



MIDHURST MATTERS

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 18 November	7,8 11, 13	Classroom based exams - all week Internal Mock GCSE exams - all week Internal Mock A-Level exams - all week
Tuesday 19 November		
Wednesday 20 November	11	GCSE Music LPO Brightsparks Trip
Thursday 21 November		
Friday 22 November		

Austen	Kipling	Tennyson	Woolf
54,747 (5,696)	61,498 (6,522)	61,606 (7,230)	66,334 (7,263)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you to our Sixth Form students for organising events today for Children In Need. We had a non-uniform day today to raise money for this excellent charity. I will update you next week on the amount we raised. Thank you for your generosity.

I wrote to all parents /carers on Monday this week regarding the consultation on proposed changes to the school day. I'd like to thank the parents / carers who have responded to this and shared their views. I have received comments and questions from around 5% of parents so far – further comments are welcomed. I will send an FAQs in response to questions on 25 November. I have not responded to individual messages, as I want to share information with everyone - individual responses don't permit this. I would like to assure you that all messages have been and will be read.

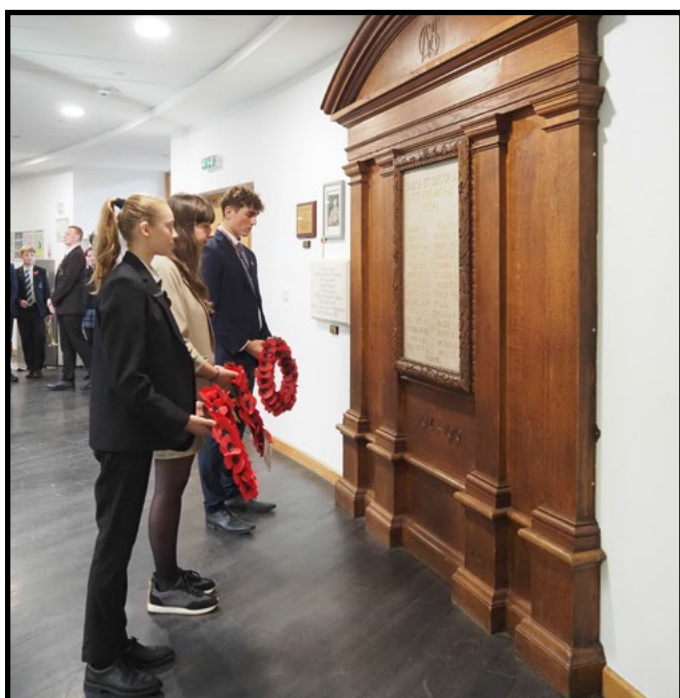
I'd like to say a big 'well done' to our Year 11 and 13 students for their work and effort in exams. They are working hard and I am sure this will pay off when they get their results. A reminder to parents / carers that KS3 assessments are ongoing.

On Monday this week, we held our annual Remembrance Whole College Assembly. Mr Harris led a short presentation and all the students stood to mark the two-minutes silence as a community, as well as hearing the Last Post. This was incredibly powerful with 1,200 people all in one space paying their respects. Mr Harris told the students that there are very few veterans from World War 2 still alive, which makes it even more important that we make every effort to mark this occasion. Our Sixth Form along with a student representative from each Year Group gathered around the Memorial in the lower hub to lay our wreaths¹.

The Last Post was played by students from the Music Dept to mark the beginning and end of the silence, which echoed round the college, which was extremely moving.

Best wishes

Stuart Edwards
Principal



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MOVEMBER

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

The team has been formed...the before photos have been taken... let the growing begin! Mr T has made a brilliant start - don't forget to donate!

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



FIREWORKS

What a fantastic night of fireworks and food! The annual event was a huge success. Thank you to all those who came to support our event!

Thank you to our sponsors, Afterburn Gym, Gartons Coffee House, Sky Park Farm, Lewis Brownlee, Macdonald Oates, Porter Estate Agents and a special thank you to the Midhurst & Petworth Rotary Club for stewarding the event alongside our staff volunteers. We look forward to seeing you next year!

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NEXT FOODBANK - FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER

A reminder that the Christmas Foodbank collection will take place next Friday on 22 November. The Foodbank have asked us if this time we can collect for items which they could add to their Christmas food hampers. These will be distributed to families in early December.

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.

I also take this opportunity to remind you that we are a referral point for the Foodbank. 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 Head of Year.

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.



KS3 & KS4 ASSESSMENT DIARY

Week beginning: 18 November 2024

Assessments are taking place for the following year groups

- Year 11 : Mock Exams (Internals) continue this week for all subjects
- Year 8 : In class assessments begin this week for all subjects
- Year 7 : In class assessments begin this week for (subjects with no baseline)

Detailed dates for assessments are found via the link below. This page is updated every week : <https://www.mrc-academy.org/curriculum/assessment-dates>

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.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Individual Attendance Competition

Following the success of our last prize draw we are doing it again! Students who have 96% attendance and above will automatically be entered into our prize draw at the end of the academic year!



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 \(mrc-academy.org - student absence request form - Is my child too ill for school?\)](#)



100% Attendance is the way...

DEPARTMENT NEWS

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Rotary Concert

Last Thursday saw the music department's first event of the academic year. The Midhurst and Petworth Rotary Club Concert is always a busy evening and a lovely community event which sees the Rother Valley Schools come together to make music.

The orchestra, jazz band, string ensemble and choir all performed this year and did themselves and the College proud.

We had fun playing music from Beauty and the Beast and Frozen, where the primary schools couldn't help but join in the singing! The jazz band added some contrast with Moondance and the strings performed a beautiful arrangement of Fields of Gold. Our fantastic singing teacher, Charlotte, led the choir with a vibrant performance of What About Us, by Pink.

We all had a fantastic evening and look forward to seeing some of the primary musicians come up to MRC soon!



Date for your Diary - Winter Concert – 4 December, 7pm in the Theatre

We are now turning our rehearsals to the upcoming Winter Concert. We are so excited to welcome you, we have been working hard with a variety ensembles. You will be treated to music from the orchestra, jazz band, choir and instrumental groups, as well as getting a sneak peak to some work from the Addams family production, we are also lucky to be able to show some of our dance groups! We hope you can make it.

Tickets are £5 on the door and £1 for children.



Chichester Festival of Music, Dance and Speech

Last chance - If you would like to enter your child into the Chichester Festival of Music, Dance and Speech, the deadline is 30th November.

We will be entering: Orchestra, Jazz band, Choir, Advanced choir, String ensemble, Flute ensemble and Clarinet trio. If you would like to enter a solo or duet, [please follow the link here](#) (and let us know, as we would love to come and watch!) Chichester Festival for Music, Dance & Speech

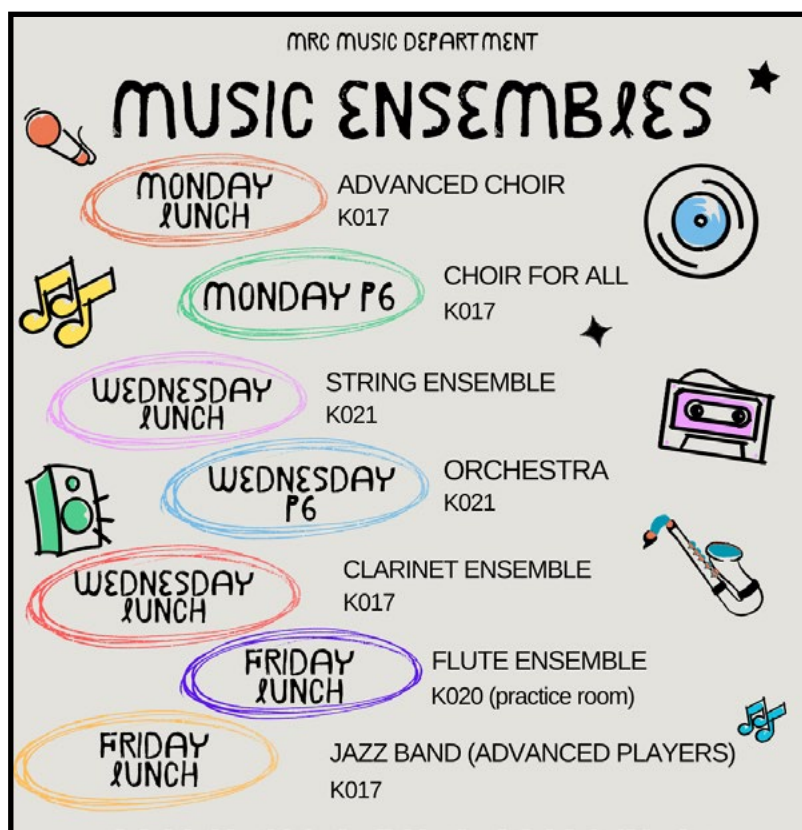
We Need You!

It's the time of year where we might start thinking about New Year's resolutions....

Would your child like to learn a musical instrument? We have some wonderful peripatetic music teachers here and would love to see our orchestra and ensembles grow even more. We are particularly short of brass instruments and string players.

If you are interested in lessons, please either contact sally.tidbury@mrc-academy.org, or the teacher directly. A letter is attached alongside Midhurst Matters with more information and contact details.

Mrs Tidbury, Mr Spinner, and Miss Buckenham



LRC - LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

Scholastic Winter Book Fair

The Winter Book Fair will be held in the Library from Monday 2 December to Thursday 5 December, where there will be lots of discounted titles on sale for students and staff to purchase just in time for Christmas! Payment can be made via cash or Scholastic book token, which can be bought online by parents/carers at Book Fair Gift Vouchers - Scholastic Book Fairs.



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!



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.

PE DEPARTMENT

A fantastic week in MRC Sports Fixtures last week with more Year 7 netballers scoring goals against Chichester. A really good display of teamwork and resilience by these girls with Player of the Match going to Emma for some brilliant defending.

The Year 11 Football Team played last Wednesday against The Petersfield School. The boys put up a great fight in a highly competitive game which resulted in a 3-3 draw. Some great patterns of play from our midfielders allowed us to open up the TPS defence multiple times, with their keeper making some great saves. Dom, from Year 10, was instrumental in this, being a great creative spark alongside Archie. Big shout out to Year 10's Marley R, Charlie H and Dom B for stepping up an age group and all having great games. Our goal scorers from the day were Marley R, Will A, and Jake H!

T Marshall



We had a Year 8 rugby fixture last Thursday which consisted of a 21-7 point win for the boys plus a well fought battle on the netball court for the Year 11 girls. POTM went to Sian for an athletic performance as Centre. The current league table shows that MRC have topped their pool, so await the winners of the other group for a final...watch this space!

This week Year 7 and 8 rugby teams played county semi finalists Bohunt and did themselves very proud.

A 7 tries to 2 defeat doesn't tell the whole picture, the second half having only 1 try between the teams, a really great effort from our promising team.

Notable performances from Lucas, Seb H, Harry S and many others.

S Hills



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Football

The first goal was scored by Churchers early in the game through a header after a muddle in the box. MRC were able to hang in the game with a 20-yard screamer from Goga from a freekick shortly after. MRC were not able to get into the lead but unfortunately went down to 4-1 with the opposition's striker managing to get around the keeper and a couple more muddled deflections in the box. Goga again was able to score after a link up with the right winger. Jacques then managed to get a goal to make it 4-3 after the keeper spilled a powerful shot. Churchers were able to boost their lead with another goal to make it 5-3. Stanley Graham came on as a second half substitute and impacted the game with a long shot from outside the box, going over the keeper. Stan's quote on the goals - "got the ball, looked for pass, no pass, got into space, 100% I was going to shoot" Tom S came onto freshen up defense but was quickly dribbled passed and Churchers were able to score their sixth and then followed it up with a lucky seventh to conclude the game, finishing score at 7-4.

Man of the match is given to Lucas from MRC at Left-Back, who was able to consistently stop any threats down the left-hand side and turn defense into attack.

Luca C Sixth Form

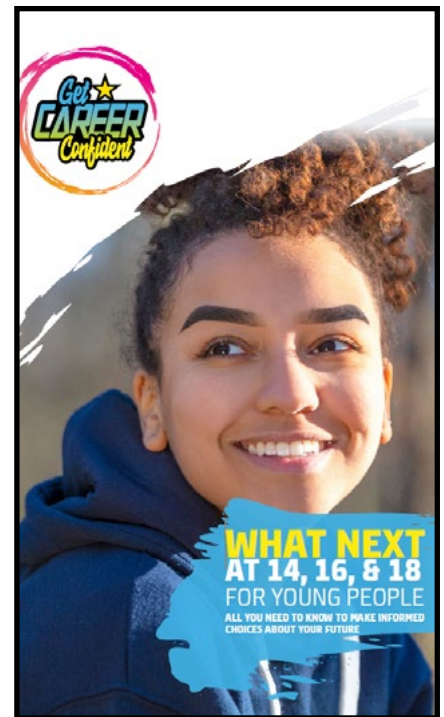
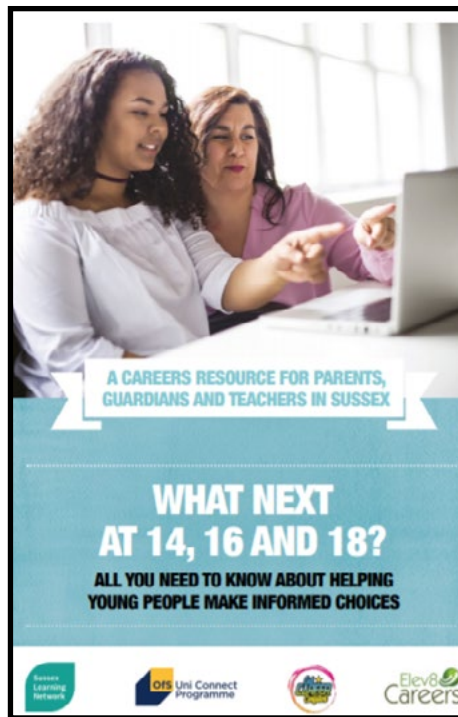


CAREERS INFORMATION

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.

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

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!

HOUSE EVENTS



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



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

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



Classic Revival Photography

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/about-us/vacancies)

Arbor Link: [Midhurst Rother College \(arbor.sc\)](https://www.mrc-academy.org/about-us/vacancies)

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/communication/letters)

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

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

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

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

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