



MIDHURST MATTERS

What's Going On?

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 12 June	Y7 Y8 Y9 Y11 Y12 Y13	United Learning Exams United Learning Exams United Learning Exams External GCSE Exams Continue Formal 9 th Lesson Exams Continue External Exam Window to Continue
Tuesday 13 June		Rother Valley ICT Day TBC
Wednesday 14 June		Rother Valley KS1 Irish Dancing at Camelsdale Primary
Thursday 15 June		Junior Mountbatten Athletics – Y7/Y8
Friday 16 June		Rother Valley Y5 Stem Day

Austen
71,309 (1,046)

Kipling
75,978 (956)

Tennyson
60,432 (1,021)

Woolf
61,286 (1,039)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

I hope parents/carers enjoyed a good half-term break. This half-term is always very busy with different events – both during and outside the school day. I would like to draw your attention to our Activities Week, which is w/c 10 July. During this week, Year 10 students will be on work experience and students in Years 7-9 will participate in different activities and events throughout the week. We will also hold our sponsored walk for KS3 students during this week, too. The charity for this year has yet to be decided and will be chosen by our student council. Ms Owoh will write to parents / carers separately about plans for the week.

I have been asked by a parent of a student to make you aware of a health risk their child encountered recently whilst swimming in the local river. In assemblies, we tell students not to swim in the river due to the health and safety risks this involves and I am sure you are already advising this at home, too. Recently, a student caught 'Weil's disease' most likely from swallowing some of the water. This student was, and still is, very ill and is now recovering. The link and information from the NHS website is below. Whilst this disease is very rare, it can cause severe illness.

Leptospirosis (Weil's disease) - NHS

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/leptospirosis>

Leptospirosis is spread in the urine of infected animals – most commonly rats, mice, cows, pigs and dogs. You can get leptospirosis if: soil or freshwater (such as water from a river, canal or lake) that contains infected urine gets in your mouth, eyes or a cut – usually during activities like outdoor swimming etc.

Student Reception – Spare Uniform

As the end of the school year approaches, we would gratefully receive any uniform that you no longer need. Items accepted include shirts, jumpers, trousers, skirts, ties, school shoes, trainers and PE Kit. We are particularly low in stock on the larger sizes so any Year 11 uniform would be most welcome.

Water Bottles

Students need to bring water bottles into school to keep them hydrated. They can refill their bottles at the water fountains located around the hub before school and at break or lunchtime. We are unable to provide students with cups, so water bottles are essential.

Photography

The ADT department are delighted to invite you to the Summer Show 2023. With work on show from final year students in Year 11 and Year 13 from fine art, photography, textiles, product design and hospitality.

Please join us on Thursday 22nd June from 5.30 to see all the outstanding work produced by the class of 2023!

Sports News

The Under 15's cricket team played a great game against The Regis school, unfortunately missing out on their first win, which is soon to come! The game was played in great spirits from both sides, Tom K was the pick of the bowlers picking up 2 wickets, having a great economy rate and showing incredible improvements week on week. Harry P was our player of the game, with an impressive 27 runs, including 4 4s! Harry retired with the Regis players clapping him off the field after a fantastic innings.

Music Department

Summer Showcase - performances from drama, music and dance on Wednesday 19 July outside in our lovely amphitheatre. Tickets include a BBQ meal and will be on sale soon!

Music department piano lessons due to popular demand, we are welcoming a second piano teacher to the department. If your child is interested in piano lessons, please contact: Brigitte.v.vant@gmail.com

Drama Department

Our wonderful performing arts students have been hard at work since January 2023 developing our all-new showcase 'Curtain Call'. Over 60 students took part in the variety-styled production and 400 people visited the college to watch the show. Throughout the evening we heard an array of musical theatre classics including pieces from 'Annie' and 'Chicago', some modern songs from 'Beetle Juice' and 'Hamilton' were also thrown into the mix.

Curtain Call was led by our amazing students, from the front of house team to our technical and backstage crew, students took on leadership responsibilities and certainly rose to the challenge.

Miss Soby commented, "how incredibly proud I am of each, and every student that performed in our production of Curtain Call. Congratulations everyone!".

We have some exciting events coming up, including our expressive arts summer concert. We look forward to welcoming all members of the community, see you soon!



Mary Poppins

Last month MRC performed a spectacular performance of 'Mary Poppins Jr' in the theatre. Students from Year 7 to Year 12 auditioned last year for the show and after many months of rehearsing, dancing, singing and staging, the performance took place on two nights to a packed audience.

The show is an adapted version of the much-loved original story of Mary Poppins, a loved nanny who comes to help reunite the Banks family who have lost their sense of togetherness and hope. In true Disney style she quickly sorts their problems through 'it's a jolly holiday', 'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious' and a 'Step in Time' ending the show with a message for us all that 'anything can happen'.

'It has been a real pleasure working with such a talented bunch of students' said Mrs Strachan, 'They worked so hard. It is important to remember that this show is only possible with the enthusiasm and commitment shown by all involved; cast, crew, musicians and the teachers who constantly strive to ensure that the Expressive Arts flourish at Midhurst Rother College'.

We look forward to next year's production and the 'Summer Concert' on the 19 July.



English Department

15 Year 10 students have submitted their research projects for the Reading University Scholars Scheme 2023. With the University ambassadors they have learned about degree level study. This has included finding out about developing a research question, using the internet wisely to corroborate findings and data, using citations and quotes correctly to acknowledge other scholars' ideas and avoiding plagiarism.

The students have now independently done their research to create projects on topics as wide-ranging as rock music, stereotypes, literature and technology. We look forward to travelling over to Reading's beautiful University campus later this month to meet other scholars from schools around the UK and compare our research projects. We hope to live up to the achievements of last year's MRC 2022 cohort, who bagged a few prizes!

English Tutor Opportunity

Would you like to make a positive impact in the lives of our students? Midhurst Rother College English department is seeking to invest in finding the right tutor for our students and ensuring they have a positive experience. If you are interested in the position, details will be on the school website. [Midhurst Rother College > About Us > Vacancies \(mrc-academy.org\)](https://www.mrc-academy.org). Position is subject to an Enhanced DBS clearance; this will be applied for via the college.

Challenging Reading Lists

Please click on the link below to access further reading material. This reading list is meant to challenge you! If you do select a book from the list, please let your English teacher know; as they will grant you 'Gold Reader' status for the duration of your book, along with additional achievement points.

Happy reading from the English department.

<https://funkypedagogy.com/the-reading-list-project-teachers-helping-teachers/>

Sparx Reader

Sparx Reader is a reading, comprehension and vocabulary programme that gets all young people reading regularly to help improve their literacy.

[Sparx Reader](#)

Book Amnesty

With the exam season in full swing, now is a good time to have a clear out of revision guides and textbooks that have been finished with, or there may be schoolbooks that are hidden away in studies or bedrooms that can now be brought in and left at reception. They will then be returned to departments. If they can be returned to us, it would be most appreciated. Thank you.

Student Spotlight

Grace – Year 7

Grace and her pony Binki were selected to ride for England Southern Region Mounted Games Association at the beginning of May. The selectors had been watching southern riders since the beginning of this year, which was a huge added pressure to ride well. Grace, with her team, smashed the Home Internationals held at Newark. Last weekend, she competed in the British Individual's Championships at Dallas Burston Polo Club, once again, with her pony Binki, Grace smashed the under 12 taking the title of the British Individual Champion of 2023.



Charlie - Year 10

On Friday 1st June, Charlie flew out to represent GB as part of our Men's U23's in the Fastpitch Baltic Cup. This is a weekend invitational tournament of Senior National Teams including Sweden, Denmark, Venezuela and the Dominican Republic. Facing pitches at speeds of over 80 mph, the GB Eagles fought hard in all 6 of their 90 minute games, with their best result being 3-5 to Sweden in their final match.

Charlie is now looking forward to representing GB U16's at the Euros in CZ, the first week in July, where he will face Sweden and Denmark's U16's amongst others.

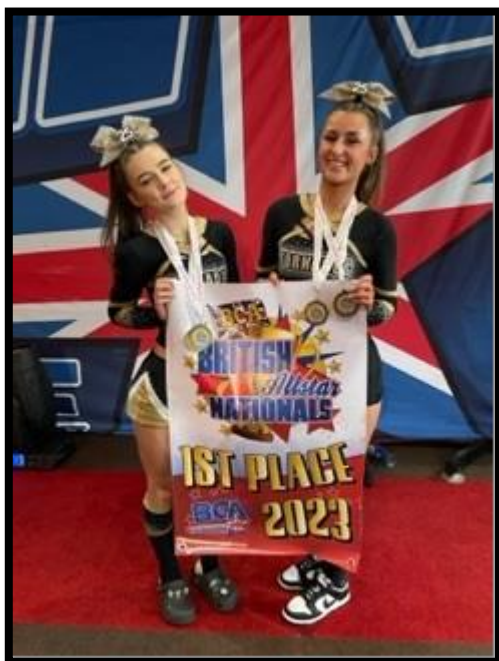


Gaby Year 11 & Megan Year 13

Huge Congratulations to Megan (yr13) and Gaby (yr11) who with their teammates were awarded Gold at the BCA British National Cheerleading Championships at Telford on weekend of 27/28 May. Coming top of their category of 8, continuing their very successful season so far.

Both Girls also competed with 3 others in a stunt group competition and took Gold in their respective divisions. Allstar Cheerleading is a routine consisting of stunts, tumblers, jumps and dance.

Both Gaby and Megan are members of Sussex Tornados cheerleaders having both previously been members of the MRC school team alongside their STC commitments and compete in Regional, National and International Competitions all over the country.



After School Clubs

Year 7 – 11 Cricket Club

All students

- Turn up with sport kit and play
- Social cricket – All abilities
- All year groups
- Friday 1.45 – 2.45pm @ PE

Gym/Health & Fitness Club

- Every Wednesday
- Years 7 – 11
- 3.45 – 4.30
- School Gym
- Everyone is welcome/just bring kit

MRC School Band at Fittleworth School Festival Fete

Date for your diaries and pleased to announce that the MRC School Band will be performing at the event.



Vacancies at Midhurst Rother College

Please click on the following link for the latest vacancies at MRC: [Midhurst Rother College > About Us > Vacancies \(mrc-academy.org\)](#)

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.mrc-academy.org)
- 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>
- 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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