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Dear Parent / Carer

## Update on Year 6 Transition to Midhurst Rother College

I am delighted that your child is joining us at Midhurst Rother College and I am looking forward to meeting you and your child in person later this term. This letter provides an overview of our plans for transition to us. Our planning is guided by the following principles, which are intended to make the move to MRC one that supports your child and places pastoral care at the centre. Our principles are:

1. that every child is supported to make transition as seamless as possible;
2. that additional planning and communication takes place for vulnerable children and those with special needs;
3. that communication between MRC and primary feeder schools and parents is effective, and;
4. that every child joining us is known prior to their start at MRC, enabling them to make an excellent start with us.

## Welcome Afternoon, Tuesday 1 July 1.45-3.15pm

In addition to the transition day and evening, I would also like to invite you and your son / daughter to a 'welcome afternoon' on Tuesday 2 July 1.30-3.00pm. This is aimed specifically for students who may be coming to us from out of catchment or from small primary schools. This afternoon is designed to be very relaxed and we will run a range of team-building games so that students who may not know many other students have a chance to meet others and begin to form friendships. In this way, all our students will have familiar faces when they all come together on transition day. I hope your son / daughter will be able to attend on this afternoon. The students will play games and we will provide snacks for them. Parents are welcome to stay during this time if you would like to do so.

## Transition Day Wednesday 2 July 9.15 am to 2.15 pm

Transition Day is an important first step on the journey of joining MRC. 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 on the day.

## Transition Evening Wednesday 2 July 6.00-6.45 pm

I would like to invite you and your child to return to the College for an informal meeting in the theatre. I 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 45 minutes and we will make sure that any questions you have are answered.

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## **The Grammar Stream**

We recently emailed regarding our Grammar Stream, information about which can be found here.

### [The MRC Grammar Stream](#)

If this of interest to you, we will be holding a taster session for students on Wednesday 7 May from 4:00-5:30pm. Should you wish your child to attend this session, please register using this link:

### [THE GRAMMAR STREAM TASTER SESSION](#)

For additional information about The Grammar Stream please email [edgar.vanhoek@mrc-academy.org](mailto:edgar.vanhoek@mrc-academy.org)

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

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.

### [PARENT CLAWBA FORM](#)

We would be grateful if this form could be completed by **12 May 2025**. If you require any support in completing the documents, please do not hesitate to contact Midhurst Rother College Office.

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 that assists 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. We are already in communication with primary feeder schools about the children coming to us in September and intend to visit your child in their primary school during the summer term. We will talk to teachers as well as looking at SATS results, so that we have good information to use to help us to settle your child and challenge them academically from day one. In the meantime, if you have any concerns at all, please email [accept@mrc-academy.org](mailto:accept@mrc-academy.org) and we will get back to you individually.

## **Uniform**

Uniform and being proud to wear our uniform are important to us, as it demonstrates that your child is part of our community. We use Stevensons as our uniform supplier. Stevensons are once again able to offer their pop-up shop at MRC this year. They will visit MRC on **Friday 4 July from 3pm-6pm**. They will offer uniform bundles at a discounted price. More details of this will follow in the coming weeks. 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. Alternatively, all our uniform is available via

their website at [www.stevensons.co.uk](http://www.stevensons.co.uk) or in the Stevensons shop in Guildford. 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.

## Transport

Our school day from September starts at 8.25 and finish at 3.05pm Monday to Friday. We will offer a range of extra-curricular activities and clubs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. We will provide further information on this offer and give students the opportunity to choose and sign up in the summer term in readiness for September. Late buses will run for students who attend these clubs. Students will not be charged to travel on these buses, which enables access to clubs for all students, irrespective of family finances. This will be available for students who currently travel to school on the Local Authority buses

If you are eligible for free school transport, WSCC transport will contact by the end of the summer term. Free travel is usually provided if a child is of statutory school age, attends the catchment or nearest suitable school to their home and using the shortest route by road and / or walking route, lives 3 or more miles away for a child aged 8 and over. If you have any transport queries, these are only dealt with by WSCC, so please refer to their website <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-and-college-transport/>

We would also ask that if your child plays a musical instrument and you would like them to receive lessons (charged by WSCC), please let us know on this email address: [accept@mrc-academy.org](mailto:accept@mrc-academy.org) from where we will collate and inform the music department.

We will remain in regular contact over the rest of the summer term. In the meantime, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch. We want to make sure you and more importantly your child feels supported throughout the process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Edwards'.

Stuart Edwards  
Principal