



# MIDHURST MATTERS

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 15 January	10 11 12/13	UL Exams this week Exams this week (classroom based) Formal 9th Lesson Exams
Tuesday 16 January	8-11	Sussex Cross Country Championships, Brighton
Wednesday 17 January	11 8-11	Science Exam Sussex Cross Country Championships, Brighton
Thursday 18 January	10 11	CLIL Speaking Exams Final Push Meeting
Friday 19 January	12/13	Photography students London gallery trip

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to start this week by drawing your attention to some key dates over the next fortnight. Next Thursday (18 January) we are holding our Year 11 'Final Push' evening. There will be a short presentation for parents/carers on how you can best support your child in the run up to the GCSEs. Heads of core subjects will also be at the evening and will do a brief carousel for parents in small groups on how to support in their subject. I would like to invite all parents/carers of Year 11 to attend.

We are starting our 30/30 approach with Year 11 to help them improve their grades in maths and science. We are asking that all Year 11 students now spend 30 minutes per day on Sparx and 30 minutes on Seneca for science. Doing this will improve their current grade by at least one – and is something we would like them all to do. This is essential for them in the lead up to the exams in the summer.

On 25 January we are holding our Year 9 options evening. We would like all Year 9 parents/carers to attend on this evening to find out more information on how the process works. Subject staff will be available to answer questions on the evening about their subjects. This is a really good opportunity for you and your son/daughter to ask questions that are specific to them and their futures.

**Stuart Edwards**  
Principal

## FRENCH EXCHANGE STUDENT

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we need 2 more kind host families for girls (aged 16) from our partner school in Nogent-Le-Rotrou, Midhurst's twin town.

The partner class visit us from Mon 19 - Fri 23 February. The visitor would stay 4 nights with you and be busy on day trips or in college each day. Hosts would provide bed, breakfast and dinner whilst school will arrange a bus pass for the visitor that week if applicable. The visiting students all speak good English and are keen to experience daily life with an English speaking family.

If you can look after a French visitor on the above dates, we would love to hear from you. Please email Mrs Good ([hayley.good@mrc-academy.org](mailto:hayley.good@mrc-academy.org)) in the MFL Dept.

## ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Assessments are coming up for the following year groups:

- Year 10 :  
English Language - Thursday 18 January 12 noon (1 hour 45 minutes)  
Maths - Friday 19 January 10:45am (1 hour 30 minutes)  
all other subjects in the fortnight beginning 29 January
- Year 9 :  
Maths - Monday 22 January 9am (1 hour)  
English reading - Tuesday 23 January 1pm (45 minutes)  
all other subjects in the fortnight beginning 29 January
- Year 8 :  
Maths - English reading - 22 January 1pm (45 minutes),  
Maths non-calculator - Tuesday 23 January 11am (1 hour)  
All other subjects in the fortnight after half-term

Over the next week or two, class teachers will be sharing details with your child about the assessments coming up, including the length of assessment, type of questions, topics that will be in the assessment and some revision activities that will be useful to help your child prepare.

Additional information and revision guidance can be found on the college website (<https://www.mrc-academy.org/curriculum/revision-resources>) at any time; this page provides useful ideas and strategies to support independent and effective revision by any child at any time.

Our assessment calendar provides regular opportunities to revise previously learnt material, and in doing so, builds an excellent basis for further study and success. Please encourage and support your child to revise effectively and build this vital skill over the duration of their time at MRC.

## ENRICHMENT VISIT – CAMPING ACTIVITY AT BUSHY WOOD, ESSEX - 5 June-7 June 24

We still have places available for Year 10 students at Bushy Wood Park in Essex. The trip features an action-packed itinerary including kayaking, rifles, climbing and archery to name but a few. Whilst they're enjoying themselves, students will also be practicing teamwork, learning new skills, developing their confidence, and exploring a new environment.

The visit is planned to leave via coach on Monday 5 June and return on Wednesday 7 June 2024.

Departure and returning times will be shared at a later date. The cost per person is £215.

If your child is interested, please email [ashley.lamb@mrc-academy.org](mailto:ashley.lamb@mrc-academy.org).

## LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE (LRC)

Our wonderful librarian, Ms Hastings, has launched a new feature in the LRC this week. Each month she will select an 'Author of the Month' showcasing their work and some interesting facts to inspire our students that anything is possible with passion and hard work.

The chosen authors books will be on display in the LRC where Ms Hastings will be happy to discuss their work. The books will also be available for students to take out on loan should they wish to investigate further. Happy reading!



The poster features a central pink sunburst graphic with the name 'NICOLA MORGAN' in bold black letters. Below this, the text 'AUTHOR OF THE MONTH' is written in large, white, outlined letters. To the left of the sunburst is the book cover for 'BODY BRILLIANT: A TEENAGE GUIDE TO A POSITIVE BODY IMAGE' by Nicola Morgan. To the right is the book cover for 'THE AWESOME POWER OF SLEEP: HOW SLEEP SUPERCHARGES YOUR TEENAGE BRAIN' by Nicola Morgan. At the bottom left, there is a block of text describing Nicola Morgan as a UK writer of over 100 books, dealing with teenage and young adult issues like anxiety, friendships, sleep, and resilience. At the bottom right is the book cover for 'The Teenage Guide to Friends' by Nicola Morgan, featuring several emoji faces. The background is a light pink with a subtle geometric pattern and small yellow starburst icons.

**NICOLA MORGAN**

**AUTHOR OF THE MONTH**

**THE SELF-STYLED 'TEENAGE BRAIN WOMAN' WHO'S A UK WRITER OF OVER 100 BOOKS (BOTH FICTION AND NON-FICTION), DEALING WITH TEENAGE AND YOUNG ADULT ISSUES, SUCH AS ANXIETY, FRIENDSHIPS, SLEEP AND RESILIENCE.**

**SHE'S WORKED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EXPERTS FROM MANY FIELDS TO CREATE HER VAST NUMBER OF TITLES WHICH ARE HUGEY POPULAR AND INFLUENTIAL WITH CHILDREN AND PARENTS ALIKE. WE ARE LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE SOME OF HER BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY TO TAKE OUT ON LOAN.**

## CAREERS

### Rolls Royce Apprenticeship

The Rolls-Royce Motor Car Apprenticeship applications are now open, if you are interested, please apply now as they often close the applications once full and don't run it to the final closing dates. We are very happy to support students in applying as we have had great success in the past.

[https://www.rolls-roycemotorcars.com/en\\_GB/information/careers.html#APPRENTICESHIPS](https://www.rolls-roycemotorcars.com/en_GB/information/careers.html#APPRENTICESHIPS)

### Chichester Harbour Conservancy

Chichester Harbour Conservancy have an exciting opportunity for a small commercial vessel crewmember apprentice to join the Harbour Team.

Based in Itchenor West Sussex, the apprentice will work as part of a small team, who are tasked with ensuring the safety of harbour users and maintenance and upkeep of moorings and infrastructure around the harbour.

Could this be the role for you or someone you know? Find out more here:

<https://www.conservancy.co.uk/jobs/harbour-team-apprentice/>

**EXPEDITION TO CAMBODIA - JULY 2025 - Years 10, 11 & 12**  
**Parent & Student Information Evening, Wednesday 24 January at 6pm**

Our students in Year 10, 11 & 12 were given a presentation from True Adventure about an incredible opportunity for them to take part in a 16-day expedition to Cambodia in July 2025.

True Adventure organise life-changing adventures around the world for young people. What sets this apart from other school visits is that the students will have the added responsibility of earning part or all of their place on the expedition, by fundraising; they will also be given the opportunity to engage in the adventure before they leave the UK with termly meetings including responsible travel, country & culture, and a training weekend where they will learn the skills needed to set them up for success prior to their time in Cambodia. Whilst in the country they will also take on a variety of different roles including cooking for themselves, taking part in a trek, leading the team, and managing their group budget.

We are very excited about this opportunity. As a College we have been to many destinations, pre-covid, with True Adventure. I have personally led visits, along with colleagues, to Nepal, Vietnam and Zambia. There have also been visits to India, Borneo, Tanzania and the list goes on...

I have to say they are life-changing and will give students the chance to do something unique that will make them stand out from the crowd. The adventure experience will provide them with a wealth of new skills which they will find invaluable in school, at University and in the world of work.

During the assembly, the students have had their eyes opened to the possibilities that lie ahead of them if they decide to take part. I would like to invite you to join us for an information evening, presented by Tom from True Adventure, where you will have the opportunity to hear all about the amazing challenges that the group will have the chance to experience on our own school adventure.

The presentation will be held on Wednesday 24 January 6pm-7pm. You can find out more about this incredible opportunity through our bespoke expedition page <https://true-adventure.co.uk/trip/midhurst-rother-college-expedition-to-cambodia/>

I do hope you are able to come along to the presentation – the students should. I am sure you will find it interesting and see why the school values the outcomes of programmes like this.

If you are planning on coming, please could you let me know via email [jayne.beesley@mrc-academy.org](mailto:jayne.beesley@mrc-academy.org), so that I can ensure we have enough seating.

**Jayne Beesley & Sarah Banbury**



## SIXTH FORM

Published on our website <https://www.mrc-academy.org/sf/information/the-parents-guides-to> are various packs from The Parents' Guide to Parenting teenagers.

The resources are accessible and easy-to-navigate, delivering a great deal of information without being overwhelming, and are full of ways to help and support your child through KS5.

## BRAVE THE SHAVE 2024

Should you wish to donate, please either scan the QR code or click on the following link, thank you. <https://www.justgiving.com/page/harvey-datchler-1701513579292>

**BRAVE THE SHAVE 2024**

CANCER RESEARCH UK

This year our Head Boy and Head Girl are shaving and cutting their hair for Charity

**2ND FEB 2024**

1 IN 2 PEOPLE WILL GET CANCER IN THEIR LIFETIME

Cancer affects everyone at some point in their lives whether it's from being diagnosed themselves or a loved one being diagnosed. Last years Head Boy, Jacob shaved his head and we want to continue this as a tradition. Jasmine will be cutting 7 inches off her hair and donating it for wigs and Harvey will be shaving all of his hair off. Let's do what we can as a community for this global cause!

Please scan the QR code to donate

## REMINDER – NUT FREE SCHOOL

We have noticed the increasing presence of nuts in College, with many being found on the floor following lunch and breaks. According to Allergy UK, almost one in twelve children suffer from food allergies. The reactions experienced range from mild to life-threatening, with most severe reaction being anaphylaxis.

With our children spending a significant amount of time in College, it is vital that those with food allergies feel safe without an allergic reaction, with that in mind please be mindful when sending food into College as we are a Nut Free Zone.



## INSTAGRAM

MRC PE Dept is on Instagram! @mrc\_p.e

We also have the main college Instagram account @mrc\_1st, Drama Dept @mrcperformingarts,

Art Dept @mrcfineart, Photography Dept @mrcphotographic plus our Sixth Form @mrcsixthform.



## Performing Arts Calendar of events - Spring and Summer 2024



Spring 2024			
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	CFMDS Festival	Musical Theatre Y13 duologue	St Josephs Chichester
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Dance House 1	MRC Dance Teams Minibus	Worthing Theatre
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	CFMDS Festival	Orchestra Jazz Band Flute ensemble	St Josephs School 9.45am Chichester
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	CFMDS Festival	MRC Singers Choir	St Josephs School Chichester
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	YR 11 Component 2 exam	GCSE Drama YR11	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Concert	Orchestra Choir Jazz Strings, flutes Drama/production groups Soloists (by invite) Bands	MRC Theatre
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Rother Valley Arts Festival	MRC Dance Teams	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Courtney Pine at Ronnie Scotts	Y11 & 6 <sup>th</sup> form music	Ronnie Scotts London
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	YR 11 Choreography Showcase	GCSE Dance Yr11	MRC Theatre
Summer 2024			
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Dance House 2	MRC Dance Teams	Worthing Theatre
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	YR 10 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama YR10	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	School of Rock!	School Production Cast Band/musicians	MRC Theatre
June TBC	Drama Day	BTEC Performing Arts	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Pre-tour Concert	<b>Students that are coming to Belgium</b> Orchestra Choir BTEC Performing Arts Jazz Band Drama (Invite only)	Amphitheatre
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Drama and Music House Cup	YR 7	MRC Theatre Music P1-4 Drama 5-6
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Tour- Belgium	Orchestra Choir BTEC Performing Arts Jazz Band Drama (Invite only)	Belgium

## DIARY DATES – spring TERM

These dates are accurate at the time of publishing.

Date	Event
Thursday 25 January 2024	Yellow Photography Yr 7, 11,13
Monday 12 February 2024	Half Term (12-16 February)
Thursday 28 March 2024	Last day of Term
Monday 1 April 2024	Easter Holidays (1-12 April)
Monday 15 April 2024	Summer Term
Friday 19 April 2024	INSET DAY
Monday 27 May 2024	Half Term (27-31 May)
Friday 19 July 2024	End of Summer Term

## VACANCIES AT MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE

Please click on the following link for the latest vacancies at MRC: <https://www.mrc-academy.org/about-us/vacancies>

## HELPFUL MRC WEBSITE LINKS

Arbor Information Guides: [Arbor Information Guides \(mrc-academy.org\)](https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/guides)

Arbor Link: [Midhurst Rother College \(arbor.sc\)](https://www.arbor.sc/)

College Calendar: <https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/calendar>

Homework: <https://www.mrc-academy.org/curriculum/homework>

Letters: <https://www.mrc-academy.org/communication/letters>

Educational Visits: [Midhurst Rother College > Communication > Letters \(mrc-academy.org\)](https://www.mrc-academy.org/communication/letters)

Staff Emails: <https://bit.ly/StaffEmailAddress>

Term Dates: [Midhurst Rother College > Information > College Term dates \(mrc-academy.org\)](https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/college-term-dates)

School Cloud: <https://midhurst.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Sparx Maths: <https://www.sparxmaths.uk/student>

Sparx Reader: [Sparx Reader](https://www.sparxmaths.uk/reader)

Lexia POWERUP Literacy - Login and Student Program: [Device Setup - PowerUp \(lexiapowerup.com\)](https://www.lexiapowerup.com/)

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