# **Year 9 Information Evening**

#### Mr Lloyd and Miss Lee-Jones

- Welcome
- Priorities for 2024-2025
- Progress and Assessment
- Independent Learning and Digital Platforms
- Calendar and Events



#### The Year 9 Team



Mrs V Strachan (Mrs S Courtney-Bulbeck)



Mr K Wild (Mr J Robinson)



Mr J Ovett (Mrs H Reynolds)



Mrs C Childs



Mr G Barham



Miss G O'Callaghan



Mrs A Kinally



Mr A Hancock

Head of Year 9 – Miss Lucy Lee-Jones Vice Principal – Mr Phillip Lloyd



#### **Our intent**

Our students leave with the skills and qualifications to thrive. By teaching exceptionally well and delivering education with character we bring out the Best in Everyone.



## **Priorities for MRC this year**

- Everyone attends: all students attend school every day.
- Classroom typicality: same high standard in every classroom. Children work for every minute of every lesson every day.
- Behaviour typicality: consistently excellent conduct and courtesy in every area of the College.
- Homework and independent study: all students set homework every week, which must be completed



#### **Culture and Character**

Our Student Charter focuses on our values and the desired behaviours for learning and life at MRC (and beyond):

- The **RESPECT** strand puts a focus upon; **politeness, recognition, fairness** and **trust,** in order to improve basic manners and understanding of human relationships.
- The HAPPINESS strand puts a focus upon; wellbeing, feeling safe, having a voice and being positive, in order to improve personal choice and promote safe and healthy lifestyles.
- The **ACHIEVEMENT** puts a focus upon learning provision, personal development, academic development and social development, in order to improve outcomes and raise aspirations, whilst increasing cultural capital.

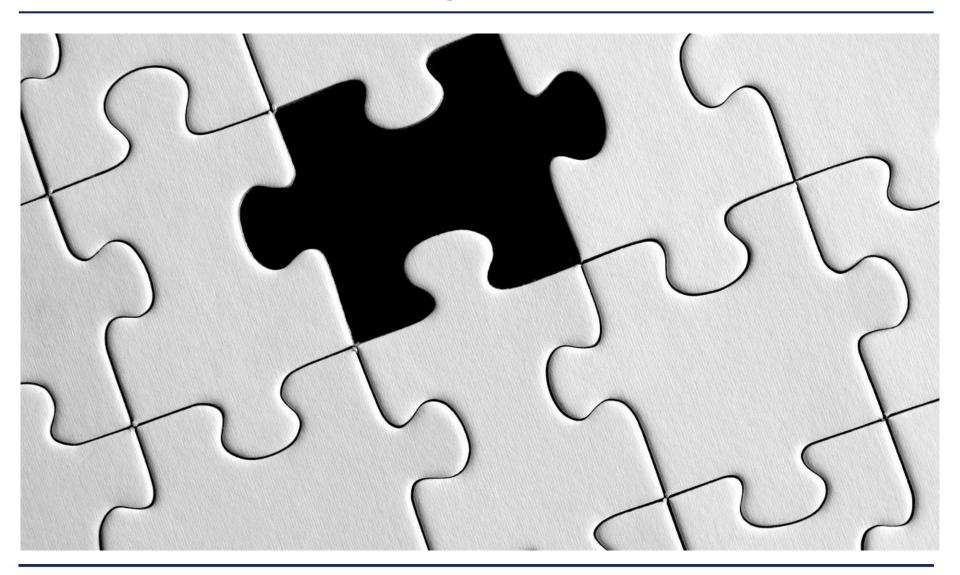


#### **Culture and Character**





## **Absence = lost learning**

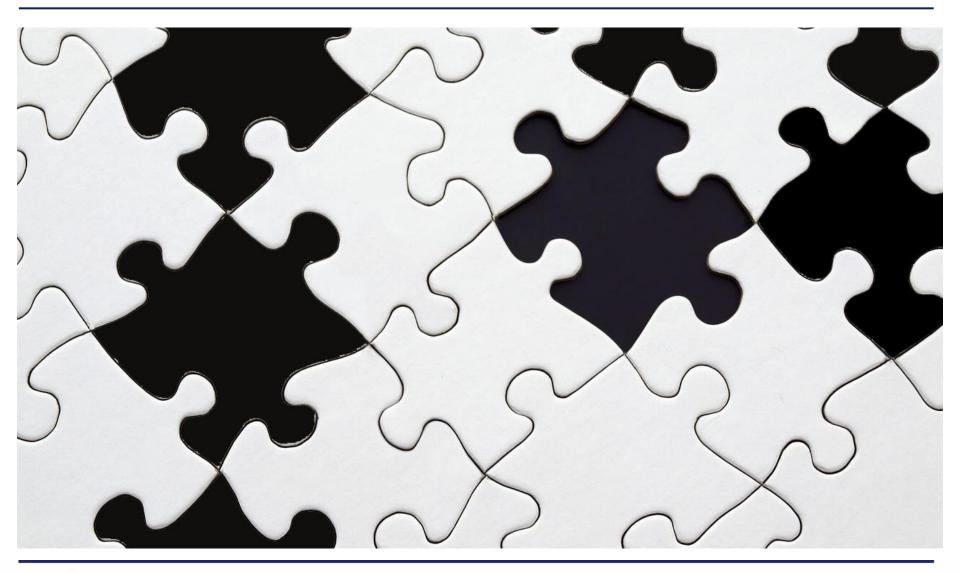




■ Ambition ■ Confidence ■ Creativity ■

Determination

## **Absence = lost learning**





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Compare how poets present ideas about conflict in 'Bayonet Charge' and in one other poem from 'Power and conflict'.

[30 marks]

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Compare how poets present ideas about conflict in poem from 'Power and conflict'.

and in **one** other

[30 marks]

The poems you have studied are:

Ozymandias Percy Bysshe Shelley

William Blake London

William Wordsworth Extract from The Prelude

Robert Browning My Last Duchess

Alfred Lord Tennyson The Charge of the Light Brigade

Wilfred Owen Exposure

Storm on the Island Seamus Heaney

**Ted Hughes Bayonet Charge** 

Remains Simon Armitage

Jane Weir **Poppies** 

Carol Ann Duffy War Photographer

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Carol Rumens The Emigrée

Checking Out Me History John Agard

Kamikaze **Beatrice Garland** 

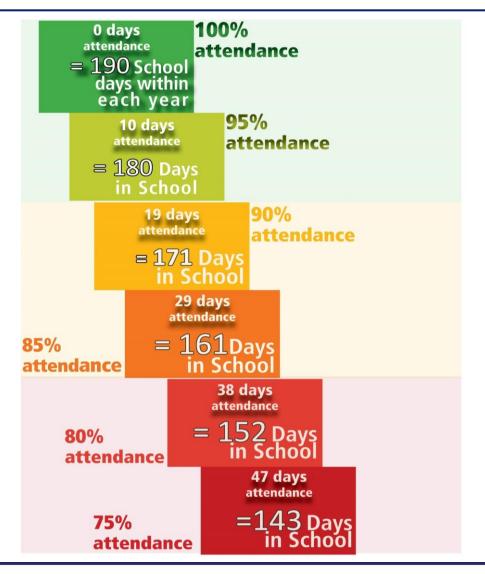


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Robert Browning	My Last Duchess
Wilfred Owen	Exposure
Seamus Heaney	Storm on the Island
Simon Armitage	Remains
Jane Weir	Poppies
Carol Ann Duffy	War Photographer
Carol Rumens	The Emigrée
John Agard	Checking Out Me History



#### **Attendance matters**



Attendance below 90% means that a child is persistently absent.

Attendance below 50% means that a child is severely absent.

We will talk with you in terms of both days missed and percentage.

Please familiarise yourself with our attendance policy on our website.



#### **Attendance matters**

Attendance is everyone's responsibility, and no child must become a "known unknown" to those responsible for protecting them.

We are here to support you and your children, so please talk to us.

Report daily absences to the Attendance team - 01730 812451 then select option 1 or via email: attendance@mrc-academy.org

To discuss long term concerns, new trends or ask for support:

Speak to your child's Tutor and/or the Attendance team

Speak to your child's Head of Year

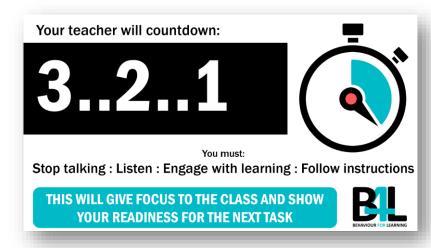
Speak to the Vice Principal overseeing attendance



#### Standards and expectations

# Students deserve uninterrupted learning for every minute of every lesson.





#### Positive and consistent rewards system

- ✓ Opportunity 'every lesson, every day, every student'
- ✓ Lessons timetabled to be visited by senior staff
- ✓ Lesson examples: Hard work, homework piece, assessment, application, improvement/developed work, perseverance, help to others, contributions
- ✓ Around College examples: helping others, acts of kindness, supporting staff, volunteering



# **Progress and Assessment**



## Tracking points and assessment windows

YEARS 7 - 10	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
TP	TP1 Dec	TP2 March	TP3 July
Assessment Windows	November	March	June
Grade	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
A2L	✓	✓	✓

Autumn Term (United Learning common assessments)	Summer Term (United Learning common assessments)
English Language	English Language
English Literature	English Literature
Mathematics	<ul> <li>Mathematics</li> </ul>
Science	• Science
	<ul> <li>Geography</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>History</li></ul>
	• MFL
	• RP



#### **Assessment process**

#### 2 weeks before



- Revision guidance set on Arbor by class teachers.
- Additional information available to guide parents as they support revision on the MRC website.

#### Assessment window



- Assessments take place in classroom or theatre.
- Dates/times for theatre assessment in Arbor timetable.
- In class dates/times shared via Midhurst Matters.

#### 2 weeks after

- Tracking point reports produced.
- Grades given for each subject
- A2Ls.
- Once a year, this will be shortly before a parents consultation evening.



#### Preparation and Revision – every assessment

 Revision of for assessments is essential MRC will be providing more information to support students revise and prepare for assessments.

This supports quality learning over time.

 Dates and details shared in the weekly Midhurst Matters newsletter.

- Information on revision tools and techniques available on MRC website for general use at any time.
- Teachers will set, 'Exam Ready' documents for assessments with specific information about topics and resources on Arbor.

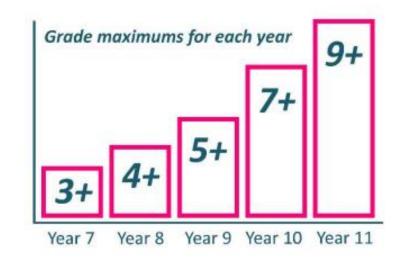


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Week A | Monday 17 July 2023

#### **Grades**

- Students receive a GCSE style numeric grade in Years 7-11 as part of each TP.
- These grades will be included in each Track Point report following each assessment window, along with an average grade.
- Each year group has a maximum grade they can receive, rising through the course of their secondary studies.



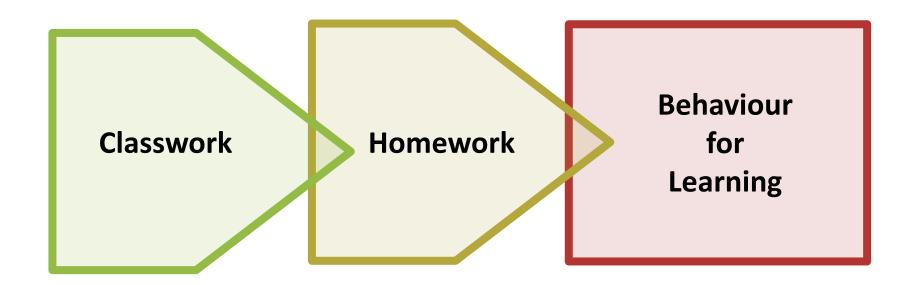
In Year 9 the maximum is a 5+.

Assessment window 1 (TP1)	Assessment window 2 (TP2)	Assessment window 3 (TP3)	Average
3+	2-	3-	2+



## **Attitude to Learning (A2L)**







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Student application both at home and in class, is graded in 3 areas:

Classwork: The degree to which a student engages and contributes to lessons. This considers a student's ability and willingness to ask questions, contribute to discussions, engage with classroom activities, produce work to the highest of ability, seek out extension tasks and take responsibility for their own learning.

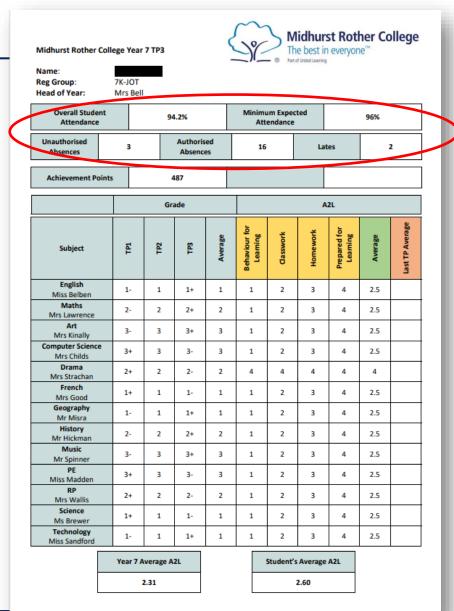
Homework: This measures student engagement with independent work set. This considers a student's reliability to complete and hand work in on time, the quality of the work being produced, and also reflects levels of personal organisation.

Behaviour for Learning: This measures student attitudes within the classroom. This considers a student's ability to remain focused on tasks, levels of engagement, and positive and negative incidents that impact on their learning or the learning of others - ensuring that all students have the right to undisrupted learning.



#### **Attendance Information:**

- Overall Attendance %
- Unauthorised Absence number
- **Authorised Absence number**
- Late to College





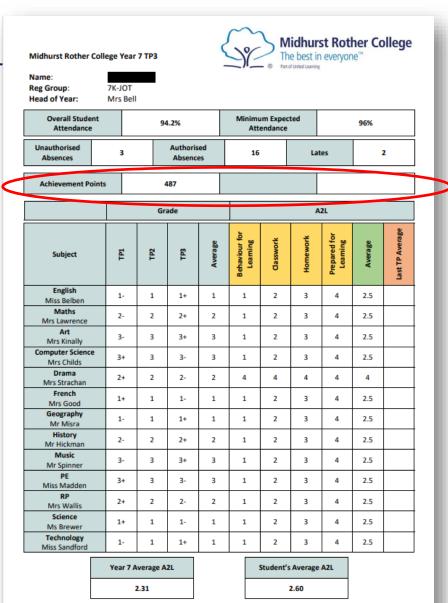
#### **Achievement Points:**

Number of positive points given by staff

#### **Behaviour Incidents:**

Number of incidents student has been involved in.

Further information on these Achievement Points and Incidents can be found on Arbor.



#### **Subject Grades and Average Grade**

- GCSE grade only at each TP
- Based purely on the % achieved in recent assessment window

Midhurst Rother College Year 7 TP3

Midhurst Rother College

Reg Group: Head of Year:

Achievement Points

Mrs Bell

	Overall Student Attendance		94.2%	Minimum Expe Attendance		96%		
Unauthorised Absences	3	3	Authorised Absences	16	Lates		2	

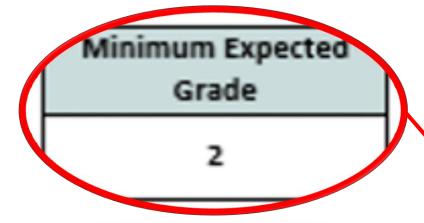
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Subject	ld.	TP2	TP3	Average	Behaviour for Leaming	Classwork	Homework	Prepared for Learning	Average	Last TP Average	
English Miss Belben	1-	1	1+	1	1	2	3	4	2.5		
Maths Mrs Lawrence	2-	2	2+	2	1	2	3	4	2.5		
Art Mrs Kinally	3-	3	3+	3	1	2	3	4	2.5		
Computer Science Mrs Childs	3+	3	3-	3	1	2	3	4	2.5		
Drama Mrs Strachan	2+	2	2-	2	4	4	4	4	4		
French Mrs Good	1+	1	1-	1	1	2	3	4	2.5		
Geography Mr Misra	1-	1	1+	1	1	2	3	4	2.5		
History Mr Hickman	2-	2	2+	2	1	2	3	4	2.5		
Music Mr Spinner	3-	3	3+	3	1	2	3	4	2.5		
PE Miss Madden	+	3	3-	3	1	2	3	4	2.5		
RP Mrs Wallis	2+	2	2-	F	1	2	3	4	2.5		
Science Ms Brewer	1+	1	1-	1	1	2	3	4	2.5		
Technology Miss Sandford	1-	1	1+	1	1	2	3	4	2.5		

Year 7 Average A2L 2.31

Student's Average A2L



- You will also receive a minimum expected grade to indicate what grade your child should be achieving. This is based on your child's KS2 results when they join us.
- This should be the lowest expected grade, your child should always push to exceed this



Midhurst Rother College Year 7 TP3

Reg Group:

Unauthorised Absences		94.6%			Overall Student Attendance				Att	endance		96%			
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Achievement	Points		5	527		Behavio	our Incide	ents	3						
			Gr	ade				А	AZL						
Subject		191	Z41	193	Average	Behaviour for Learning	Classwork	Homework	Prepared for Learning	Average	Last TP Average				
English Miss Belben		3-	3-	3-	3-	3	4	3	3	3.25					
Maths Mrs Lawrence		3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4.00					
Art Mrs Kinally		3-	3-	3-	3-	4	4	4	3	3.75					
Com & Digital Me Mrs Childs	edia	3-	3-	3-	3-	4	4	4		4					
Drama Mrs Strachan		2	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	4.00					
French Mrs Good	2	2+	2+	2+	2+	4	4	4	4	4.00					
Geography Mr Misra		2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3.00					
History Mr Hickman		3-	3-	3-	3-	4	4	3	4	3.75					
Music Mr Spinner	- 2	2+	2+	2+	2+	3	3	3	3	3.00					
PE Miss Madden		2	2	2	2	4	3	Not requir	4	3.67					
RP Mrs Wallis	3	3+	3+	3+	3+	4	4	4	4	4.00					
Science Ms Brewer	2	2+	2+	2+	2+	4	4	3	3	3.50					
Miss Sandford	3	3+	3	3+	3+	4	4	4	4	4.00					
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#### **Attitude to Learning (A2L)**

- Score based on 4 elements
- Average Score over all for each subject
- Last TP Average for Comparison

4	Outstanding	Exceptionally high standards always met.
3	Good	Mostly high standards, some inconsistencies which leave room for improvement.
2	Inconsistent	Variable standards, satisfactory as often as unsatisfactory. Negatively affects achievement.
1	Unsatisfactory	Standards are often unacceptable. Considerable impact on achievement and learning of others.



Midhurst Rother College

Reg Group: Head of Year:

7K-JOT Mrs Bell

	Overall Student Attendance		94.2%	Minimum Expe Attendance		96%		
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Maths Mrs Lawrence	2-	2	2+	2	I	1	2	3	4	2.5		
Art Mrs Kinally	3-	3	3+	3		1	2	3	4	2.5		
Computer Science Mrs Childs	3+	3	3-	3		1	2	3	4	2.5		
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RP Mrs Wallis	2+	2	2-	2		1	2	3	4	2.5		
Science Ms Brewer	1+	1	1-	1		1	2	3	4	7.5		
Technology Miss Sandford	1-	1	1+	1		1	2	3	-	2.5		

Year 7 Average A2L 2.31

Student's Average A2L



#### **Attitude to Learning (A2L)**

- Overall Student average. 4 is the highest number available.
- Year group average this allows you to compare your child's A2L in relation to their peers.



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Year 7 Average A2L 2.31 Student's Average A2L
2.60



# **Homework and Digital Platforms**



## Why do we do homework at MRC?

- Homework and independent learning Homework is an integral part of the learning process.
- It helps students to consolidate work they have done in class and make sure that important knowledge is retained in longterm memory.
- As well as boosting learning, it also creates good habits for students as they approach exams, as they will be used to working from home, revising and dedicating regular time to schoolwork



#### Some key points about homework at MRC:

- Homework is not optional.
- Online homework: we will set homework for your child to complete online. The main websites we use for this are Sparx and Seneca. Please let us know if your child does not have access to a computer – we can loan a Chromebook.
- Support: we have timetabled sessions to support students with homework. These run during every lunchtime for every subject. T107 for Maths, Science and English and W101 for all other subjects. Students can also choose a 'homework session' as part of enrichment time.

#### **Arbor – Parent Portal- Homework**

- Via the Arbor Parent Portal, you will be able to see, in real-time, the Assignments (homework) that your child has been set.
- You will also be able to see if they have completed it on time, and what is overdue.
- Thank you for supporting your child to organise themselves and keep on top of their homework.





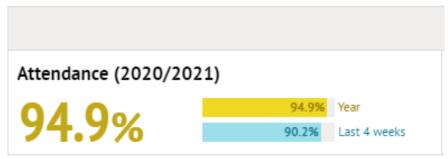
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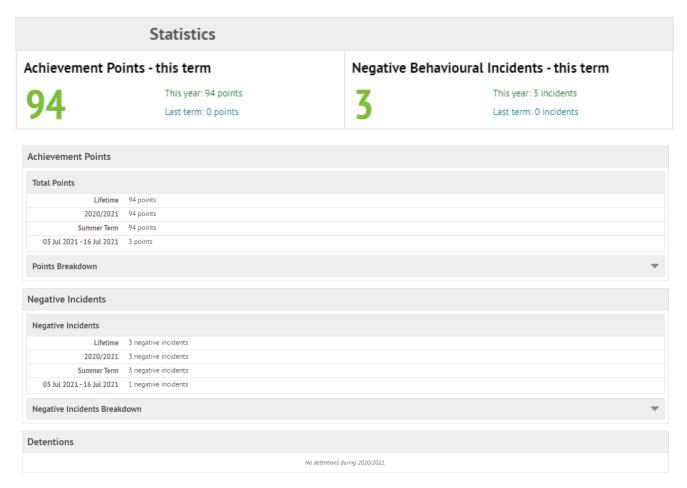
Statistics for Academic Year 2020/2021	
Possible sessions 272	
<b>Present</b> 258 sessions (94.85%)	
Late 0 sessions (0.00%)	
Authorised absent 14 sessions (5.15%)	
Unauthorised absent 0 sessions (0.00%)	

Recent Attendance (05 Jul 2021 - 12 Jul 2021)		
Present	8 sessions (88.89%)	
Late	0 sessions (0.00%)	
Authorised absent	1 sessions (11.11%)	
Unauthorised absent	0 sessions (0.00%)	

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#### **Arbor – Rewards and Behaviour**



The rewards and behaviour features keep track of performance over time



#### Homework

- KS3 They should expect homework from core subjects (Maths, English & Science) every week- mainly the use of Sparx and Seneca. Foundation subjects, Geography, History for example every fortnight. Some subjects such as Art may set a project over a half term.
- There will be a strict tracking of homework completion with rewards and sanctions, as homework is not an option.



All homework will be set on Arbor. See your 'Assignments' section



#### **Homework and Digital Platforms**



**Sparx Maths Sparx Reader Sparx Science** 



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and other platforms...

Check the website for further information and also make contact with class teachers for login issues.



# Wellbeing and Welfare



#### Safeguarding / Wellbeing @ MRC Form (Communicate your concern to us)











#### Wellbeing and Mental Health @ MRC

Increasing numbers of young people are experiencing anxiety, depression, oppositional disorders and attention difficulties as part of poor mental health. While most children and young people will not experience mental health problems, a significant number will. Recent research has identified that a focus on mental toughness, emotional resilience and meta-cognition are at the heart of prevention to support mental health and emotional wellbeing within schools, coupled with targeted intervention when needed. At MRC we are eager to explore and embrace any approaches we believe will be to the benefit of our students. The curriculum seeks to educate beyond the confines of academic progress; challenging, stimulating and supporting young people throughout both their personal and academic journey. We are always mindful of this, and our approach to mental health and wellbeing is integral to this. We therefore work with a holistic approach that places education and guidance for all students and families as its core, whilst utilising many additional options to ensure the best provision is available when most needed

#### MRC Wellbeing Strategy - Aims

To raise the profile of positive mental health and wellbeing for staff and students

To ensure students wellbeing is enhanced via their ability to keep themselves safe

To work with appropriate agencies on a coordinated approach to better support students and families in addressing mental health concerns



https://www.nspcc.org.uk/

Crisis Links

https://www.samaritans.org/

https://www.childline.org.uk/

Mental health services - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

https://youngminds.org.uk/contact-us/

Schools and Youth Groups - Children's Mental Health Week

How Can You Ease Back-to-School Anxiety and Stress? (verywellfamily.com)

10 quick ways to help your teen feel better



#### MRC's Mental Health Ambassadors 2024

- Can I introduce the team (L to R)
- · Front row Ella, Sylvie, Lucy, Eron
- Middle row Emma, Chloe and Romilly
- Back row Merritta and Lottie



## **Calendar and Events**



## **Future Parents' Evenings**

#### Year 9

Parent/Carers' Consultation Evening 13 March 2025

> **GCSE Options Evening** 23 January 2025 (6:00pm)



#### Calendar and Events – Year 9

- Early November classroom-based exams
- Mid November Tracking Point 1 Reports
- Late January / early Feb classroom-based exams and UL Maths, English and Science exams
- Thursday 25 January Options Evening
- Early March Tracking Point 2 Reports
- Thursday 13 March Parent Evening
- Early June –UL Science exam
- Mid-June exams in all other subjects
- Early July Tracking Point 3 Reports



#### **MRC Parents**

#### Supporting our children's education by:

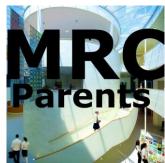
#### **Fundraising and social events:**

#### £15,000 raised over the last 2 years

- Fireworks Nights
- Open Air Movie Night
- Quiz Nights







## To continue this successful and rewarding work, we need YOU!

- See our FB page and College webpage.
- AGM in October. More details to follow.



#### **Parent Forums:**

## Topics covered include online safety, stress management, home learning

- Staying informed
- Raising concerns
- Getting advice



# Thank you

