bus Station (public bus). Details of County run buses will be sent to families by West Sussex Student Transport during the holidays. If you have not made contact with West Sussex School Transport about transportation for your child for September, please do so via the email address: [school.transport@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:school.transport@westsussex.gov.uk). Bus passes will be available for students from College as soon after the start of term as possible.
- Once we have registered all the students, they will be organised into their tutor groups and will spend the morning working on some team-building activities and familiarisation of the College site, as well as receiving their timetable and planner.
- Students will **not** require PE kit for the first day. They all must bring their own pens and pencil equipment in a pencil case, a reading book and a refillable water bottle. If they bring a packed lunch, they should bring this too. Those who receive free school meals will be able to start doing this on this day – they simply pick up their choice of food at lunchtime and attend the tills as normal.

The **College Restaurant** and Snack Shacks will be open for students who wish to purchase food. Payments for food and printing will be made by biometrics using the student's finger. We will scan fingerprints of all students with biometric consent on their first day at College in September. You are now able to make payments for school meals on Arbor. If you wish your child to be able to

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purchase from the restaurant, please ensure there is credit on your child's school meals account. Students may also bring packed lunches. Your Arbor Parent Portal login will be where you will also be able to make payments for trips, and all other payments.

- Free school meals in all West Sussex maintained and free schools and academies are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits. If your child is moving from a West Sussex primary school, their free school meal entitlement will automatically transfer with them. More information can be found on the West Sussex website: [Free school meals - West Sussex County Council](#)
- **MRC Parental Childrens' Learning and Well Being Audit Form 2024-25**- any families who have not yet completed this should do so without further delay using his link: [MRC Parental Childrens' Learning and Well Being Audit Form](#)

### Year 7 Passport

We want your son / daughter to 'hit the ground running' when they start at Midhurst Rother College and want them to achieve their personal best.

In the post to your child this week will be the Year 7 Passport. Over the summer months, your child should complete the activities and work in preparation for September. They must bring this with them on Wednesday 4 September. Teachers will collect the work in the first couple of lessons in September and once reviewed rewards will be issued to students.

Families and students may wish to take the little and often approach to this, as they recharge their batteries. However, others may choose to take an approach that fits with their family plans.

### College Equipment

Students will receive regular reminders about the equipment needed for College, as we understand that it can take a while to get into new routines. However, here is a list to help you plan successfully for your child's start in September:

Essentials (these items should be available to use in all lessons)	Desirables (individual subjects may require specific equipment to be used during the year)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planner</li><li>• Black pen</li><li>• Pencil</li><li>• Ruler</li><li>• Eraser</li><li>• Calculator (Maths/Science)</li><li>• PE kit (checked in PE lessons only)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pencil case</li><li>• Green pen</li><li>• Pencil Sharpener</li><li>• Coloured pencils</li><li>• Geometry set</li><li>• Glue stick</li></ul>

I hope that your child is looking forward to September. We are certainly ready to receive an excellent year group and hope to get the very best from them all. Do not hesitate to contact the College if you have any further questions but note that we are closed between 22 July and 2 September. Any enquiries that we receive between these dates will be addressed as soon as possible on our return. Please keep an eye on your emails during the summer break as we will use this method of communication with you should any circumstances change to our opening in September. You are also able to keep in touch with other Midhurst Rother College news and updates through our website [www.mrc-academy.org](http://www.mrc-academy.org).

Yours sincerely



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