



# MIDHURST MATTERS

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 4 March	All 11	Careers Fair (Students only) Geography Field Trip
Tuesday 5 March	11	Geography Field Trip
Wednesday 6 March	12	Futures Evening
Thursday 7 March	9	Parents Evening 5pm - 8.30pm
Friday 8 March		

Austen	Kipling	Tennyson	Woolf
80,165 (3,544)	92,648 (4,151)	94,789 (3,539)	79,220 (3,255)

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our students have been involved in lots of positive activities both in and out of school in the last week. On Saturday, our musical theatre groups performed in a competition at Chichester Festival Theatre. They came second and third in their categories, which is an excellent result. I would like to offer my congratulations to the groups and also thank the music and drama departments for organising our teams.

The Midhurst and Easebourne under 16 boys' football team also deserve a mention this week, as they have just won their league! The boys attend the school and I am delighted for them and their achievements. Whilst congratulating the team for their success, I also want to mention Hugo M- W, who following a successful audition will be in Coram Boy at Chichester Festival Theatre in May – well done Hugo!

In school this week, we welcomed Year 4 pupils for a maths day. Having primary school children in the College with us is something that personally I feel is very special – it brings the education community across the Rother Valley together – something I am proud that we are part of.

A final reminder to all parents / carers about homework support. All students are able to access support with homework every day, supported by subject teachers. Please encourage your child to attend these sessions at lunchtime to help them with their homework, should they need it.

Best wishes

**Stuart Edwards**  
Principal

## MUSIC DEPT

The Chichester Festival of Music, Dance and Speech continues with the following sessions.

Orchestra and Jazz band - Saturday 2 March

Choir and MRC Singers - Saturday 9 March

### Chichester Festival results so far...

Name	Category	Instrument	Placing
Poppy W	Duet class	Flute	Merit
Erin L	Solo grade 3-5	Flute	Distinction / Gold medal
	Bems Music Cup	Flute	Winner
	McCoy Flute Cup	Flute	Winner
Molly B & Daniella S	Duet grade 1-3		Merit / Silver medal / Distinction
Daniella S	Grade 3-5 Solo		Distinction/ Silver medal
Alice H	Grade 3-5 Solo	Saxophone	Commended / Bronze medal
	Ackerman Saxophone Trophy	Saxophone	Winner
Daniel S	Solo grades 6-8	Saxophone	Merit / Silver medal
	Duet grades 6-8	saxophone	Distinction / Silver medal
Rosa I	Duet class		Commended/ Gold medal

## FOOD TECH DEPARTMENT

Yr11 Hospitality and Catering, (GCSE Equivalent) Cooking Exams Dates:

- Monday 4 March to Wednesday 6 March.
- Monday 11 March.

Students must bring in their ingredients (not pre weighed) as well as a copy of their production plan (time plan) on the day.

## SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

### Science Homework - Changing from Seneca to Sparx

Science homework will be changing from Wednesday 21 February, away from Seneca and on to Sparx Science (<https://sparxscience.com>). The expectations for the homework will be to complete the assignment set within Sparx Science.

The day that it is set and due will remain the same, Wednesdays. With the first Sparx Science being set on 21 February. The login details are the same as those used for Sparx Maths, but through the Sparx Science (<https://sparxscience.com/>) site, also being able to use the Microsoft Office one click login.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes please do not hesitate to contact me via my email: [benjamin.cooke@mrc-academy.org](mailto:benjamin.cooke@mrc-academy.org)

## FOOD BANK - EASTER EGGS

Thank you everyone for your kind donations of Easter eggs for the Foodbank. We have gathered over 160 eggs to be handed over to the Foodbank later today. They will be thoroughly enjoyed by the families who receive them in a couple of weeks as part of their Easter holiday lunchboxes. Should you have forgotten to drop off your eggs, please do send them in and we will pass them on to the Foodbank.



## MRC FRENCH EXCHANGE PART DEUX

And just like that, our French Exchange is over! After an intensive week of sightseeing most days, as well as a day with us in school, we had to say au revoir!

The French visitors from our twin town Nogent came over to see us only a week after our visit there. The students from Lycée Remy Belleau had a very busy time. Despite very wet weather they loved seeing many of the sites they study on their British history course, including Winchester Cathedral, Stonehenge, Hampton Court and as much of central London as they could manage in one day!



In the evenings, exchange partners made the most of their time together, socialising together at home or taking family outings. Several invitations have been made for return visits to us and/or to Nogent, and the MRC students involved are certainly feeling confident and very motivated about their French studies.

Staff in the MFL department plan to alternate the French and German exchanges each year, to give more students this wonderful opportunity to go abroad and make new friends.



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## EQUESTRIAN TEAM

On Sunday 25 February, the Equestrian Team competed at the Arena Eventing at Coombelands Equestrian Centre. Oli H produced a lovely round in the 80cm with Rose to finish 12th. Layla L and Boomer had a perfect clear round in the 90cm to finish 12th. Isabella L rounded the day off with a classy round with Topper to finish 5th in the 1m class. Well done everyone!



## DRAMA DEPARTMENT

### Chichester Festival

Our wonderful Musical Theatre teams competed in the Chichester Festival of Speech, Drama and Music on Saturday. This is the first time MRC have entered the Musical Theatre category and we were thrilled to have left the competition with second and third place!

The Musical Theatre teams performed a variety of pieces including works from Hamilton, Annie and a Christmas Story the Musical.

The groups received some wonderful feedback from the head of the section "we were impressed not only with their fantastic performances, but also how professionally they conducted themselves - they were an absolute credit to their school. Their positive attitude, confidence and wonderful camaraderie was a joy to see".

Congratulations to all students involved!



## PE DEPT

### Football

As mentioned by Mr Edwards at the top of the newsletter, the Midhurst and Easebourne Football club under 16's boys team won their league at the weekend! Several of the boys are MRC students so definitely worth a mention! Well done, a great achievement!



### Sussex Schools Cross Country Finals

We took 12 students to the Sussex Schools Cross Country finals yesterday at Christs Hospital school. All students were fantastic and Emily S in Year 7 qualified for the next round of competition by finishing in the top twenty.



### Chichester Corporate Challenge

We had the first race in the Chichester Corporate Challenge on Wednesday 28 February so we will have some result for the next newsletter.

## ART DEPARTMENT

### Tree and Butterfly Exhibition

On Wednesday we welcomed parents in to view the Yr 7 Trees and Butterflies Exhibition. The event was well attended by parents who enjoyed the colourful creative artwork, sculpture, models and collage.



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It's the week of World Book Day when we celebrate the joy of reading!

On Tuesday 5 March, Year 8s will have the opportunity for some lively discussion as Local author, Nicola Garrard, visits MRC to answer questions on writing and publishing, and talk about her Young Adult fiction series, 29 LOCKS. Students will meet Donny, the brave and funny protagonist as he returns for more adventures in 21 MILES, in which he loses his passport on holiday and joins teenagers who have travelled thousands of miles from war and climate crisis-torn regions, to find a way home. Find out more about the teenage refugees living rough in France. Who are they, where on earth are their parents...and just why are they so good at football? Will his Donny's famous boat skills help him navigate the 21 miles between France and Britain?

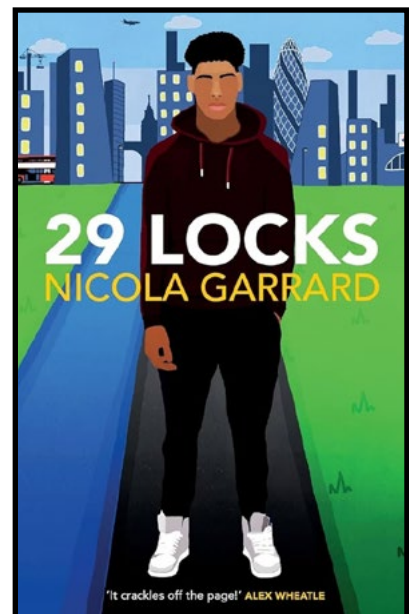
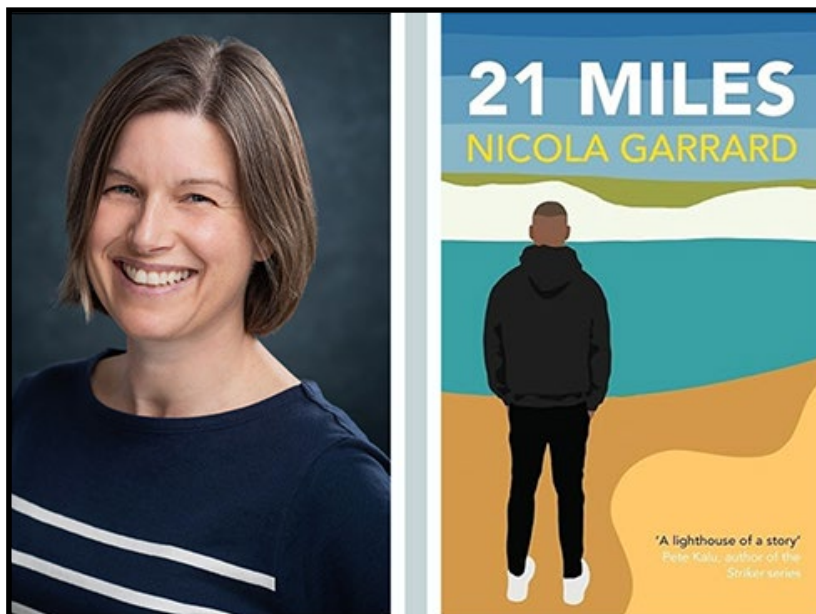
Nicola Garrard's first novel, 29 LOCKS (HopeRoad, 2021), was shortlisted for the Lucy Cavendish Fiction Prize and the Mslexia Children's Novel competition, and longlisted for the Branford Boase Award 2022 and the Berkshire Book Award. It was picked by Suzi Feay in the Financial Times as one of their 'Best Books of 2021'. Her second novel, 21 MILES (HopeRoad, 2023)

was described by Aoife Fitzpatrick as 'spectacular and unforgettable. With one of the most moving endings that I have ever read, Garrard's brilliant, compelling, insightful prose kept me gripped from start to finish.'

Nicola Garrard has appeared at the Hay Festival of Literature and Arts, Chichester Festival and Petworth Festival Literary Week and is a regular guest on BBC Radio London. She gives talks for schools, libraries and colleges (including for World Book Day), as well as prisons. Her words and poetry have been published in The Frogmore Papers magazine, Mslexia magazine, The Guardian and the Writers & Artists Yearbook Guide to Getting Published, and by IRON Press Publishing and the Poetry Book Society.

Nicola lives near Petworth and when she is not writing, she works at Minority Matters, a charity which aims to empower young people from isolated communities through engagement projects, as a teacher, fundraiser and shadow trustee. For more information see [www.nicola-garrard.co.uk](http://www.nicola-garrard.co.uk) or follow @nmgarrard on X, formerly Twitter.

She will do a Q & A session afterwards and bring some of her books for students to buy (via Arbor or cash) and get signed at the end.





## SIXTH FORM

### Cultural Awareness Forum

We are looking for Year 12s who want to make a difference within our school community.

The new Cultural Awareness Forum aims to break down cultural stereotypes and barriers within our school and work towards creating a space free of prejudices and hate.

If you are in Year 12 and looking for a way to create something positive, then please join us in T004 on Thursday Week A at lunchtimes.

Everyone is welcome!

### Winchester College Studium

A group of our Sixth Form attended the Winchester College Studium, attending talks by eminent speakers about the impact of Artificial Intelligence and about the lessons we should learn from Afghanistan . We then stayed for dinner in the College Hall, thanks to the generosity of Winchester College.



### Financial Times - Free Access for Schools

Students aged between 16-19 years old have free access to the Financial Times. To sign up, please click on the following link <https://professional.ft.com/en-gb/services/professional-subscriptions/secondary-education/>, type in Midhurst Rother College and then input their school email address. They will then receive an email link to individually access the Financial Times in return.



# COMIC RELIEF

RED NOSE DAY

GUESS THE  
TEACHER

Mon 11 – Fri 15  
March

50p  
per  
sheet

50p  
entry

CRASH MAT  
SLIDING

YEAR 9, 10 & 11  
Thurs 14 March  
Lunchtime

I'M DOING  
SOMETHING  
FUNNY  
FOR MONEY

COMIC  
RELIEF  
RED  
NOSE  
DAY  
FRIDAY 15 MARCH

TEACHER v STUDENT  
DODGEBALL  
YEAR 7 & 8  
Fri 15 March  
Lunchtime

50p  
entry

£1  
entry

OWN CLOTHES  
DAY  
Fri 15 March

## COMMUNITY DAY

Our annual Community Day will be held on Saturday 27 April from 10am-2pm. It is a great event where we open up the College for local businesses, agencies and groups to advertise their wares. It's a fun day for the whole community.

If you have a business, agency or group that would benefit from a **free stall** at this event, please email [madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org](mailto:madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org) to book a space. If you know someone who might be interested in a stall, please share this flyer with them.



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## Community Day

### Saturday 27 April 2024



Inviting businesses, agencies and groups to join our event to demonstrate what our local community offers

If you are: locally produced - locally grown  
eco-friendly - sustainable - renewable  
recycled or recyclable

Why not come and join us?

We want you!!



**ALL STAND &  
EXHIBITION SPACE**

**FREE OF CHARGE**

**10am - 2pm**

For more information email: [madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org](mailto:madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org)  
or contact the College Office on: **01730 812451**

**BE A PART OF THIS WELL-ESTABLISHED AND MUCH ANTICIPATED EVENT**

## 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

@mrc\_p.e  
@mrc\_1st  
@mrcperformingarts  
@mrcfineart  
@mrcphotographic  
@mrcsixthform



## Performing Arts Calendar of events - Spring and Summer 2024



Spring 2024			
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	CFMDS Festival	Musical Theatre Y13 duologue	St Josephs Chichester
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Dance House 1	MRC Dance Teams Minibus	Worthing Theatre
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	CFMDS Festival	Orchestra Jazz Band Flute ensemble	St Josephs School 9.45am Chichester
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	CFMDS Festival	MRC Singers Choir	St Josephs School Chichester
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	YR 11 Component 2 exam	GCSE Drama YR11	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Concert	Orchestra Choir Jazz Strings, flutes Drama/production groups Soloists (by invite) Bands	MRC Theatre
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Rother Valley Arts Festival	MRC Dance Teams	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Courtney Pine at Ronnie Scotts	Y11 & 6 <sup>th</sup> form music	Ronnie Scotts London
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	YR 11 Choreography Showcase	GCSE Dance Yr11	MRC Theatre
Summer 2024			
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Dance House 2	MRC Dance Teams	Worthing Theatre
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	YR 10 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama YR10	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	School of Rock!	School Production Cast Band/musicians	MRC Theatre
June TBC	Drama Day	BTEC Performing Arts	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Pre-tour Concert	<b>Students that are coming to Belgium</b> Orchestra Choir BTEC Performing Arts Jazz Band Drama (Invite only)	Amphitheatre
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Drama and Music House Cup	YR 7	MRC Theatre Music P1-4 Drama 5-6
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> 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>

## EXAM INVIGILATOR OPPORTUNITIES

Over the course of the academic year our Exams Department run many assessments and exams requiring formal exam conditions. This process starts in year 7 to prepare our students for their final GCSE exams as well as providing data for students as they progress through the year. If you are interested and would like to join our team of Invigilators please follow the link below.

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## 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)

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