



MIDHURST MATTERS

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 22 January	8,9,10,11	Classroom based exams
Tuesday 23 January	8,9,10,11	Classroom based exams Girls Football Fixture
Wednesday 24 January	8,9,10,11 10,12 8,11	Classroom based exams Parents Info Evening - Cambodia Trip 6pm Area Cross Country
Thursday 25 January	7,11,13 9 8,9,10,11	Yellow Photography Options Evening Classroom based exams
Friday 26 January	8,9,10,11	Classroom based exams

Austen	Kipling	Tennyson	Woolf
60,109 (3,825)	70,613 (4,377)	70,323 (4,564)	59,480 (4,006)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I will start my messages this week by thanking and congratulating the students who took part in the Sussex School's Cross-Country event this week. It was a very cold morning when the race took place and I am grateful to all the students who represented our school. A particular mention to Carrie A and Ben W in Year 11. Well done!

This week, we have welcomed visitors from United Learning to the school. Amanda Whitehead, the National Lead for maths visited several maths lessons and was impressed with the work students are completing, as well as their attitude towards their learning. Our Regional Director, Christine Raeside, also visited and was also very complimentary about our students, both in terms of their work and manners.

We continue to set homework and independent learning for all students regularly. This is to help embed good study habits and also to consolidate learning from lessons. I know that students may need help with their homework. Support is available for all years for English, maths and science homework every lunchtime in T107. Support for geography, history, MFL, RP and computer science is available in W101 every lunchtime.

Stuart Edwards
Principal

FRENCH EXCHANGE

A reminder that our french students will be embarking on the French Exchange next month. There will be a meeting on Monday 22 January at 5.30pm with Mrs Good and Mrs Lunskey.

A special thank you to the host families from across the College community who will welcome a visitor from our twin town later in February.

STRANGER DANGER / WEATHER WARNING

With the evenings still dark and the weather often challenging, please remind students to dress appropriately for the weather, to be aware of their surroundings and vigilant at all times. We encourage students to always walk in pairs or with a group where possible.

ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Assessments are coming up for the following year groups:

- Year 10 : in class assessments continue this week
- Year 9 : in class assessments begin next week for all subjects (except English and Mathematics) (29 January 2024 onwards) United Learning assessments begin this week for English and Mathematics (22 January 2024 onwards)
- Year 8 : in class assessments for all subjects (except English and Mathematics) in the week beginning 19 February 2024 United Learning assessments begin this week for English and Mathematics (22 January 2024 onwards)

Over the next week or two, class teachers will be sharing details of forthcoming assessments with your child, 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. This will be available on Arbor as an assignment.

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.

Please support your child in preparing well for these assessments with effective revision, adequate rest the night before and a good breakfast to fuel them for the day. We are also mindful that these assessments can create a degree of stress and anxiety – please do contact your Head of Year for support and advice should this be the case.

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

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.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE (LRC)

Our wonderful librarian, Ms Hastings, has launched a new feature in the LRC. 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!



PE DEPARTMENT

Sussex Cross Country Qualifier (Year 8-11)

Last Tuesday 12 students braved the weather to attend the Sussex Cross Country qualifier in Brighton. The students performed brilliantly given the harsh conditions. We are still awaiting the official results which we will share in due course.



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.

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, so that I can ensure we have enough seating.

Jayne Beesley & Sarah Banbury

COMMUNITY DAY

Our annual Community Day will be held on Saturday 27 April from 10am-2pm. It is a great event where we open up the College for local businesses, agencies and groups to advertise their wares. It's a fun day for the whole community.

If you have a business, agency or group that would benefit from a **free stall** at this event, please email madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org to book a space. If you know someone who might be interested in a stall, please share this flyer with them.



Midhurst Rother College

Community Day Saturday 27 April 2024



Inviting businesses, agencies and groups to join our event to demonstrate what our local community offers

If you are: locally produced - locally grown
eco-friendly - sustainable - renewable
recycled or recyclable

Why not come and join us?

We want you!!



**ALL STAND &
EXHIBITION SPACE**

FREE OF CHARGE

10am - 2pm

For more information email: madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org
or contact the College Office on: **01730 812451**

BE A PART OF THIS WELL-ESTABLISHED AND MUCH ANTICIPATED EVENT

respect, happiness, achievement



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.

SIXTH FORM TRANSITION

We are delighted to have had so many options forms back, showing that students have been thinking about their plans for what happens after Year 11. Every student in Year 11 will have a 1:1 meeting with a member of MRC's senior leadership team to discuss their progression - we have already seen around a quarter of students and will continue these meetings in the next few weeks. It's a very exciting time for them and we are pleased to be able to welcome so many of them into Sixth Form! For enquiries regarding this process, or Sixth Form in general, please contact our Sixth Form Manager lisa.shadbolt@mrc-academy.org

BRAVE THE SHAVE 2024

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

CANCER RESEARCH UK

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>

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@mrcsixthform



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

House Events Calendar 2023/24

Month	Events & Faculty	Year Group	Head of House Link
January	Smash Bros	All	AHK
January	Open Drama	All	RHN
February	PE House Competition	Yr7-10 Girls Combined Badminton Yr7-8 Boys Badminton Yr9-10 Boys Badminton	AHK
March	Open Music	All	CHS
March	Table Tennis	All	AHK
March	Science Week	All	JOT
March	English - World Book Day	All Years	JOT
April	Maths/University Challenge	All	RHN
April	Bake Off	All	CHS
May	Gym Challenge	Yr10/11	AHK
June	Art House Competition	TBC	JOT
July	Drama	Yr7	RHN
July	Music - Battle of Bands	Yr7	CHS
July	PE House Cricket	Yr7-8 Combined Yr9-19 Combined	AHK
July	PE - Sports Day	Yr7-10	All

STUDENTS

If you have any further ideas for house events or competitions, please share these with your House Captain and Sixth Form House Leader.



Performing Arts Calendar of events - Spring and Summer 2024



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

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.mrc-academy.org/information/arborsite)

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/visits)

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

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

Past editions of Midhurst Matters Newsletter [Midhurst Matters \(mrc-academy.org\)](https://www.mrc-academy.org/matters)

CINDERELLA THE PANTOMIME

The Petworth Players latest production of Cinderella features some of our students, who would welcome your support and encouragement!

A decorative poster for the Cinderella pantomime. The background is a light blue with a pattern of white stars and floral motifs. At the top center is a white clock face. The title 'CINDERELLA' is written in large, white, serif capital letters, with a white chain and tassel hanging from the 'C'. Below the title, 'The Pantomime' is written in a white, cursive font. The dates and times are listed in white, serif capital letters: 'SHOWING 2ND-4TH FEBRUARY', 'FRIDAY 2ND: 7:30PM', 'SATURDAY 3RD: 2:30PM | 7:30PM', and 'SUNDAY 4TH: 2:30PM'. The venue 'Herbert Shiner Hall, Petworth' is written in a white, serif font. The ticket prices are listed in white, serif capital letters: 'TICKETS: ADULT £10 | CHILD £7 | FAMILY £28 (FAMILY OF 4)'. The box office information is written in white, serif capital letters: 'BOX OFFICE: AUSTENS, PETWORTH' and 'ONLINE BOX OFFICE: WWW.PETWORTHPLAYERS.CO.UK'. At the bottom, 'REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE' is written in white, serif capital letters.

CINDERELLA
The Pantomime
SHOWING 2ND-4TH FEBRUARY
FRIDAY 2ND: 7:30PM
SATURDAY 3RD: 2:30PM | 7:30PM
SUNDAY 4TH: 2:30PM
Herbert Shiner Hall, Petworth
TICKETS: ADULT £10 | CHILD £7 | FAMILY £28
(FAMILY OF 4)
BOX OFFICE: AUSTENS, PETWORTH
ONLINE BOX OFFICE: WWW.PETWORTHPLAYERS.CO.UK
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