



MIDHURST MATTERS

Principal's Message

This week students have been learning about VE Day during assemblies and in tutor time. There was a church service yesterday for the local community to commemorate and remember all those who lost their lives in WWII. Our Orchestra played at the service and our Head Boy and Head Girl (Ben and Kelly) read the names of all the service men and women from the local villages who died. They were also asked to light a candle during the service as a mark of remembrance. They did this to represent the young people of Midhurst and the surrounding area. I am very proud of both of them and the students in the Orchestra who played so well. It is important that we teach students about VE Day, so that the future generations do not forget the sacrifices others made for them.

This week also saw the start of written exams for Year 11 and 13 students. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all well for the next few weeks and I look forward to sharing their individual and collective successes in the summer.

We had some visitors in school this week from United Learning to see some lessons. I thought I would share some of the comments they made with you. They said the school was calm, purposeful and above all happy. The student's behaviour was exemplary in lessons and in the corridors. Well done to them (and to their teachers!).

I would like to say a **BIG** thank you to one of our Year 8 students, Alfie G, who has raised an amazing £1000 for the Performing Arts Department, with his 10 mile sponsored bike ride during the Easter holidays!

Best wishes.

Stuart Edwards
Principal

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DIARY DATES AND HOUSE POINTS

The Week Ahead

Monday 12 May	All Yr 11 Yr 13	Book Fair in Library GCSE - English Lit GCSE - Computer Science A-level - Economics
Tuesday 13 May	Yr 13 Yr 11	A-level - Geography GCSE - Religious Studies GCSE - Biology
Wednesday 14 May	Yr 11 Yr 13 Yr 11	GCSE - Geography A-level - English Lit CNat Sports
Thursday 15 May	Yr 12 Yr 11	Parents Evening 4.30pm - 8.30pm GCSE - Maths GCSE - German GCSE - Psychology
Friday 16 May	Yr 13 Yr 11	A-level - Psychology GCSE - History GCSE - Business

AUSTEN

182,222
(4,456)

KIPLING

209,903
(6,780)

TENNYSON

206,505
(5,382)

WOOLF

215,299
(5,085)

ASSESSMENT DIARY AND EXAMS

KS3 & KS4 ASSESSMENT DIARY

Week beginning : 12 May 2025

As we begin the summer term, we approach the final set of assessments in the academic year. Most happen in mid and late June, but some are a little earlier (please see below).

The end of year assessments are an important milestone for students and, as such, we value the support you give to your child to help them prepare for these assessments. This year tutors and teachers have worked with students more on how to revise effectively.

Revising well from Year 7 embeds good study habits, refreshes knowledge, builds confidence and prepares students for greater success at GCSE and beyond. At MRC our approach to revision is "FLAT"; focussed, long-term, and active and transformed. Information from subject teachers helps your child achieve FLAT revision by saying what topics will be tested and what sort of questions will be set. We suggest students look ahead and plan, so they start revising ahead of time to avoid last minute panic or stress. We teach the children some active ways of revising (follow the link on the next page) such as "Lift Pass" and "Snowball".

Finally, we know students need to transform the information or concepts they are revising. This means retelling the learning verbally in their own words and/or creating a mind map or flowchart rather than passive work like copying. Reading over notes or copying them out is less effective as we all tend to get distracted when a task is too easy or dull. Teachers will practice good techniques with students before half term week, and we do encourage parents and carers to help children set aside some time for revision over that week. Thank you in advance for checking Arbor with your son/daughter and even joining in some revision activities with them.



ASSESSMENT DIARY AND EXAMS

Assessments are coming up for the following year groups:

- **Year 10** : United Learning assessments – all subjects in the fortnight beginning 9 June 2025
- **Year 9** : United Learning assessments – science in the week beginning 2 June 2025 and all other subjects in the fortnight beginning 9 June 2025
- **Year 8** : United Learning assessments – all subjects in the fortnight beginning 9 June 2025
- **Year 7** : United Learning assessments – all subjects in the fortnight beginning 2 June 2025

Detailed dates for assessments will be found via the link below. This page is updated every week so please check back if the information you are looking for is not found there:

<https://www.mrc-academy.org/curriculum/assessment-dates>

By half-term, class teachers will be sharing 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. 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.

Experience shows us that students who are well rested, have had a good breakfast and are properly prepared with the right equipment, experience less stress and anxiety before assessments and perform better. We thank you for supporting your child in their preparation. 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.



WARNING – SWIMMING IN THE RIVER ROTHER

As the weather warms up, the temptation to swim or paddle in the River Rother is irresistible to some students. Sadly, the river is not a safe place to swim due to the bacteria present, please encourage your children not to go in for a dip. In the past, we have had Year 11 students miss GCSE exams due to picking up bacteria from the river leaving them too unwell to sit exams.



LUNCHTIME HOUSE COMPETITION

Design and test your own paper aeroplane for a prize and house points!

Paper planes!

 Theatre,
Lunch time

THURSDAY
15, 05, 25



represent and compete for your house!

For more details, please speak to Molly Landstrom, Hepzibar Mann, or Mr Hickman.

EMPTY LOO ROLL REQUEST

Could we kindly ask for donations of empty loo rolls/kitchen rolls which will be used during one of our Activities Week activities. They can be dropped off at Main Reception. Thank you



AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

A new month means a new Author of the Month! This month we are showcasing the amazing William Shakespeare.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Shakespeare's works are known for their rich language, complex characters and universal themes - from the passion and hatred of tragic 'Romeo and Juliet', the fantastical comedy of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' to the historically epic 'Henry V'. His plays continue to be shown around the world, his words and phrases are still with us today and students and scholars still pore over his prolific texts.


AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

This month we are celebrating the incredible William Shakespeare, born in April 1564 and arguably the greatest English writer of all time, who managed to complete around 200 immortal works during his lifetime.

May



BOOK FAIR


SCHOLASTIC  **TRAVELLING BOOKS**

COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL*

READ THE BOOKS EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT!


Read before Sunrise on the Reaping



THE HUNGER GAMES
SUZANNE COLLINS

£8.99 **£4.99** 13+


NEW



CROSSING THE LINE
TIA FISHER

£7.99 13+

NEW

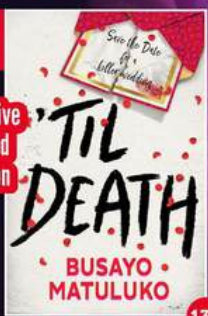


Five Nights at Freddy's
RETURN TO THE PIT

£8.99

NEW

Exclusive signed edition




TIL DEATH
BUSAYO MATULUKO

£8.99 13+

NEW


ONLY £4.99



PEOPLE LIKE STARS
PATRICE LAWRENCE

£8.99 **£4.99**

NEW



PETER LANTOS
THE BOY WHO DIDN'T WANT TO DIE

£10.99 **£8.99**

Graphic novel

THE BEST NEW BOOKS FROM ONLY £2.99

In the library from Mon 12th May-Thur 15th May, before school, break & lunch

*Scholastic Traveling Books, Inc. Sunrise on the Reaping © 2015 Scholastic, Inc.

DEPARTMENT FOCUS – DANCE

DANCE HOUSE EVENT

On Wednesday the 30 April the Advanced Dance team and the MRC Boys Dance company performed at the Pavillion Theatre in Worthing for the Dance House event. Our students were amazing and showed to a packed theatre what MRC Dance is about! We are immensely proud of them all and are looking forward to attend Dance House again next year!



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REFLECTION GARDEN

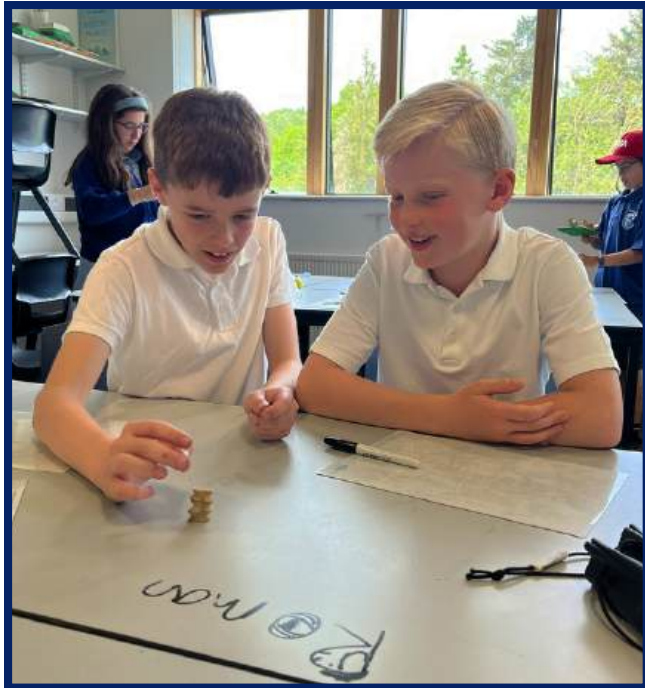
We are developing a Reflection Garden in the College grounds to be a quiet, thoughtful place to unwind. If anyone has any shrubs, perennial plants or garden ornaments they would like to donate please contact linda.spooner@mrc-academy.org to arrange a drop off. Thank you.



DEPARTMENT FOCUS – HISTORY

YEAR 5 HISTORY EXPERIENCE AT MRC

Last Thursday saw 20 Year 5 students take part in a History Experience Day at MRC. The day involved a hands-on experience with toys from history (Roman through to Edwardian) in which students had the opportunity to learn about how students played in different time periods and how they were valuable sources of information to a historian.



The afternoon session went back in time 500 years to the War of the Roses, where students were employed as detectives to work out the mystery of what really happened to the Princes in the Tower. Using clues and historical interpretations the students made deductions and finished the day with a fantastic debate, in which they all put forward some great ideas and argued their points with enthusiasm!

Mr Hickman

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

CHARITY CYCLE RIDE FOR MRC PERFORMING ARTS DEPT - UPDATE

Hi All,

Thank you ever so much for your support and donations. My 10 mile cycle ride during the Easter Holidays raised a whopping £1000 which goes to the MRC Performing Arts Department.

A big thank you also to the staff that supported me in the process, Ms Jones, Ms Strachan, Mrs Mills and Ms Buckenham.

Thank you again.

Alfie G - Year 8



Chi Tri - Natures Way: SWIM / BIKE / RUN Event

Congratulation, to Tydden P in Year 7 who came 2nd in the Junior Chi Tri Natures Way Triathlon last weekend. Plus the following day he also took part in the Serpent Trail 100K relay with the Junior Midhurst Milers Team to raise money for the 'Move against Cancer' charity...**just no stopping Tydden!**





WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YEAR 12

Year 12 students will be taking part in a work experience week 7 – 11 July 2025. Most of our students have been successful in finding placements, but we have a few who are still looking (lots are interested in gaining experience in coding, engineering, psychology, events management, hospitality and business – to name a few).

If you can help with the offer of any work experience during this week, please email hayley.rae@mrc-academy.org with the following information, and we will pass this on to our students to let them know of the opportunity.

- Company name and placement address
- Industry
- What the student would be doing
- Contact details (email/phone)
- Any other information on how to apply/express interest

Miss Hayley Rae

CAREERS INFORMATION

CAREERS INTERVIEWS

The following students have been scheduled to receive a one to one careers interview with our independent careers advisor on Monday 12 May at the following times. The location and time will also be on their Arbor timetable.

Following the interview the students report will be uploaded to their Unifrog account for you to view with them and which you may wish to discuss at home.

Careers Interviews - Monday 12 May		Tutor Gp	Year Gp	Period	To go to:	Coming from:
G	Harley	10T-TML	Year 10	REG (08:30)	A117	A209
C	Ollie		Year 12	09:15 (p1)	A117	
H	Finley	10T-TML	Year 10	10:15 (p2)	A117	K102
M	Ollie	10T-TML	Year 10	11:25 (p3)	A117	T102
U	Tavvy	10T-TML	Year 10	12:25 (p4)	A117	K105
S	Freddie	10T-TML	Year 10	13:55 (p5)	A117	W002
T	Hollie	10T-TML	Year 10	14:55 (p6)	A117	A202

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

HEAT AND HAYFEVER

Please can you ensure that water bottles are brought to school. If possible marked with the students name.

The school does not hold hay fever medication. If this is needed this should be taken before school.



LOST PROPERTY COATS

We have a vast collection of coats on our lost property rail. If your child has lost one, please send them to Student Reception to see if they can be reunited!

We take the majority of unclaimed coats to a Charity Shop at the end of the school year. We keep a small selection on our rail just in case we need some for an emergency.



LOCAL INFORMATION

JOIN THE ADVENTURE – SIGN UP FOR THE D OF E PROGRAMME!

Over the Bank Holiday Weekend, our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) participants embarked on their practice expedition in the beautiful New Forest. Carrying all their kit, they trekked approximately 13km each day, showing tremendous resilience and teamwork. After a full day of walking, they set up camp and cooked delicious meals on their Trangia's, proving that outdoor survival can also be tasty!



With the Bronze expedition successfully completed, we now turn our attention to the Silver participants, who will be heading to the Isle of Purbeck for their own practice expedition in just over a week. Stay tuned and follow our social media for updates on their exciting journey! If you've been inspired by their achievements and want to take part in this incredible adventure, registration is now open for new Bronze and Silver DofE participants starting in September. Don't miss your chance to develop new skills, build resilience, and create unforgettable memories.

Sign up today at this link. <https://schoolsuddy.azurewebsites.net/Account/Register?old=409>

We can't wait to see what challenges and triumphs the next group of DofE'ers will experience!



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MIDHURST TOWN COUNCIL

SKATE JAM

MIDHURST SKATEPARK

CARRON LANE

GU29 9LF

SATURDAY 17th MAY 2025

12NOON – 4PM

All ages and abilities welcome. Free for all to take part.

Parking is not available at Carron Lane.

Please park at Grange Road Car Park GU29 9LT

For more information head to our website www.midhurst-tc.gov.uk





**Midhurst
Cricket Club**

Hardball Cricket Years 7 - 10

Midhurst Cricket Club is delighted to offer hardball training for students in Year 7 and up. We are growing our teams in these age groups and welcome all players, old and new.

Experienced and older teens can also work towards playing with our adult team. Whether you have played cricket before or want to try it, sign up for a fun season of coaching and playing.



Fridays at 7pm starting
on 16th May.

£55 for the season.

For more information contact Michelle at:
midhurstjuniorcricket@gmail.com



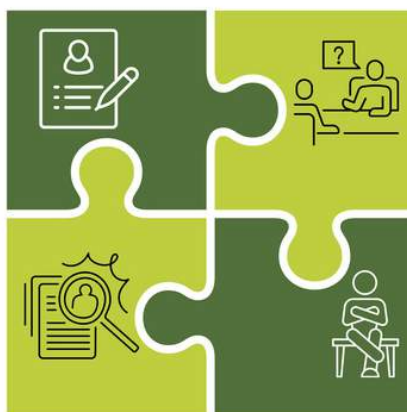
WORK CONNECTIONS

FREE workshop

Wednesday 14th May 10am

St Ann's Hall, St Anne's Hill, Midhurst
GU29 9NN

CV
Writing



Interview
skills

The
employer's
view

Self
presentation

Looking for work or thinking about going
back to work after time away?

Our free workshop can help you build the
skills and confidence to make the next step

To sign up, please e-mail:

info@midhurstcommunityhub.co.uk

or phone:

01730 770403

LOCAL INFORMATION

PETWORTH PARK CRICKET CLUB

Junior Cricket – For secondary school age children this season we are offering the following programmes:

Junior Hard Ball Cricket – Mixed (Ages 8–15): Training on Fridays from 9 May 2025 6:30 PM – 8.00PM

U13 Girls Hard Ball Cricket – Training on Fridays from 9 May, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

NEW FOR 2025!

We are recruiting for our new U13 Girls Hard Ball Cricket Team. Our amazing team of coaches will be running training sessions dedicated to girls hard ball cricket on Friday evenings at 5.30pm from Friday, 9th May 2025.

Aimed at young players aged 11–13 / school years 6–8 (plus younger girls welcome to join). These sessions provide advanced coaching in hard ball cricket techniques, a friendly, supportive environment for young female players to develop at their own pace, and competitive match opportunities throughout the season. (Matches will take place on Tuesday evenings – home and away).

For further information about girls hard ball cricket get in touch with Kirah Ambroziak at development@petworthparkcricket.org

SIGN UP FOR GIRLS OR MIXED HARD BALL CRICKET MEMBERSHIP 2025 [HERE!](#)

Junior League Cricket – 2025 Teams

We are excited to be entering five junior league teams this season: U10 Mixed, U11 Mixed, U13 Mixed, U15 Mixed, U13 Girls (our first-ever girls' league team!). These teams will compete in The Newbery Sussex Junior Cricket League, giving our young players plenty of match experience in a fun and supportive environment.


We also offer Women's Soft Ball Cricket and welcome girls aged 12+ to join.



COME AND JOIN US



PETWORTH PARK
CRICKET CLUB



WOMEN'S SOFT BALL CRICKET





WEEKLY TRAINING EVERY WEDNESDAY 6.30 - 8PM
FROM 16TH APRIL 2025
AT PETWORTH PARK SPORTS GROUND



For ages 12+. Regular 2-hour friendly matches and league matches.
Fun, friendly and welcoming environment. No experience or equipment necessary.

For more information email womens@petworthparkcricket.org,
call Donna Read on 07990 918652 or go online at www.petworthparkcricket.org





2025 JUNIOR CRICKET

FRIDAY
EVENINGS

FOR AGES
5 - 15 YEARS OLD

PPCC welcomes budding
young cricket enthusiasts
to enjoy fun cricket sessions
in the beautiful grounds
of Petworth Park

AT
PETWORTH PARK
CRICKET CLUB

FROM MAY 2025



ALL STARS CRICKET
5 - 8 YEAR OLDS, 5:30 - 6:15PM



DYNAMOS CRICKET
8 - 11 YEAR OLDS, 5:30 - 6:30PM



HARD BALL CRICKET (MIXED)
8 - 15 YEAR OLDS, 6:30-8PM



U13 GIRLS HARD BALL CRICKET
NEW FOR 2025! 5:30PM - 6:30PM

For more information, go to www.petworthparkcricket.org
or contact us at
juniors@petworthparkcricket.org



INSPIRED
TO PLAY



TERM DATES 2025

26 - 30 May	Half Term
18 July	Last Day of Term/Academic Year

MRC PERFORMING ARTS

SUMMER TERM 2025

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

MRC VACANCIES AND WEBSITE LINKS

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

SAFEGUARDING, Wellbeing and Mental Health - ([Click here](#))

Selfcare Newsletter - ([Click here](#))

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](#)

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

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