



MIDHURST MATTERS

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 11 November	8,9,10 11, 13	Classroom based exams - all week Internal Mock GCSE exams - all week Internal Mock A-Level exams - all week
Tuesday 12 November		
Wednesday 13 November		
Thursday 14 November	All All	Flu Vaccinations Cake Sale in aid of Children in Need
Friday 15 November	All	Children In Need - Home Clothes for a donation!

Austen	Kipling	Tennyson	Woolf
49,051 (15,855)	54,976 (17,256)	54,376 (17,112)	59,071 (18,865)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope you all had a good half-term. It is great to have the children back in with us this week. They have started really well and it has been a very positive first week back. As we start the half-term, there are quite a few messages and updates to give you.

We have our fireworks evening tonight (8th November). I hope to see many of you there. We think it is the biggest annual event in Midhurst and advance sales are already very high. Tickets are available to purchase on the gate tonight and we would love to see you here. There will be food and drinks available to purchase from local businesses. It is a positive evening for the whole community – I hope you are able to come.

On Monday we will hold our Remembrance assembly for all students in the sports hall. We will change the internal timings of lessons on the day to make sure that we mark the two-minute silence at the appropriate time. We are selling poppies in school for students to purchase. It is also possible to pay or donate using a mobile phone and a QR scan. We will supervise students if they choose to do this to pay. It is important that remember those who have fallen in order to give us the freedom we enjoy today. Students who attend uniformed clubs (scouts, guides etc) are welcome to wear their uniform on this day in place of the MRC uniform.

Next Friday (15th November) is Children in Need day. This will be a non-uniform day for students for a voluntary contribution of £1.00. There will also be various activities taking place on the day.

Finally, our Year 11 and 13 start their mocks next week in earnest. Some have taken speaking tests this week in MFL. The written exams start on Monday. Very best of luck to them all!

Best wishes

Stuart Edwards
Principal

MOVEMBER

It's that time of year again to Gro A Mo!

The team has been formed...the before photo has been taken... let the growing begin!

This November we will be raising much-needed funds for prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention. Men die on average six years earlier than women.

Together we can stop men dying too young.

All donations will be very welcome big or small - for all the dads, brothers, sons and mates in your life. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code code.

Mr Thompson




CHILDREN IN NEED

**OBSTACLE
COURSE**

In the Sports Hall

Friday 15th November



- 50p for 2 turns
- **Houses will receive house points for the winning team!**
- **How fast can you go?**
- **Bake sale on Thursday 14th November 50p-£1.50**
- **All money goes towards the children in need charity**

REMEMBER TO COME IN HOME CLOTHES ON FRIDAY AND DONATE TO CHILDREN IN NEED!!

FOODBANK DONATIONS

I am writing to say a HUGE thank you to you and your College community for the recent Harvest Festival Food Bank Donation that was made to our Midhurst Branch of the Chichester District Foodbank.

The total weight of your donation was 200.1 kilos which is equivalent to providing an amazing 500 meals.

The Foodbank relies solely on donations from the community and we really value your continued support, to help sustain the work of Chichester District Foodbank helping feed those who are in crisis.

Thank you again for your donations which are very much appreciated.

Kind regards,

Marie Wallace
Warehouse Supervisor



NEXT FOODBANK - FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER

With Christmas just over 6 weeks away, the Foodbank have asked us if we can collect in the next few weeks, for items which they could add to their Christmas food hampers. These will be distributed to families in early December. The collection will take place on Friday 22 November. They are most in need of the following items:

Any and all types of Christmas chocolates, colouring pens and books, felt tip pens, small notelet books, small toys, all ages thick socks, gloves and scarves, shower gel, body spray and lip balm for all ages and gender.

Of course, donations of food and household goods would also be gratefully received. Items can be left at reception from Monday 18 November onwards.

KS3 & KS4 ASSESSMENT DIARY

Week beginning :11 November 2024

At MRC students in Years 7-10 sit three assessments per year, with Year 11 sitting more, especially in core subjects, to help preparations for GCSE exams in the summer. These assessments support students to reflect on their progress, provide opportunities to practice and prepare for KS4 GCSE assessments in a 'low stakes' situation, provide teachers with an objective and comprehensive piece of work to judge students progress and an opportunity to report to parents/carers an accurate measure of their child's academic progress. These assessments cannot be 'failed' and simply give us all an indication of progress and attainment in different subjects – for many an encouragement, for a few some motivation to commit to hard work and progress.

Assessments are taking place this half-term as follows

- Year 11 : Mock Exams (Internals) begin next week for all subjects (11 November 2024 onwards)
- Year 10 : in class assessments continue this week for all subjects (4 November 2024 onwards)
- Year 9 : in class assessments continue this week for all subjects (4 November 2024 onwards)
- Year 8 : in class assessments for all subjects in the fortnight beginning 18 November 2024
- Year 7 : in class assessments for (subjects with no baseline) in the fortnight beginning 18 November 2024

Class teachers have shared 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 is 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.

Experience shows us that students who are well rested, have had a good breakfast and are properly prepared with the right equipment experience less stress and anxiety before assessments, and perform better. We thank you for supporting your child in their preparation.

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..

YEAR 11 - EXAMS

We know that selecting a university is no small decision – with the cost of a three-year degree now at £27,750, you want to be confident that your child has made the right choice when they finish Year 13.

But with so many universities to choose from and so many things to consider when selecting one, it can be hard to know where to start.

To help you guide your child through this decision, we're running a one-off live webinar on how you can help your child decide whether university is the correct path for them, and if so, how they can choose the right one.

Choosing Universities: Helping Your Child Make the Right University Decision

Tuesday 12th November

6:00pm-7:00pm (GMT)

Reserve Your Place Now - [CLICK HERE](#)

On the night, we'll be going over:

- How you can help your child determine whether university is the right choice for them
- What criteria your child should be considering when choosing a university
- How to maximise your child's employability

[Elevate Education UK](#)

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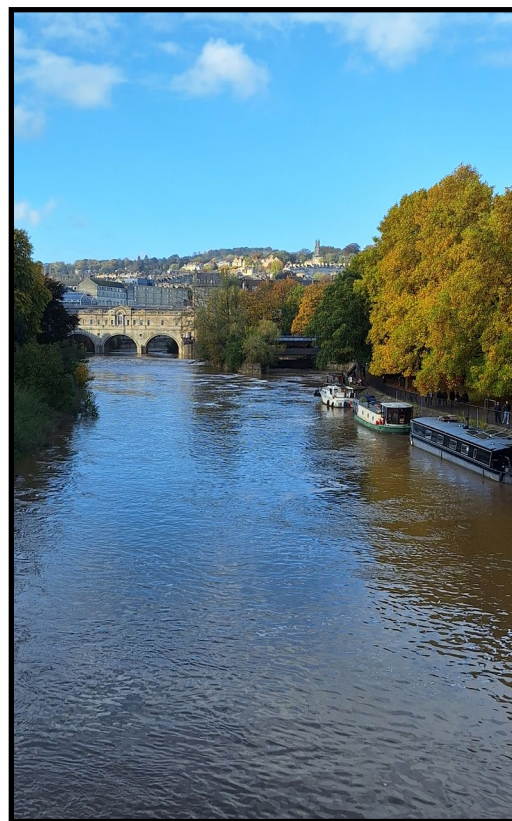
YEAR 11 - UNIVERSITY VISITS 2024

We know that Year 11 is a challenging time for students with so much work to do, preparing for many important exams. To help students see why we have high expectations of them and what they might do in the future once great GCSE grades are achieved, we run a programme of university visits at the start of the autumn term.

We are fortunate to have a thriving and varied choice of university courses and over ninety establishments; people come from all around the world to study for a degree in the UK. So, where to start when thinking about what or where to study? UK universities expect very different A level grades from applicants and offer thousands of different courses. They may be contained on a campus or have buildings dotted around a busy city centre. To show MRC students a small campus university and compare it to a large university in a city, we visited the Bath Spa campus, home to around 8000 undergraduates and Southampton University, serving around 25000 students.

Staff were impressed with the students' enthusiasm and interest in all the facilities on both visits. University Open Days inform visitors about courses, student finance, clubs, societies and sports teams, catered halls and self-catering accommodation. Our students had free time to ask university staff and students lots of questions and look around both universities. We also had some time to see some of the sights of each city. Less time than we hoped for in beautiful Bath, (due to delays on the M4!) where everything looked amazing in the sunshine.

Leaving home to study for a degree may only be three years away for many Year 11 students! It was inspiring to see new places and meet young people already on degree courses.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Absence

Please ensure that you communicate with us each day for any/all absences. Leave a message for the Attendance Team on 01730 812451 (select option 1) or make contact via email: attendance@mrc-academy.org.

[Attendance Matters \(mrc-academy.org\)](https://mrc-academy.org) - [student absence request form](#) - [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

STUDENT RECEPTION

FREE Sanitary Products

We have a plentiful and varied stock of sanitary products at Student Reception, **FREE** to students! Just pop by and stock up!



Uniform

A reminder to label all uniform so it can be returned to its rightful owner should it be misplaced. Especially blazers as they are a key piece of uniform and a costly item.

Winter Is Coming

As the weather gets colder, a gentle reminder to students and parents that coats are obviously allowed to be worn, but HOODIES are not part of the uniform and will be removed from students if they wear them to College or during break times. Leggings are also not acceptable as part of the school uniform.

Coats over blazers are of course perfectly acceptable, we don't want anyone getting cold, but hoodies are not permitted for school, PE or Dance - we have a no hoodies on site policy. Please click on the link below for the uniform policy if you are unsure on any of the uniform.



<https://www.mrc-academy.org/Portals/0/Information/Policies/Behaviour%20and%20Attitudes/Uniform%20policy.pdf?ver=foOwQucg9s5BDEfPR4hREA%3d%3d×tamp=1621346226293>

Negative Uniform/Jewellery Points

'Pink slips' are assigned to students who are not conforming to our uniform/jewellery policy. A negative point is added to your child's Arbor and each point represents 1 pink slip that has been issued over the course of the current week – 1 negative point per pink slip. All incidents are currently entered by the Administration Team, not the member of staff who has issued it - this will be changing soon, as we are making slight tweaks. If you have any queries regarding the issuing of the negative point, please email enquiries@mrc-academy.org

Thank you for working with us to help keep our students smart, it is so important in setting them up to achieve!

COLLEGE NOTICES

MRC REMEMBRANCE 2024

On Monday 11 November we will pay our respects to civilians and members of the Armed Forces who lost their lives or experienced hardship and lifechanging circumstances due to the consequences of War. Students who are members of a cadet or uniformed group e.g. RAF Cadets, Scouts etc. are welcome to attend school in their organisation's uniform as part of Monday's remembrance.

Mr Harris



CHRISTMAS KIDS LUNCH PACKS

Registration is now open for Christmas Kids Lunch Packs for families on low incomes. If you are on a low income and your child or children get free school meals, you should have given a voucher number so you can receive a box of food to help ease the pressure over the school holidays.

Register your voucher online at <https://bit.ly/3juhqYf> by Sunday 17th November.

If you have yet to receive a voucher, please email Mrs Hathaway - madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org.



DEPARTMENT NEWS

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

To quote Jane Austen, "Good apple pies are a considerable part of our domestic happiness."

Following great response to a request on social media for windfall apples, our Year 10 Food Tech students have made some fabulously tasty apple pies. With thoughts to environmentally sustainable food sources, the use of windfall rather than shop bought, helps to reduce food waste by utilizing apples that might otherwise go unused. Using some "free to all" left outside a house close to MRC, a collection from Easebourne Primary's orchard and donations from a couple of lovely locals, the students culinary skills were put to the test. These photos show the results. Parents who had the joy of eating the pies said they were absolutely delicious and thanked local growers for sharing their crops. How wonderful for our community to have pulled together like this. Maybe there's a future Masterchef winner in our clutch of budding chefs?



PHOTOGRAPHY

Rotary Young Photographer Competition now open!

Theme: 'Wonderful Water'

Who: two categories; Intermediate (Year 7, 8 and 9) and Senior (Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form)

What: submit **one** image with a brief sentence describing the relationship of the photograph to the theme.

How: submissions using the MS Forms link (sent via email)

When: entry by Monday 10th January 2024

Good luck!



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JOIN US FOR
MRC
COFFEE & TALK
READING INTERVENTION

FRIDAY 13
DECEMBER
9.30AM-
10.30AM



WE ARE EXCITED TO SAY THAT WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR FIRST EVER READING WORKSHOP AND COFFEE MORNING FOR PARENTS AT MRC. ATTENDANCE WILL BE BY INVITATION FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS WHO ARE IN READING INTERVENTION GROUPS.

THIS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE LIBRARY BETWEEN 9.30 AND 10.30AM. COFFEE AND PASTRIES WILL BE PROVIDED.

THE SESSION WILL INCLUDE AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR VARIOUS READING PROGRAMMES, SOME STRATEGIES TO TAKE AWAY TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH THEIR READING AND SOME TIME TO ASK QUESTIONS AND MEET THE TEAM.

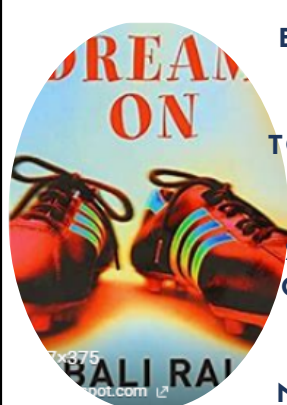
PLEASE DO COME ALONG AND SUPPORT IF YOU CAN.

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER

BALI RAI

BALI RAI IS THE AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR WE ARE CELEBRATING THIS MONTH.

BORN IN LEICESTER IN THE 1970'S AND INSPIRED TO WRITE BY READING BOOKS BY SUE TOWNSEND AND ROALD DAHL, HIS FIRST NOVEL '(UN)ARRANGED MARRIAGE' WAS PUBLISHED IN 2001. SINCE THEN HE HAS GONE ON TO WRITE NUMEROUS WORKS OF FICTION WHICH HAVE BEEN WIDELY ACCLAIMED. WE HAVE MANY OF HIS BOOKS IN THE LRC.



PE DEPARTMENT

On Thursday the MRC U13 boys rugby team beat Chichester High School to maintain their unbeaten streak! A sound 21-7 victory with Lucas Chandler, Rory Pasfield and several others putting in terrific performances! Well done boys!

Mr Hills

ART DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

GCSE and A Level Fine Art/Textiles/Technology/Photography Coursework and externally set assignments 2024

A reminder that all coursework is available for collection between 31 October 2024 - 14 February 2025 (students work cannot be collected before this date due to exam regulations) - after this date we cannot guarantee storage of the work. Please email tracey.bedford@mrc-academy.org to arrange collection.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Jacob H in Year 10 qualified for the British Weightlifting Championships during the Summer and on Friday 11 October he travelled to Leeds to compete and had an incredible day. He lifted a personal best with his snatch at 65kg. He won gold in his weight and age category! Huge congratulations Jacob from all of us.



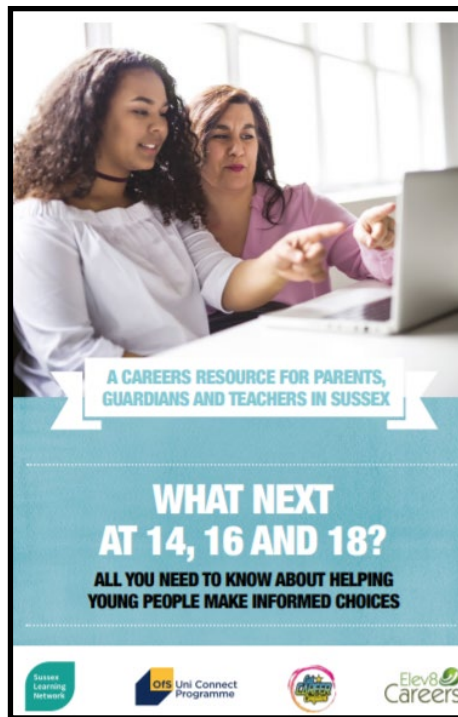
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CAREERS INFORMATION

Get Career Confident

Helping a young person decide on their future can be challenging, but 'Get Career Confident' have produced a handy booklet that breaks down the many options available, making them easier to understand and discuss.

Please click this link to the ['What Next'](#) booklet for parents and carers and this link for students ['What Next at 14 - 18 Years for Young People'](#).



MRC Sixth Form


For application to MRC Sixth Form, internal students just need to have completed their Options Form - no further application is necessary.


Godalming College

Godalming College application deadline is next Monday, 11 November at midday. Applications need to be submitted by this date if they are interested in joining Godalming College next September. Applications are made online via their website.


CAREER FAIR 2025

Would you or your Company like to attend our Careers Fair 2025 and share your knowledge and expertise. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to engage with a wide array of post 16 course providers and employers.

 **Tuesday**
4 March, 2025

 **Start At :**
10:00 am

Please email: samantha.jones@mrc-academy.org
for more information




Midhurst Rother College

HOUSE EVENTS

MRC SIXTH FORM CHARITY TEAM

ROYAL



AIR

FORCE

BENEVOLENT FUND

REMEMBRANCE DAY


GUESS HOW MANY SWEETS IN THE JAR TO WIN IT

BRING YOUR COINS THIS FRIDAY 8 NOV & MONDAY 11 NOV

50p PER GO OR 3 GOES FOR £1

ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO THE

RAF BENEVOLENT FUND



YEAR 7 X vs Y

Year Half Championship

Dodgeball	26.09.24
Pedathlon	11.10.24
Crash Mat Sliding	25.10.24
100m Sprint	8.11.24
Kahoot Quiz	22.11.24
Finale	6.12.24

Point tally can be found outside
the library, or in tutor slides



YEARS 7 & 8

Period 6, **Monday 18th**– Woolf VS Tennyson
Period 6, **Wednesday 20th**– Kipling VS Austen
FINALE– Friday 22nd Lunchtime

Will be played on the back field, in PE kit!

Breach the other teams base and capture the flag, more details on rules will be given at the event– everyone has 2 lives!

Each team will have 20 players, 10 from each year.

If you feel up for the challenge, let your **tutor** know,
or email the event coordinator,
morgan.lawrence@mrc-academy.org

LOCAL EVENTS

NORTHCHAPEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

One of our rural feeder schools has been devastated by flash flooding which has impacted greatly on the schools daily life. The insurance sadly doesn't cover all the damage and the childrens outdoor play area is one of them.

The school needs to raise over £30k and are running a festive fundraiser in the form of a Santa Dash!

Full details below and to sign up, please click this link www.racesignup.co.uk/northchapel

The more Santa's the Merrier!!



NORTHCHAPEL
SANTA DASH
SUNDAY 1 DEC 24 - 10.30AM
5K & 2.5K

WWW.RACESIGNUP.CO.UK/NORTHCHAPEL

ALL PROCEEDS TO NORTHCHAPEL VILLAGE SCHOOL



teamwork | respect | enjoyment
discipline | sportsmanship

Join the club....

New and returning players
welcome at all ages

Minis, Juniors and Colts

Boys and Girls
Sundays 10am

Adult Men

Harvey's Sussex Counties League
Training Wednesdays 7.15pm



Go to midhurstrugby.co.uk



CALENDARS / DIARY DATES

MRC Performing Arts - Calendar of Events 2024 - 2025

DATE	EVENT	Students involved	VENUE	Time
Autumn 2024				
Friday 25 October	CFMDS – Deadline for entries	<i>Orchestra, jazz, choir plus soloists/individual entries</i>	Chichester	
Thurs 7 November	Rotary Concert	Orchestra, Choir Jazz Band	MRC Theatre (P5&6 theatre only)	P5, 6 & Eve
Wed 20 November	Bright Sparks	Compulsory for KS4 & 5 Music students	Royal Festival Hall- London	All day
Wed 27 November	Music for Youth Proms	Trip – All students that wish to attend.	Royal Albert Hall- London	evening
Wed 4 December	Winter Concert	Orchestra, Choir Jazz, Strings, Flutes Drama/Production Groups, Soloists (by invite), Bands, Ballet group with life piano	MRC Theatre	All day and eve
Thurs 7 December	Tree of Hope service	Musicians - Invite only (P6 rehearsals)	Easebourne Church	P6 & eve
Mon 16 December	Pantos	Year 10 GCSE drama	Theatre	All day and eve Whole theatre and studio
Tues 17 December	Carol Service	Orchestra, Choir, Jazz Band	Midhurst Church	day
Wed 18 December	Carol Service	Orchestra, Choir Musical Theatre/BTEC Jazz Band	Midhurst Church	day
Thurs 19 December	Pantos	Year 10 GCSE drama	Theatre	All day and eve All of theatre
Spring 2024				
Wednesday 26 February	Dance House 1	MRC Dance Teams Minibus	Worthing Theatre	P5/P6
1 or 2 March (TBC)	CFMDS Festival	Orchestra Jazz Band Flute ensemble	St Josephs School	weekend
8 March	CFMDS	Choirs	St Josephs School	
Tuesday 18 March	YR 11 Component 2 exam (1)	GCSE Drama YR11	MRC Theatre	All day & eve
Wednesday 19 March	YR 11 Component 2 exam (2)	GCSE Drama YR11	MRC Theatre	All day & eve
Thursday 20 March	Gilbert Hannam day	Orchestra	St. Mary Magdalene & St. Denys	P1-4
Wednesday 26 March	Spring Concert	Orchestra, Choir Jazz, Strings, flutes Drama/Production Groups, Soloists (by invite) Bands	MRC Theatre	All day & eve
Friday 28 March	Rother Valley Arts Festival	MRC Dance Teams	MRC Theatre	Evening only
Tuesday 1 April	ROH Create and Sing launch for Magic Flute	Invited students – Singers plus orchestral players (audition)	Royal Opera House	Day
Summer 2024				
April TBC	Y13 Music recital	Y13	MRC Theatre	After school
Thursday 3 April	Dance showcase event	Y11/10	MRC Theatre	P6 rehearsal/after school

Wednesday 30 April	Dance House 2	MRC Dance Teams Minibus	Worthing Festival Theatre	P5/P6
Tuesday 6 May	YR 10 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama YR10	MRC Theatre	All day & eve
Thursday 8 May	YR 10 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama YR10	MRC Theatre	All day & eve
Wednesday 21 May	Y12 Component 1	Year 12	MRC Theatre	All day
Tuesday 24 June	Magic Flute	Invited students	Royal Festival Hall	All day & Eve
June TBC	Drama Day		MRC Theatre	
Thursday 26 June	Addams Family – School production!	Cast and orchestra of Addams family	MRC Theatre	
Friday 27 June	Addams Family – School production	Cast and orchestra of Addams family	MRC Theatre	
Tuesday 15 July	Drama and Music House Cup	YR 7	MRC Theatre Music P1-4 Drama 5-6	All day

DIARY DATES – AUTUMN TERM

These dates are accurate at the time of publishing.

Date	Event
14 November	Flu Vaccinations
15 November	Year 12 A Level Drama Visit to Theatre - Waiting for Godot Evening
17 November	Years 11, 12, 13 GCSE LPO Brightsparks Trip
29 November	INSET Day
4 December	Winter Concert
5 December	Year 10 Parent/Carers Consultation Evening
12 December	Year 13 Parent/Carers Consultation Evening
17 December	Carol Service
18 December	Carol Service
18 December	Year 11 Parent/Carers Consultation Evening
20 December	Last Day of Term
8 January	College reopens for Spring Term

MRC HOUSE EVENT CALENDAR

TERM 2 - 2024/25

Week beginning	Event	Subject	Year Group
6 January	Creative Writing	English	All
13 January	Open Performance	Drama	All
27 January	Chess	History	All
3 February	Cross Country 2	PE	All
10 February	Mario Kart	PE	All
24 February	World Maths Day	Maths	All
3 March	Photography 2	Photography	All
10 March	World Science Week	Science	All
17 March	Badminton	PE	All
24 March	Holocaust	RP	All
31 March	Volleyball	PE	All

MRC HOUSE EVENT CALENDAR

TERM 3 - 2024/25

Week beginning	Event	Subject	Year Group
22 April	Open Performance	Music	All
19 May	Chess	History	All
19 May	Art	Art	All
2 June	Photography3	Photography	All
30 June	Sports Day	PE	All
7 July	We will rock you!	Music	7
14 July	Greek Theatre	Drama	7

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/arbor)

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.lexia.com/powerup)

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

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