

IDHURST ATTERS

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 14 October		
Tuesday 15 October		
Wednesday 16 October	7 11	Arundel Castle Trip - Group 1 Football Fixture Open Morning - 9.30 - 11.30
Thursday 17 October	7	Arundel Castle Trip - Group 2
Friday 18 October	All	Wear Red Day - Show Racism the Red Card

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We had a very positive Open Evening this week for our Sixth Form and had our highest number of external applicants to the school, with over 20 students from other local schools expressing an interest in joining our Sixth Form next year. Our Open Morning for Year 7 was also very well attended this week — we had the added bonus of students in Year 10 also touring the school that day as they plan to move students to us. It is always pleasing that families want their children to come to our school. The Year 7s who helped on our Open Morning were fantastic ambassadors for our school and I am very grateful to them.



We talk with students in every assembly about the importance of being in school every day. Each piece of knowledge they have is a jigsaw piece — they need to be a full jigsaw to be able to see the big picture. When they miss a day, they miss a piece of the jigsaw and a piece of their learning. We really need them to be in school every day, as much as possible, to make sure they are in the best position to be successful. Our results from 2024 show us that students who had regular and high attendance did really well; those with sporadic and low attendance did not. Any support you can give with this is much appreciated.

We had 'Hello Yellow' Day in school yesterday for students to show their support for mental health in young people. Dozens (well over 100 – impossible to count!) came in wearing yellow to show their support for this important charity and to raise awareness. Next week is 'Show Racism the Red Card' on Friday 18 October and we are asking students to wear something red on that day.

Best wishes.

Stuart Edwards Principal

KS3 & KS4 ASSESSMENT DIARY

Week beginning: 14 October 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.

For KS3 students 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 coming up for the following year groups

- Year 11: Mock Exams (Internals) for all subjects in the three weeks beginning 11 November 2024.
 Art, Textiles, Photography and MFL oral assessments in the week beginning 4 November 2024
- Year 10: in class assessments for all subjects in the fortnight beginning 4 November 2024
- Year 9: in class assessments for all subjects in the fortnight beginning 4 November 2024

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.

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.

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.

If your child needs to attend an appointment, please send us a copy of any supporting information such as a medical letter or appointment card. Our website (<u>Attendance Matters (mrc-academy.org)</u> contains further information, including links to our policies and a link to our <u>student absence request form</u>. You may also find this link useful from the NHS, <u>Is my child too ill for school</u>? We work closely with the legislation as laid out in the DfE's <u>Working together to improve school attendance</u> (applies from 19 August 2024) publication to ensure that we fulfil the government's mandate on attendance and support you and your child.

EXAMS

Supporting your Child through Revision and Exam Periods

October is an important month for Year 11 students. Now is the time to embed sustainable homework habits into daily routines and practise effective methods of revision. With a full set of internal GCSE exams to do next month, students' preparation needs to start now. Parents' support is vital even if teenagers don't always admit it. Thank you for encouraging your child to plan ahead and revise all their subjects in good time.

The week beginning 14 October will have a Revision Theme in Year 11; Elevate Education will run workshops for all Year 11 students on Thursday 17 October in College. Masterclasses and lessons will model and practise revision techniques. Students will make revision planning calendars for the 9 days of half term.

Parents are asked join the Eleveate Webinar on Tuesday 15 October at 6pm, link to register below (you can also download and listen back to the first two sessions about study skills and managing time, links are sent to all parents by email from Arbor).

Teachers will start setting tasks to guide students' work over half term week. These tasks are not optional. Half term work is expected from all our Year 11 students.

We will offer a Half Term Study Space in College for Wednesday 30 November, with snacks and support for students from 9.30 - 2.30pm in College. Practical exams and MFL speaking begin as soon as we return after half term before written papers begin on Monday 11 November. Exam timetables for students are being added to the Exams section of Arbor so you can see your child's schedule in November.

The next webinar will be on Tuesday 15 October 6 -7pm. See below for details.

Elevate Webinar How You Can Help Your Child Set Up for Success in Exams

Tuesday 15th October 6:00-7:00pm (BST)

Click here to register for free

Here's what Elevate will be covering on the night:

Create a road map to maximize success in their exams

Structure their final week before exams

Stay on track and avoid cramming or stressing the night before

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 - we have female staff in the hub to help if prefered.







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 that HOODIES are not part of the uniform and will be removed from students if they wear them to College or during break times.

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 issued 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!

PRELOVED PROM DRESS SALE - SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER

Year 11, 12, 13

The Bishop Luffa School in Chichester is holding a preloved prom dresses event, dresses will be available to buy and sell. This is a great event for sellers as we supply a captive audience thus increasing your chances of selling. Over 100 dresses were in stock at the last event in a variety of sizes, colours and designs.

Bishop Luffa School very much look forward to welcoming our families to buy and sell at their sale on Saturday 19 October 2024.

FOODBANK FRIDAY

On Friday 18 October, we will be holding our first Foodbank Friday of the year. We are always overwhelmed by your generosity in supporting our local Midhurst Foodbank. For this collection, the Foodbank have suggested items from the list below would be very useful for them to receive:

Tinned fruit, tinned custard or rice pudding, instant whips, tinned meat products, tinned fish, barbecue sauces, liquid hand wash, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, rice, instant flavoured noodles, long life milk.

A reminder that we are a referral point for the Foodbank and if you at any point require any Foodbank vouchers, then please do not hesitate in contacting us via foodbank@mrc-academy.org or through your child's pastoral leader.



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.

You should have received a voucher and if you haven't, please email Mrs Hathaway - madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org.

HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

From 1 October 2024 to 31 March 2025, the UK Government is providing funding through the Household Support Fund. West Sussex County Council will use this funding to support low-income households with the rising cost of living, including energy, food and essential bills.

The fund is intended to cover a wide range of low-income households in need including: families with children of all ages, pensioners, unpaid carers, care leavers, disabled people, larger families, single-person households and those struggling with one-off financial shocks or unforeseen events.

HOW SUPPORT IS PROVIDED

Food and Household Essentials Vouchers

Successful applicants will be awarded the below supermarket voucher values dependant on the size of their household.

Energy Support

If you are currently experiencing financial hardship with no alternative option available and are concerned that your energy supply may be at risk of disconnection, please complete an application for support.

More details and how to apply can be found here:

Community Hub - West Sussex County Council



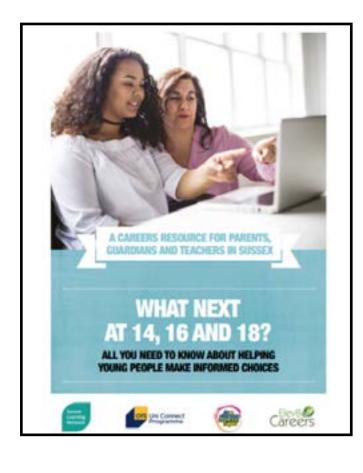


CAREERS

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'.





PE DEPARTMENT

Do You Dinghy Sail?

Dr Dean and Miss Howard are gybing into the pool of MRC sailing talent and want to know how many keen sailors there are within the college!

If you are into your dinghy sailing, please go and see Dr Dean or Miss Howard for a copy of the form to fill out (some exciting opportunities to get involved with inter-school sailing competitions could be pending*).

We look forward to finding out who knows their port from starboard.

Dr Dean & Miss Howard

*based on several factors

Netball - Year 7

Our Year 7's enjoyed their fast netball match of the season! Despite not winning on this ocasion, there was some great midcourt and defensive play from both teams and relentless determination from the shooters. Well done girls, still loads of room for improvement in the future fixtures to come!

Miss Howard

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Frank C in Year 9 who won the Junior Boys British Championship this weekend and was in a category with boys up to the age of nearly 17 and he excelled...he also got the silver medal the day before in qualifiers! Wow, well done Frank.







Also congratulations to Scarlet H in Year 11 who won The Young Volunteer of the Year Award from the Haslemere Sport Association. Scarlet won this for her volunteering at BUGS Netball Club where as well as playing she coaches the junior teams and umpiring across all age groups. Great job, Scarlet!





ART DEPT

GCSE and A Level Fine Art/Textiles/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.



AEN DEPARTMENT

Additional Support

A really useful collection of subjects for various FREE sessions supporting children with school anxiety.





EVENTS/TALKS

Join us for another interesting talk with Mr Hills on Wednesday 23 October at 7pm. Please click on this link to book your place: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=faTnVVu_D0asCx3EsIlaxfz_Fe0a3ihPnhE_euZGCrVUQjREVExLQ1E2WIFaOVA0VUxSQ0JCSIdYQSQIQCNjPTEu

Teens, anxiety and their phones!

Huge stress points for us all, as parents, carers and students! Does one cause the other, are they related, should my teen have a phone at all?

This 40-minute presentation brings together the latest research on these topics, where governments and schools are ultimately heading, this session will give you as parents/carers ideas to try or discuss.

This is expected to be busy so please book, it's free, using the link below, and secure your seat for this important information evening.

Wednesday 23rd October - 7pm, Midhurst Rother College



FIREWORKS NIGHT AT MRC FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2024

Amazing professional pyromusical display staged again by Aurora Fireworks.

Entry gates will open from 6.00pm with last entry at 6:45pm.

Food trucks include Spud Shack, Dirty Mac, Simply Hog Roast, The London Churro Company, Amazing Graze, Really Awesome Coffee, Bombshell Bakes, plus a licensed bar, sweets and goodies stall and glow sticks for sale.

Ticket prices:

Family (2 adults, 2 children) £16, Adult £6, Child aged 5 and over £3.50

Available online via Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mrc-fireworks-2024-tickets-1040454085177 or by searching on Eventbrite for Midhurst Rother College Events. Tickets are also available to purchase at The Upholsterer on North Street and MRC Reception. Any remaining tickets will be available on the night at the gate.



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!!



MIDHURST MILERS





MIDHURST RUBY CLUB



MRC Performing Arts - Calendar of Events 2024 - 2025

DATE	EVENT	Students involved	VENUE	Time
Autumn 2024				
Friday 25 October	CFMDS – Deadline for entries	Orchestra, jazz, choir plus soloists/individual entries	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.

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Date	Event	
8 October	Prospective Students Open Morning - 9.30am - 11.30am	
10 October	Sixth Form Taster Day/Open Evening	
16 October	Prospective Students Open Morning 9.30am - 11.30am	
16 October	Year 11 GCSE Success Fair (Face to Face)	
16 October	Year 7 History Trip to Arundel Castle - Group 2	
17 October	Year 7 History Trip to Arundel Castle - Group 1	
28 October - 1 November	Half Term Break	

MRC HOUSE EVENT CALENDAR TERM 1 - 2024/25

Veek beginning	Event	Subject	Year Group
23 September	Scavenger Hunt MFL Dictionary	MFL	7 All
30 September	Black History Month	History	ALL
7 October	Just Dance	PE	All
14 October	GeoOuester	Geography	ALL
2 October	Cross Country	PE	All
4 November	Photography 1	Photography	МI
11 November	STEM Day	Science	All
18 November	Art Scholars	Art	Art Scholans
25 November	Football & Netball	PE	All
2 December	Castle Model	History	7
9 December	Indoor Athletics	PE	7&8
16 December	Christmas Tree	Art	ΑII

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	AL
27 January	Chess	History	All
3 Polymery	Cross Country 2	PE	All
10 February	Mario Kart	PE	All
24 February	World Maths Day	Mathe	All
3 March	Photography 2	Photography	All
16 March	World Science Week	Science	AL
17 March	Badminton	PE	All
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31 March	Volleyball	PE	All

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MRC HOUSE EVENT CALENDAR TERM 3 - 2024/25

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

Arbor Link: Midhurst Rother College (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)

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

Term Dates: Midhurst Rother College > Information > College Term dates (mrc-academy.org)

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

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

Sparx Reader: Sparx Reader

Lexia POWERUP Literacy - Login and Student Program: Device Setup - PowerUp (lexiapowerup.com)

Past editions of Midhurst Matters Newsletter Midhurst Matters (mrc-academy.org)