



MIDHURST MATTERS

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 5 February	9	Year 9 classroom based exams continue this week
Tuesday 6 February		
Wednesday 7 February	7,8,9,10,11	Ambassador Theatre trip to see 2.22 Ghost Story
Thursday 8 February		Stewart Foster, author in to talk to Year 7's
Friday 9 February		
12 - 16 February	All	Half Term
Monday 19 February	8 11 13	French Exchange partners stay in UK (19 - 23 Feb) Classroom based exams this week Classroom based exams this week Internal exams this week
Tuesday 20 February		
Wednesday 21 February	7	Parents Evening
Thursday 22 February	10	CLIL speaking exams
Friday 23 February		

Austen	Kipling	Tennyson	Woolf
68,430 (4,940)	79,744 (4,648)	80,148 (4,676)	66,915 (3,882)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This is the last Midhurst Matters for this half-term. You will notice that the upcoming dates / events cover next week and the week immediately after half-term. Years 11 and 13 will be straight back into mock examinations after the break and need to use time in half-term to revise, as well as seeing friends and family. This week, a significant number of our students took part in the UKMT (UK Maths Challenge). The tests are taken by students in schools across the country. I look forward to seeing their results and to sharing their successes with students in assembly when we return after half-term.

At the moment, we are lending quite a lot of uniform to students every day. This is fine, of course, and we know that students will forget items from time to time. If you do have any unused uniform at home, perhaps from when your child was younger or from an older sibling, we would gratefully receive it in school as we can then loan these items to students. Thank you in advance if you are able to help.

I am pleased to let you know that the school continues to be very popular among families in our catchment area and wider. The Local Authority have asked us to take a 'bulge class' next in the new Year 7, which I have agreed to do. Even with this additional class, we will still have a waiting list for Year 7 September 2024. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a restful half-term break.

Stuart Edwards
Principal

ASSESSMENTS COMING UP

Week beginning : 5 February 2024

Assessments are coming up for the following year groups

- Year 9 : in class assessments continue this week
- Year 8 : in class assessments begin after half-term for all subjects (except English and Mathematics) (19 February 2024 onwards)

By now, class teachers should 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 will be available on Arbor as an assignment. If this information is not available, please contact your child's class teacher directly.

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.

Please support your child in preparing well for these assessments with effective revision, adequate rest the night before and a good breakfast to fuel them for the day. It is also very helpful to ensure students have appropriate equipment – pens, pencils, highlighters as a minimum. 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.

YEAR 10 - EQUIPMENT

Equipment required for lessons

As we progress through the first stages of the GCSE years it is vital students are well equipped for each lesson to maximise learning. A letter was sent out earlier in the week with a list of suggested equipment students need each day.

Should you have any concerns regarding the costs of new equipment please get in touch with the finance team who will be happy to assist.

STUDENT RECEPTION

Calculators for SALE

Casio Scientific calculators are now available to purchase at Student Reception for £10.00. You can order and pay via Arbor or come to us with £10.00 cash.

PERFORMING ARTS DEPT

On Friday 19 January the GCSE Dance students and the Performing Art Sixth Form students attended a 3 hour work shop conducted by professional dancers from the Sadler's Wells NYDC (National Youth Dance Company).

Our students made us and themselves very proud by showing excellent conduct, commitment and stamina!

Well done from the Dance Department!



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HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

On Thursday Year 12 and 13 students studying A level Economics and A level Politics took a day trip to London to visit the Houses of Parliament and the Bank of England. They enjoyed a full tour of Parliament and were able to sit in on sessions in the House of Commons and House of Lords to observe the government in business action. Among the notable faces they saw during their visit were Penny Mordant, Leader of the House of Commons, Lord David Blunkett and Barley, his guide dog. Outside the building they were shown unrestored parts of the exterior walls, which bear shrapnel and bomb damage scars from bombing during World War 2. The tour included passage through the oldest part of the Palace, Westminster Hall, familiar to most as where our late Queen's lying in state took place in 2022.



Crossing London by underground, they then made their way to the Bank of England for a talk about Monetary Policy and the history of the Bank of England. They paid a visit to the Bank's museum where students were challenged to pick up a real gold bullion weighing 13kg. The day finished with a wander back to Waterloo taking in many sights of the capital enroute.

Overall the students had an excellent day taking in the inner workings of Parliament, seeing for themselves how the Bank of England works, both experiences bringing to life their A level studies to date.



CHARITY CAKE SALE

A cake sale was held on Thursday to help raise money for Cancer Research UK alongside all the other charity events the Sixth Form are holding. They raised £121.78 from the sale. Well done all.



FOODBANK - EASTER

Following your amazing donations of goodies for the Christmas Foodbank collection, the Foodbank have asked if we would once again collect Easter Eggs for the Easter 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 1 March. Easter eggs can be left at main reception anytime between now and then. Thank you!



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.

Please click on the following link for the latest vacancies at MRC:

<https://www.mrc-academy.org/about-us/vacancies>

LRC - AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

Stewart is an inspirational writer who often visits schools around the country to give talks on his work and we are lucky enough that he will be visiting our school again on Thursday 8th February to talk to our Year 7's, and some of our Sixth Formers, about his writing and the many issues that children face today.

A collage featuring a central graphic and six book covers. The central graphic is a green circle with a white starburst containing the name 'STEWART FOSTER' and the text 'AUTHOR OF THE MONTH'. Below this, it says 'STEWART FOSTER IS OUR AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY.' and provides a short biography: 'BORN IN BATH, WHERE HE STILL LIVES WITH HIS TWO DAUGHTERS, HE HAS WRITTEN SEVERAL FICTIONAL BOOKS. HIS FIRST NOVEL 'WE USED TO BE KINGS' WAS WRITTEN FOR ADULT READERS AND HE'S WRITTEN FIVE MORE FOR CHILDREN, THE FIRST OF WHICH WAS 'THE BUBBLE BOY'. THE BRILLIANT 'ALL THE THINGS THAT COULD GO WRONG' AND 'CHECK MATES' WHICH OUR YEAR 7'S READ AS PART OF OUR WHOLE SCHOOL READING PROGRAMME, AMONG OTHERS.' Surrounding this are six book covers: 'The Perfect Parent Project', 'Can You Feel The Noise?', 'The Bubble Boy', 'All the Way Down', 'All the Things That Could Go Wrong', and 'Check Mates'. Each cover features the author's name 'STEWART FOSTER'.

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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 to book a space. If you know someone who might be interested in a stall, please share this flyer with them.



Midhurst Rother College

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
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
Monday 12 February 2024	Half Term (12-16 February)
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
February	PE House Competition	Yr7-10 Girls Combined Badminton Yr7-8 Boys Badminton Yr9-10 Boys Badminton	AHK
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.



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@mrcfineart
@mrcphotographic
@mrcsixthform

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Performing Arts Calendar of events - Spring and Summer 2024



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/information/guides)

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/communication/visits)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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