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Date	Year Group	<b>Events/Details</b>
Monday 3 March	8	Classroom exams - other subjects
	10	Maths Paper 2 and English Language exams in Theatre
	11	Classroom based exams - all subjects
	13	Internal exams continue
Tuesday 4 March	9,10,11	Careers Fair
Wednesday 5 March		
Thursday 6 March		
Friday 7 March		

Austen	Kipling	Tennyson	Woolf
136,422	158,278	153,933	163,706
(14,270)	(17,413)	(17,475)	(18,346)

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Over the half-term break, some of our Year 11 and 12 students had an amazing experience of a residential visit to Uganda. The students stayed at a school outside Kampala, the capital city. The school is for boys only and is one of the top schools in the country. Whilst in Uganda, our students ran sports activities for three primary schools, including one working with severely disadvantaged students in one of the low-lying slums. It was very difficult to see the daily living conditions there, but our students were fantastic ambassadors for our College and worked with these children. They also visited Lake Victoria and the source of the River Nile, as well as experiencing a Ugandan school. Mr Burton will see our current Year 10 in assembly next week to promote the visit for next year.

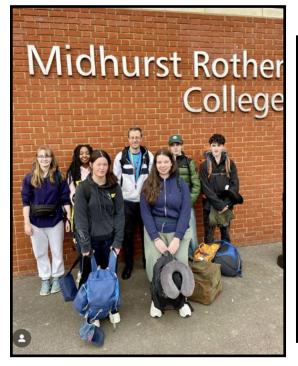
The students have made a very good start to the half-term and it was good to see Year 7 parents in-person at parents' evening. Our dance students participated in an event at Worthing Theatre this week, which was also a great experience for them. We continue to be oversubscribed for Year 7 next year and have a long waiting list of families who want to be part of our College.

A small reminder to all parents re: uniform. We always seek to maintain high standards here and I would like to remind parents / carers that only black socks are permitted. Thank you.

Best wishes,

Stuart Edwards Principal

# **UGANDA 2025**



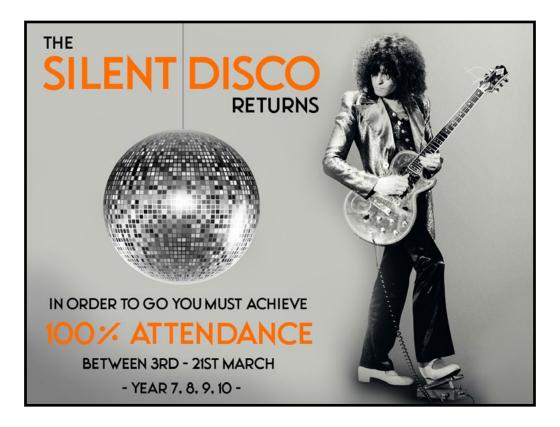






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#### ATTENDANCE MATTERS



#### **ARBOR UPDATE**

# **New Arbor Student App**

For the past couple of months our Sixth Form students have been testing the Arbor Student App which has been successful. This week during year group assemblies students in Years 7-11 were introduced the new App. This is available for students to download from the iOS or Android app store where students should search for the Arbor Student App.



The students log in is the same as the web version they currently use. In the app students can view their calendar, homework, attendance, behaviour and messages from the school about important reminders.

This is a great new tool for students to use to keep a track of their timetable and homework. A reminder that the school policy of not seen not heard, still applies for mobile phones.

#### COLLEGE NOTICES

#### **FOODBANK**





It is time for our annual collection of Easter eggs for the Easter Foodbank collection for their holiday lunchboxes. These lunchboxes go out to free school meals children and other vulnerable families. Last year we gathered 243 Easter Eggs at this collection.

Should you wish to give an egg or two, please send them into school before **Friday 21 March**. Easter eggs can be left at Main Reception anytime between now and then.

#### Thank You From Chichester District Foodbank

Chichester District Foodbank have extend their deepest gratitude to MRC and its wider community for our generous support over the last year. Throughout 2024 we donated provisions weighing an amazing 317 kg, which equates to around 792.5 meals.

# **How Your Contribution Helps**

Your support means they can continue providing vital help to families and individuals in crisis across the Chichester District. This includes not just food but also practical and compassionate support when it's needed most. As a charity that relies heavily on volunteers, our contribution is hugely appreciated. Thank you for being a part of this important work.

Over the last year, they have supported 4,657 people, 39 % of these were children, that's a 2.8% increase compared to the same period in 2023. These figures highlight just how crucial their services are in meeting the needs of those most vulnerable in our community.

Thank you also from all at MRC, to those who so generously support our collections.







#### MRC COMMUNITY DAY 2025 - SAVE THE DATE

# Attention all local businesses, agencies and groups!

The Midhurst Rother College Community Day 2025 will be held on Saturday 26 April from 10am-2pm.

It's a great event where we open up the College to demonstrate what our community has on offer and for you to advertise your wares and also grab a few sales too. Stalls are free of charge to all.

If you would like a space at the event please use this link to express interest: MRC Community Day -Expression of Interest

# **Midhurst Rother College Community Day**

Saturday 26 April 2025 10am-2pm

Calling all local businesses, agencies and groups to join us at this event to

- share your skills
- demonstrate your crafts
- promote your goods
- recruit new members
- engage with the local community

# It's all about what's on offer on our doorstep!

ALL STAND & EXHIBITION SPACE FREE OF CHARGE

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



#### **PRIMARY OUTREACH EVENTS**

Already this term we have hosted 4 Primary Outreach Events, with nearly 300 students from the Rother Valley Primaries joining us for Year 3 and Year 5 All Sings, Year 4 Problem Solving Maths and Year 5 Musical Theatre. It is always wonderful to welcome the youngsters, from our feeder schools, to these events for a taste of life at MRC. Katie Stevens, Music lead from Easebourne Primary, led the All Sing events and was supported by some members of our choir, Sarah Bull, Maths lead at Camelsdale Primary delivered the Year 4 Problem Solving Maths and Abi Buckenham, drama teacher at MRC, led the Year 5 Musical Theatre Day and was ably assisted by some of our wonderful Year 9 students.





#### SIXTH FORM NEWS











#### **DEPARTMENT NEWS**

# The University of Oxford Visit

Some of our Year 10 and Year 11 students were invited to visit The University of Oxford to understand how to apply, what it takes to get a place and to be inspired by the dreaming spires.

Our visit included handling and identifying ancient objects in the Ashmolean Museum, as well as a tour of St John's College.



#### **PE DEPARTMENT**

# Year 11 vs 12 MRC Derby

The last MRC Derby before half term involved a stretched Year 11 team against the Year 12's.

An entertaining game finished 4-3 to the Year 12's after an attempted come back from the Year 11's. A defensive Year 11 team started quite slow with Matt, Kyryl, Lachlan and Nic taking advantage and all picking themselves up a goal.

The Year 11's switched tactics and performed much better towards the end of the game with Natty and Will (x2) picking up goals to make it a very close finish. Well done to all involved, especially Nic and Archie who had some fantastic battles in midfield!

Mr Marshall



#### Year 10 Football Match vs OSVA

The Year 10 boys football team took a 6-1 win over OSVA. Great performances from Gene, Morgan, Valentino, Dom and many others but MOM goes to Joshua W - some brilliant set pieces taken and a solid defensive performance.

Their next game is on Wednesday against Chichester Free School.

WELL DONE BOYS!

Mr Hills

# **Year 7 & 8 Sussex Schools Cross Country**

On Tuesday 25 February we took a group of students to compete at Christs Hospital School. The conditions were not ideal, but everyone was prepared for the muddy course. As always there were many students competing in each race (200+). All our students ran really well, Emily S sealed her place in the next round with a fantastic and well-deserved 16th place. We wish her good luck, and we hope that all of the students and staff competing in the Chichester Corporate Challenge next week, run well.







# **Chichester Corporate Challenge**

Just a reminder to get signed up if you are running next week. No need to do all three of them.

If you know anyone that's interested, just let me know (aaron.hancock@mrc-academy.org. We have a few signed up but always great to have more.

# **Brighton Marathon Fundraising**

On Sunday 6 April Mr Hancock will be running the Brighton Marathon for Cancer Research UK. He has been racking up the miles since January and is hoping for a strong run. Any donations towards this fantastic cause would be greatly appreciated and brilliant motivation during his training.

https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/aarons-giving-page-3161

#### **DANCE DEPARTMENT**

#### **Dance House Event**

On Wednesday the 25 February the MRC Juniors and Elite Dance Teams performed their dances at the Big Dance House Event at the Pavillion Theatre in Worthing. Our students were amazing and represented our College in the best way and made everyone proud who attended the event! We are already exited to perform at Dance House again in April and students making these fantastic memories!

# The MRC Dance Department





# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

# **Cheerleeding Stars**

Coco P, Laila D & Poppy D in Year 7 competed at Jamfest, Rise of the Regions competition in Telford during half term. They smashed their routine and came 1st place with their team, Vortex!

The girls and their team were at the competition all weekend competing on both days. They had an amazing time.

With 3 more competitions to go with Vortex this season lets fight to keep that number 1 position.



# **COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT**

#### Year 11 - Warner Bros Visit

On Monday our Year 11 Creative iMedia students spent time at the Warner Bros Studios to see how films are produced to tie in with the r093 module.

Our very own George B had the privilege of opening the doors into the Great Hall featured in the Harry Potter films! Some Year 10 students were chosen to attend the visit as part of their rewards. This included Hudson C and Daisy B. The trip provided a fascinating insight into the behind-the-scenes process of filmmaking, inspiring students with real-world industry knowledge.

## Mr Odedra





#### **ENGLISH DEPARTMENT**

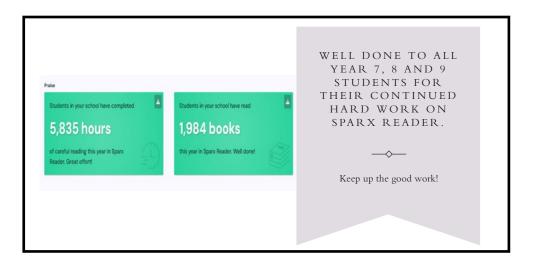
# **Rotary Club Creative Writing Competition Winner Announced!**

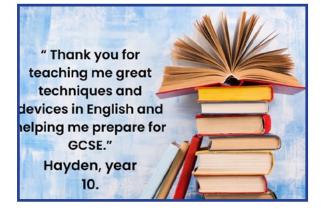
The Rotary Club for Midhurst and Petworth runs a Young Writer competition each year and every year we have numerous students who take part, writing creatively about a topic or a theme. This year's stimulus for the creative writing was the title 'Wonderful Water'.

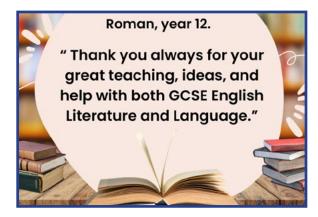
There were many incredible entries from Yusaf S, Alana D, Bethany R, Ewan Y, Holly B, Olenna M, Scarlett G, Zoe L, Florence T, Kitty K, Leila D, Poppy D and Nancy M.

The winner was named as Olenna M from Year 7! This is great news and many congratulations to Olenna, this now means that her creative writing entry could be put forward into the District Final.

Olenna is also the winner of our House Creative Writing Comeptition! Well done Olenna!







# **MATHS DEPARTMENT**

# **UKMT Maths Challenge**

Congratulations to the 7 students who were able to achieve a Gold Certificate in the Intermediate UKMT Math Challenge. Of the 7, 5 did well enough to advance to the next round of the competition, so an extra well done to Molly B and Tom S in Year 9 for advancing to the Grey Kangaroo, and to Oliver L, William H, and Milo S in Year 10 for advancing to the Pink Kangaroo. These competitions will take place on 20 March.

Mr Boyt

#### **MFL DEPARTMENT**

# French Exchange 2025

The town of Midhurst has been twinned with Baiersbronn in Germany and Nogent-Le-Rotrou in France for over 40 years. MRC has close links with the Lycée in Nogent, a high school which runs immersion courses for students with intensive English tuition including a course on British history which is taught through English.

Every year, the immersion class visit Midhurst and enjoy a day at MRC. Every other year, the MFL dept. also take a group of French learners to Nogent and Paris to create an exchange visit. Just before half-term, Mrs Lunskey was ably assisted by our new Head Girl Kelly Oliver when the French students visited us. So, Kelly will take up the story...

Experiencing the exchange trip to Nogent myself in Year 11, I must say it was truly eye-opening and acted as an anchor for not only becoming more proficient and confident in French,



but for also fostering friendship and appreciation of cultural diversity. The trip wholeheartedly enabled me to enrich and strengthen my understanding of France as a whole: from the students' daily lives; French



food; and living with a French host family. And so, when I heard students from Nogent were coming to visit, I was very eager to help and to show them around our wonderful College!

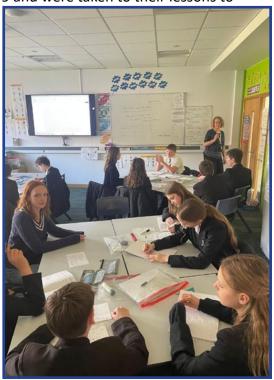
Throughout the morning, the French students were paired up with buddies from Year 9 and were taken to their lessons to

experience what a typical lesson at our College is like. Other students were taken

on a tour with me and whilst showing them around our different departments and corridors, I explained how our College system works and how our College differs to theirs. Gratifyingly, they all talked so highly about our College – some even saying they prefer it to Nogent! Following a morning of both taster lessons and tours, they then had lunch in our canteen and after, went to visit Cowdray Ruins.

Helping out reminded me of my passion for French and although I sadly haven't continued it for my A-Levels, I hope to return and do another exchange with our school and Nogent!

Merci! Kelly Oliver



#### **STEM EXPERIENCE**

# **Atlassian Williams Racing Experience**

Last Thursday a group of us had the privilege to visit the Atlassian Williams Racing STEM experience. As we drove though the gates the beautiful facilities came into view, the whole bus was buzzing with excitement.

When we got off the bus we were greeted by the super friendly employees who led us through the beautiful building into the conference room also known as the Sir Frank Williams room, the only room in the facility not named after a track. Along the way we saw many impressive displays of helmets and cars.

Our first activity was to learn about crumple zones and with that information build our very own using basic materials like paper. Later on we further developed our designs to a nose cone form factor and fitted them to model wooden chassis to crash test them in their miniature frontal impact crash test, this was then made into a competition which was to see who can make the most capable nose cone to withstand the high impact forces in F1. Williams gifted the winners of this competition the limited edition Australin GP Alex Albon race mode caps.

After a short lunch break, we were showed into their impressive theatre, after a brief video of Atlassian Williams Racing's history to our amazement the screen opened up into a secret door. Leading into a grand display of all Atlassian Williams Racing's impressive collections of their heritage cars, we stopped by many interesting cars such as a Fly Saudi six wheeled Williams F1 car, in the process getting an insight on each car we stopped by, we also stopped by the 1994 Williams racing car which was driven by the legendary Ayrton Senna. We also were lucky to see the 2021 Williams Racing car.

Lastly, we were shown to the E-Sports simulators also used by their professional E-Sports team we also got to race on them.









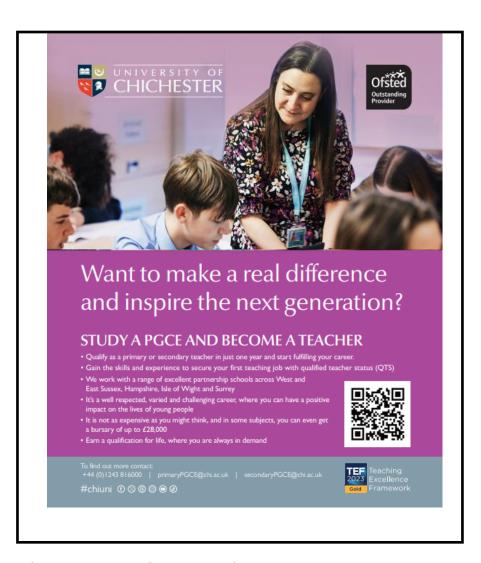


#### CAREERS INFORMATION

## **PGCE - Become a Teacher**

If you are interested in teaching and want to find out more about our Post Graduate teacher training programmes, then please join us at our next virtual post graduate open event which is being held on the 26 of March. You can register by contacting <a href="mailto:studyhere@chi.ac.uk">studyhere@chi.ac.uk</a>.

You can also email Debs Wilkinson (d.wilkinson@chi.ac.uk) to talk about the primary courses and Jeremy Smith (j.smith@chi.ac.uk) to discuss the secondary routes.



### Where are you now? Join MRC Alumni

It's been years...we hope that you left Midhurst Rother College with all the tools for your next steps in life. We would really like to know what you are doing now and what you have been doing since you left. Did you go to university, take an apprenticeship course, start a business or perhaps start working for a family business, have you taken a well-trodden or an unusual Career path?

Please scan the QR code to join our central Alumni Community at Lifelong United Learning to update us or click this link Lifelong United Learning | Support Us | United Learning. You might also want to join our new Midhurst Rother College (MRC) page on LinkedIn (if you add us as your Education on LinkedIn you will be automatically added as our MRC

Alumni, or you can choose to follow us).

It really would be great to hear from you as it's always nice to hear about old students! Please do get in touch.

#### STUDENT RECEPTION



PLEASE...DO NOT BUY SANITARY PRODUCTS FOR YOUR CHILD.

WE HAVE ENOUGH
TO GIVE AWAY
FOR FREE TO ANY
STUDENT WHO
NEEDS THEM!

Please tell them to come to student reception or main reception as we have a plentiful and varied stock of sanitary products to hand out. Just pop by and stock up!

#### **UNIFORM**

#### **Hoodies**

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.



# **UNIFORM POLICY**

# **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 one pink slip that has been issued over the course of the current week – one negative point per pink slip. 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!

#### **LOCAL INFORMATION**





Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. As the new term at the Sylvia Beaufoy Centre has, we are excited to share the fantastic opportunities available for young people over the coming months. We have a wide range of activities planned, ensuring there is something for everyone to enjoy, learn from, and participate in.

# Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) - Bronze, Silver & Gold

The highlight of this term is our Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme at Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels. We are delighted to announce that booking is now open for those wishing to start their DofE journey in September. This opportunity is available for young people who will be in school Year 9 and above.



The DofE programme offers young people a chance to develop key life skills, build confidence, and engage in adventure and community work, all while earning a recognised qualification. If your child is interested in enrolling or if you require further information, please email <a href="mailto:dan@sylviabeaufoy.org">dan@sylviabeaufoy.org</a> as soon as possible to secure a place.

# **Greenpower Team**

Our Greenpower Team continues to work hard designing, building, and racing electric-powered cars as part of the Greenpower Education Trust initiative. While new members will not be able to join until November, we encourage all interested young people to find out more about this exciting project for future opportunities.

### **Weekly Activities**

Alongside these larger programmes, we have a variety of engaging activities planned across our different sessions, including:

Evolve Junior Youth Club (school year 5 and 6) – fun and educational activities such as World Logic Day, mental health awareness sessions, creative workshops, and fundraising events. Some highlights include:

Comic Relief Fundraiser (18 Mar) – Night walk, Community Garden Visit (8 Jul).

Monday Night Sessions – sports, cooking, team games, and craft activities, providing a great opportunity for socialising and skill-building. Highlights include:

Petworth Park Sports Activities (19 May)

Xhale Wellbeing Sessions – mindfulness activities, journalling, outdoor trips, and creative projects designed to support young people's mental well-being. Key sessions include:

Outdoor Evening at Botney Bay (20 Mar) – Nature walk and outdoor craft activities. End of Term Party (17 Jul) – A celebration to mark the end of the school year.

We look forward to another fantastic term and hope to see as many young people as possible getting involved in our sessions. If you have any questions or would like more details on any of our activities, please don't hesitate to contact us at dan@sylviabeaufoy.org.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,

Dan Sneller
Senior Youth & Community Development Manager
Sylvia Beaufoy Centre
www.sylviabeaufoy.org

# **CALENDARS / DIARY DATES**

# **MRC Performing Arts - Calendar of Events 2025**

Spring Term 2025				
Saturday 8 March	CFMDS	Choirs	St Pauls, Chichester, from 9am	
Tuesday 18 March	Yr 11 Component 2 exam (1)	GCSE Drama Yr 11	MRC Theatre	
Wednesday 19 March	Yr 11 Component 2 exam (2)	GCSE Drama Yr 11	MRC Theatre	
Thursday 20 March	Gilbert Hannam Day	Orchestra	St. Mary Magdalene & St. Denys	
Wednesday 26 March	Spring Concert	Orchestra Choir Jazz Strings, flutes Drama/production groups Soloists (by invite) Bands	MRC Theatre	
Thursday 27 March	Choreography showcase event	Yr 11 Dance Plus dance groups	MRC Theatre	
Friday 28 March	Rother Valley Arts Festival	MRC Dance Teams	MRC Theatre	
Tuesday 1 April	ROH Create and Sing launch for Magic Flute	Invited students – Singers plus orchestral players (audition)	Royal Opera House	
Summer 2025				
April TBC	Yr 13 Music recital	Yr 13	MRC Theatre	
Thursday 3 April	Dance showcase event	Yr 11/10	MRC Theatre	
Wednesday 30 April	Dance House 2	MRC Dance Teams Minibus	Worthing Festival Theatre	
Tuesday 6 May	Yr 10 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama Yr10	MRC Theatre	
Thursday 8 May	Yr 10 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama YR10	MRC Theatre	
Wednesday 21 May	Yr 12 Component 1	Yr 12	MRC Theatre	
Tuesday 24 June	Magic Flute	Invited students	Royal Festival Hall	
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	

### **DIARY DATES**

These dates are accurate at the time of publishing.

Date	Event	
7 - 21 April	Easter Holidays	
22 April	INSET Day	
5 May	Bank Holiday	
26 - 30 May	Half Term	
18 July	Last Day of Term / Academic Year	

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ERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S TRACKING POINT REPO

Throughout the year, parents receive Tracking Point (TP) reports which record Attitude to Learning (A2L), subject grades and gives an overview of attendance for their child. There are 3 TPs in Years 7 – 10, and 4 TPs in Years 11 – 13. This information will be released and viewed on the Arbor platform.

#### Attitude to Learning (A2L)

A2L is split into four key focus areas and defined as follows:

Classwork: This measures the degree to which a student engages and contributes to lessons. This considers a student's ability and willingness to ask questions, contribute to discussions, engage with classroom activities, produce work to the highest of their ability, seek out extension tasks, and take responsibility for their



Homework: This measures student engagement with independent work set. This considers a student's reliability to complete and hand work in on time, the quality of the work being produced, and also reflects levels of personal organisation.

Prepared for Learning: This relates to personal standards in and around the College. This considers punctuality to lessons and having the right equipment for learning. For Sixth Form, this includes meeting deadlines, dress code adherence and the use of study periods.

Behaviour for Learning: This measures student attitudes within the classroom. This considers a student's ability to remain focused on tasks, levels of engagement, and positive and negative incidents that impact on their learning or the learning of others - ensuring that all students have the right to undisrupted learning.

Students will receive a score for each of the above elements on a scale of 1 - 4:

4	Outstanding	Exceptionally high standards always met.
3	Good	Mostly high standards, some inconsistencies which leave room for improvement.
2	Inconsistent	Variable standards, satisfactory as often as unsatisfactory. Negatively affects achievement.
1	Unsatisfactory	Standards are often unacceptable. Considerable impact on achievement and learning of others.



#### Grades

Students receive a GCSE grade in Years 7-11 as part of each TP. As a parent/carer, you will also be provided with a grade following each examination window, along with an average grade. Each year group has a maximum grade they can receive 3+ in Year 7, 4+ in Year 8, 5+ in Year 9, 7+ in Year 10, 9+ in Year 11 and A\* in Year 13.

#### Attendance

Attendance matters! As a parent/carer, you will see an overall attendance figure for your child (given as a percentage). This diagram details the correlation between attendance and education, and how attendance can impact success and life chances. Discussion and support are always offered to maximise the outcomes for every individual.



If you have any questions regarding the report, please contact your child's Head of Year and/or classroom teacher(s).

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#### **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: <a href="https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/calendar">https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/calendar</a>

Homework: <a href="https://www.mrc-academy.org/curriculum/homework">https://www.mrc-academy.org/curriculum/homework</a>

Letters: <a href="https://www.mrc-academy.org/communication/letters">https://www.mrc-academy.org/communication/letters</a>

Educational Visits: Midhurst Rother College > Communication > Letters (mrc-academy.org)

Staff Emails: <a href="https://bit.ly/StaffEmailAddress">https://bit.ly/StaffEmailAddress</a>

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

School Cloud: <a href="https://midhurst.schoolcloud.co.uk/">https://midhurst.schoolcloud.co.uk/</a>
Sparx Maths: <a href="https://www.sparxmaths.uk/student">https://www.sparxmaths.uk/student</a>

Sparx Reader: Sparx Reader

Lexia POWERUP Literacy - Login and Student Program: <a href="Device Setup - PowerUp">Device Setup - PowerUp</a> (lexiapowerup.com)

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