



MIDHURST MATTERS

| Date | Year Group | Events/Details |
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| Monday 25 March | | |
| Tuesday 26 March | 5 7 | Rother Valley Year 5 All Sing Football Match |
| Wednesday 27 March | 8 11 11, 12, 13 | Parents/Carers Evening (4.30pm - 8.30pm) Choreography Showcase Trip to Courtney Pine at Ronnie Scott's |
| Thursday 28 March | | Last Day of Term |
| Friday 29 March | | Good Friday |
| Monday 15 April | 12 | Internal Exams all week |
| Tuesday 16 April | 5 | Rother Valley Musical Theatre Day |
| Wednesday 17 April | | |
| Thursday 18 April | 7, 8 | Indoor Athletics County Finals |
| Friday 19 April | | INSET DAY |

| Austen | Kipling | Tennyson | Woolf |
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| 95,496 (9,888) | 108,651 (9,423) | 107,948 (6,525) | 91,028 (6,428) |

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

This is the final Midhurst Matters for this term. Please can I ask parents / carers to note the dates for both next week and the first week back after Easter. There is an INSET day on Friday 19 April and students are not expected to attend school, apart from Year 11. We would like all Year 11 to attend school as normal on this day. We will use this time to help prepare them for their GCSEs.

Last Thursday evening we held our annual Gilbert Hannam Awards Evening. This is always a real highlight for me, as we celebrate the achievement and efforts of our current Year 11 and 13 students. The quality of the essays in the writing competition this year was very strong and it was good to see our younger students winning prizes for their work. I always enjoy seeing the Sixth Form students being awarded travel bursaries from the GHEF (Gilbert Hannam Education Foundation). This year, trustees awarded bursaries for three trips abroad for several students – this is something for them to look forward to after the exams!

Last Friday was Comic Relief. Our Sixth Form students organised the day and there were several events that took place. We raised over £2,400 – the highest we have ever raised for this charity. This is due to the diligence of our Key Stage 5 students. Well done to them!

Thank you and well done to the Performing Arts Team for a fantastic Spring Concert on Wednesday night. Have a lovely Easter break.

Best wishes.

Stuart Edwards



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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Spring Concert

WOW WOW WOW! What an incredible concert!

The annual Spring Concert showcased an array of talent to a full audience on Wednesday evening. It is wonderful to see so many students involved and performing to such a high standard.

We heard from the award winning Orchestra, who played a grand opening under the baton of Mr Burton, followed later by a calming hymn for band and ended with 'I'm Still Standing' directed by Mrs Tidbury.

The Festival Choir, who won gold recently, performed their song from Wicked the musical, we also heard from both the Senior Choir and Monday Choir. It is heart warming to see so many young people enjoy singing, we are very grateful for the wonderful Charlotte Mason who leads the choirs and teaches singing here, her passion and enthusiasm for singing is infectious!



We were lucky to hear a snippet of the upcoming production of School of Rock, directed by Mrs Mills; if 'Stick It To The Man' is anything to go by, it is going to be a fantastic show, we look forward to welcoming you all to watch the performances in May.

The Jazz Band tackled their hardest piece yet, a piece by Charlie Parker and as usual they rose to the challenge with an incredible solo from Dan S, we also heard the lovely Esme B lead the flute ensemble to perform a pretty arrangement of 'Sound Of Silence'.

A spectacle for the eye was the emotive dance performance, led by Miss Soby, followed by the talented

Musical Theatre groups, well done to Amber P for that amazing Hamilton rap!



Huge thank you to our piano teacher – Mrs Vant, who has started a piano club; we really enjoyed their version of Indiana Jones!

At the start of the year, Mr Spinner began our very first string ensemble, and this was their second concert. We were so impressed with the standard and the beauty of the Haydn suite – well done! In addition to the ensemble, we are delighted to introduce MRC's first string quartet. This is entirely led by students, they chose a challenging piece by Piazzolla, we were all in awe at the professionalism, style and finesse this group of students demonstrated.

We certainly enjoyed a programme full of variety, in contrast to the soothing string sound, we enjoyed some rock music by Trash Panda and the funky sounds of Rubber Band.



There was barely a seat left in the theatre, which would be daunting to some, but Henry L, Ruby J and Iris LF performed a solo with complete ease, and demonstrated incredible technical difficulty and expressive style.

As this is our last official concert of the year, we said a big thank you and goodbye to some of our incredible Year 13 students, who have been committed and dedicated members of the Performing Arts Department since they began in Year 7.

We wish these young people all the best for their futures and encourage them to continue singing and playing for many many years.

We are very much looking forward to taking some of these wonderful groups and students to share their talent on our Belgium tour in July.

A BIG thank you to all our performers and all the members of staff involved, it truly was one of our best concerts yet!



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ASSESSMENTS COMING UP!

United Learning assessments for Science in the week beginning 29 April 2024 - Year 9

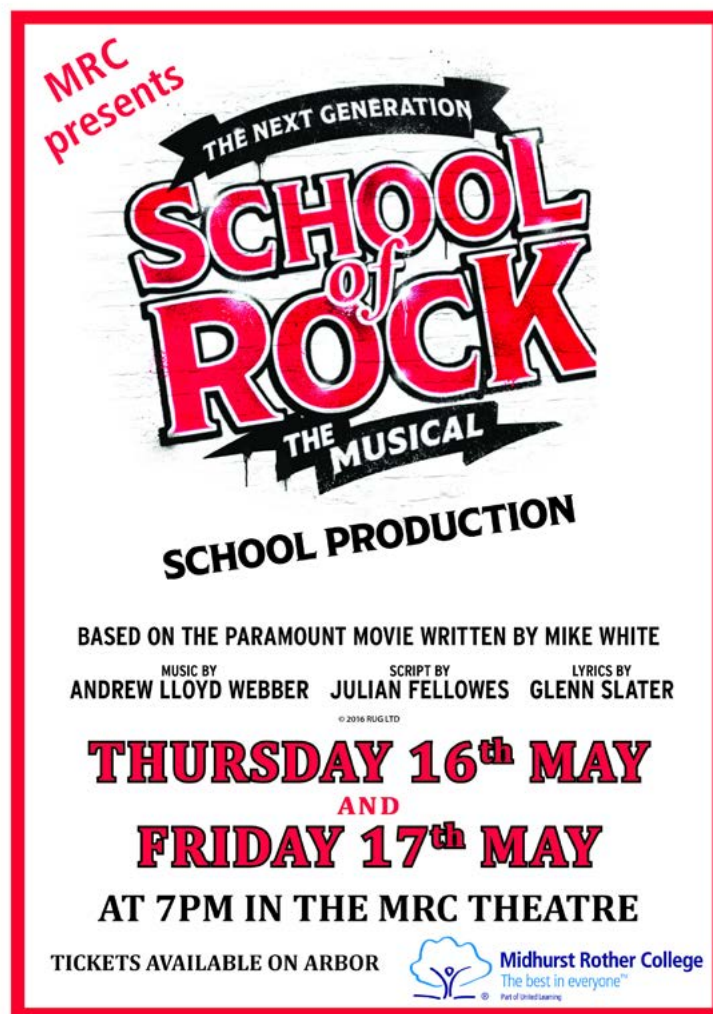
Over the next week or two, class teachers will be sharing details of the assessment with your child, including the length of assessment, type of questions, topics that will be in the assessment and some revision activities that will be useful to help your child prepare. This will be available on Arbor as an assignment.

This science assessment is particularly important as the results of it will be used to inform decisions around students following the Triple Science course in year 10 and year 11. Students in roughly the top quarter of the year group are offered this course.

PERFORMING ARTS

MRC presents School of Rock the musical on the 16 and 17 May! The Performing Arts team are very excited to invite you to come and rock out to our 2024 school production!

Tickets can be purchased through Arbor>Quick Actions>School Shop, buy your tickets in advance to avoid disappointment! Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7pm start, we can't wait to see you there!



ROTHER VALLEY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

It's been a busy couple of weeks for events and visits with our feeder primary schools. Year 3's have been in for their All Sing session, a wonderful morning of songs and rhythm lead by Katie Stevens, music coordinator at Easebourne Primary School. We hosted this terms meeting of the Rother Valley School Council with Year 6 council members from 10 of our feeder schools, eating lunch with us before meeting in the library. Thursday 14 March saw International Pi Day, more about that below. This Friday we host the Rother Valley Arts Festival, the wonderful annual extravaganza display of talent from across the Rother Valley Schools.

Celebrating Pi Day with Year 6s from our local schools

On Pi Day (March 14), 24 students from our local primary schools came in for a morning of maths magic and investigating what Pi is and where it came from as well as trying to learn 100 digits of Pi through a song! The students got stuck into all of the tasks – code breaking, participating in the magic, suggesting mind reading tricks of their own (thank you, Lily from Fernhurst) and measuring a whole range of round things, using string and rulers to see who could get closest to Pi. The competition was won by the students from Camelsdale who got really close with a measurement of 3.14. I was ably assisted by Bea, Lucy and Cassie in Year 8 – this is their review of the morning.

Mrs Bell

We really enjoyed our time with the 24 Year 6s who came on Thursday. The tasks were all interactive and we were even challenged too! We loved the ciphers at the beginning and Mrs Bells magic, our favourite part being when she successfully predicted our 5-digit numbers! Since it was Pi Day (3.14 in America) we helped the Year 6s with finding the circumference of different sized round objects and then finding out Pi. Overall, we learned lots ourselves and are glad we were able to help!

Bea and Lucy- Year 8



100 MILES FOR 100 LIVES

Gabriella (Year 8) and her mum are raising money in aid of St Mungo Community Housing Association and every donation will help. Their goal is to walk 100 miles throughout April to achieve this.

For over 50 years, St Mungo's has been at the forefront of efforts to tackle homelessness. Each night their 17 outreach teams go out to help people sleeping rough to move away from the streets, and they provide a bed and support to over 3,150 people. They work to prevent homelessness and support people at every step of their recovery from homelessness.

Good luck Gabriella and should you wish to donate, please follow this link: <https://gofund.me/a0581dbd>

St Mungo's
Ending homelessness
Rebuilding lives

YEAR 10 - FOOTBALL



Archie J captained the Year 10 boys as they played out a gripping score draw with Chichester Free School. MRC went ahead after an own goal off the back of a long Jake H throw in. Jonny S was fantastic at driving the ball through the middle of the park, and Denys piled on the pressure with his monster goal kicks. Chi got one back with a good strike from the end of the box, but Archie J put us back in front with an even better strike from a free kick. Chi equalised with around 20 minutes to go and managed to hold out for a draw with Will A and Jack D pressure coming to no avail.

Great effort from the boys in our best performance of the year! Archie J was our player of the game.

Mr Marshall

YEAR 7 - PETWORTH FOOTBALL CLUB UNDER 12 TEAM

On Sunday 17 March, several of our Year 7 students played and won their final league match of the season, which confirmed their league win.

The coaches wanted to express how proud they are of the team, who conducted themselves in an exemplary manner with both their attitude and behaviour. They have been great ambassadors for themselves, the club and their schools.

Well done to Alfie C, Dilan N, Josh C, Ruso M, Ted C, Tom H, Seb D, Ben H and Osian L.

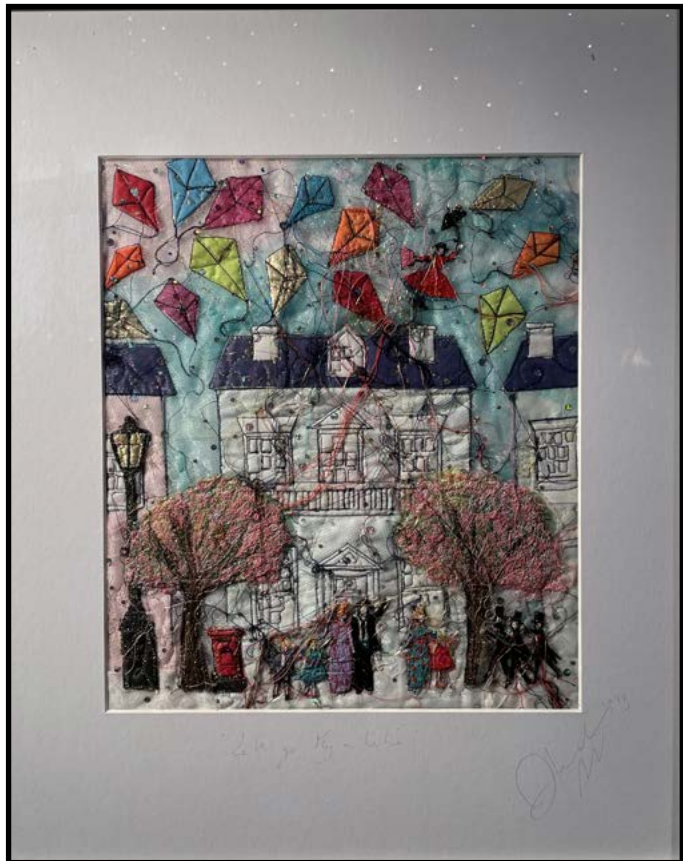
The team manager and coach would also like to acknowledge the help and support Year 8 pupil Fredrick D-C has given them over the season. He has been supporting the coaches and team at training and on the side line at matches. He has been a great asset to the team.



RAMSTER EMBROIDERY EXHIBITION TRIP - YEAR 10 & 12

We had a wonderful trip to Ramster House to see their Embroidery Exhibition of 250 exhibits. Year 10 and 12 Textiles students were there to gain inspiration and ideas for their own pieces in their Art and Design Textiles courses. The exhibition was full of amazing creativity, artistry and technical skill, which inspired the students as to what they can achieve themselves. It was really lovely for the students to see that they are already learning and developing those skills.

Ms Bedford



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UKMT MATHS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all the students who have taken part in the UKMT Maths Challenges so far this year. In the Senior Challenge, 7 students were able to achieve a Gold Certificate. Congratulations to Oliwier S, Joshua W, Jaime L, Harry W, Carrie A, Clovie B and Oliver L! Oliwier S, Jaime L, Carrie A and Clovie B will be competing in the Pink Kangaroo, and Oliver L and Tyler H will be competing in the Grey Kangaroo on 21 March. Good luck to all six of them!

On the back of her result in the Senior Maths Challenge with a score of 94/135 (Best in School), Clovie B has been invited to attend the UKMT Summer School, reserved only for students who achieve an outstanding score in the UKMT challenge. **An emphatic congratulations to Clovie for achieving what only a few students in the country are able to! Mr J Boyt**



COMIC RELIEF 2024

MRC's Red Nose Day fundraising began with students participating in Guess the Teacher in which they had to match teachers with their respective baby photos, this was received incredibly well. Some lucky contestants who got all the teachers right will have been entered into a raffle to win some chocolate - the winners will be accounced in due course.

Our events continued with crashmat sliding for Year 9, 10 and 11 on Thursday, although this was not as successful in raising funds it was a lot of fun for all the students that were involved.

We ended the week with a home clothes day and dodgeball against teachers for Year 7 and 8, this was one of the most successful events with lots of student involvement and lots of fun!

As a result, these events plus previous events we raised a fantastic £2,400 for Comic Relief.

Finally, I would like to say a thank you from the MRC Charity Team to all the students that took part in any of the events raising money for a great cause, and a massive thank you to all the Staff and Sixth Form who helped and participated with all the events. **Saul Combes - Sixth Form**



DAILY HOMEWORK SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

Please be reminded that all students are able to access support with homework every lunchtime in Room T107, supported by subject teachers. Please encourage your child to attend these sessions at lunchtime to help them with their homework/Sparx/Seneca, should they need it.

YEAR 11 EASTER WORKSHOPS 2 - 12 APRIL 2024

MRC teachers are kindly offering bespoke revision sessions in a range of subjects during the spring break. Students will enjoy learning in a relaxed, quiet school environment with expert help, a nice addition to revising independently at home for your GCSEs.

Year 11 students and parents please look out for invitations and reply on Arbor "clubs".

YEAR 11 HOODIES

As a souvenir of their Year 11 learning journey at MRC so far, why not purchase a Year 11 hoodie for your child?

A high-quality hoodie is available for all Year 11 students in a choice of sizes and colours, with a nickname of their choice on the back.

It's a rush order!

Please pay £19.50 via Arbor and send back the paper order form (copy below) before term ends! That way, we can supply them after the holidays for students to wear until exams begin.

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Hoodies £19.50

The front will be printed with school logo as shown. The back is printed with all pupils names within the '24 and an individual nickname above.

STUDENT'S NAME **TUTOR**.....

HOODIE AWD JH001 COLOUR Please mark size and colour choice:

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(Garments available for sizing, please ensure you order the correct size as no responsibility can be taken for misfitting garments).

NICKNAME IF REQUIRED

Please write name clearly in block capitals.

PAYMENT ATTACHED **AMOUNT**.....

SIGNATURE

School contact details

MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE COMMUNITY DAY

This year's event on Saturday 27 April from 10am-2pm, promises to be the biggest and best yet. We look forward to warmly welcoming the local community and clubs, groups, businesses and agencies who will be displaying their wares to drum up interest in whatever they have to offer. A wide range of craftsmen will be showing off their crafts and giving the public the chance to have a go. There will be lots of food and drink to taste and buy from local suppliers and food trucks. Sports clubs will be providing fun activities for all ages, plus new this year, small fairground rides for the younger children and the return of the small animal zone from Chichester College, Brinsbury Campus. Sky Farm Farm have confirmed their attendance and will be giving everyone the chance to win a family day pass to their amazing deer park near Harting and Afterburn Gym will give one lucky visitor one months' free membership and a free PT session.

Why not come along and see who else has joined the crowd for a day of fun this year. The event is free to all to join and attend. There may be a small charge for some activities. If you belong to a club or group, own a business, or run an agency and would like to join us for this event, please email madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org for further details.



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Community Day

Saturday 27 April 2024



Local Artists, Creators and Makers, Community Groups
Sports and Activities, Delicious nibbles to taste

Family Fun for Everyone

Childrens Rides and Face Painting

Meet the Minibeast

Great prizes

from Sky Park Farm and
Afterburn Gym

**FREE
ENTRY**

*small charge for
some activities*

Fabulous
Food and Drink Trucks



**10am
to 2pm**

Come along • Bring your friends • Have some fun

For more information email: madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org

or contact the College Office on: **01730 812451**

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DIARY DATES – SPRING TERM

These dates are accurate at the time of publishing.

| Date | Event |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 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 |
|-------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 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.



MRC INSTAGRAM ACCOUNTS

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@mrcperformingarts
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Performing Arts Calendar of events - Spring and Summer 2024



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| 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)

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)

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

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

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

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

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

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)



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ALL AGES WELCOME
- YR7 TO YR13

Join a free training session:
Tuesdays from 6:30pm or
Sunday Mornings (timings vary) at
Pulborough RFC, RH20 4HP

To register interest please contact
JANE on 07773 362770 or
Jane@PenrosePartnership.com

**OR JOIN OUR
END OF SEASON
FUN SESSION
SUNDAY 5TH MAY**





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Salary : £300 per week

Are you currently in your penultimate or final year of undergraduate study? Are you interested in a teaching career? Why not spend two weeks at Midhurst Rother College experiencing what it is like to inspire and change the lives of students.

We are an 11-18 rural Academy situated in the beautiful and historic town of Midhurst. Our vision for Midhurst Rother College was created by all staff and students in December 2016. As a community, we agreed that we would promote respect, achievement and happiness to underpin the culture of our College. Our drive is to provide an excellent standard of education for the whole community which supports and develops each and every individual to be the very best they can be.

The two weeks will be between **Monday 24 June – Friday 5 July**.

During your two week placement, you will;

- Experience different roles within a school and education.
- Have a designated mentor to help you and develop your understanding of the education setting.
- Experience the classroom setting, by observing teachers within different subject areas, as well as your own subject specialism. You may even get an opportunity to co-teach with your mentor!

We would love to hear from you, no matter what your degree. We can offer an internship in a number of subjects, and it may be that your degree would be suitable for teaching a subject you that may not have considered! Most importantly, you will have a genuine interest in a teaching career, but we will look for the following in applicants;

- On track to achieve at least a 2.2 in an Honours Degree.
- Personable, approachable and a good sense of humour.
- Kind, patient and able to work as a team.
- A willingness to learn.

We expect several applicants, so please apply early.

If you have any questions, please contact Jordan Roberts (Jordan.roberts@mrc-academy.org).

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