



# MIDHURST MATTERS



**Midhurst Rother College**

The best in everyone™

Part of United Learning

**Week A | Monday 14 July 2025**

## Principal's Message

This is the final edition of Midhurst Matters for this academic year. The year seems to have flown by and we are very nearly at the summer holidays. This has been a very positive week in College for the students – there has been lots going on. I am very grateful to all the staff who have taken students on residential this week. They give up their time voluntarily in order to provide experiences for the students. Next year we will have more residential with a Christmas Market trip to Cologne that I am looking forward to going on myself!

Our Year 10 students have been on their work experience placements this week. It has been wonderful to receive all the positive feedback from their placements and we look forward to hearing all their news next week.

I would also like to thank all staff for their efforts and planning to give the students a different week this week. They have also been on day trips to various places, as well as many different things to do and try in school. The students' behaviour and conduct, as always, has been excellent.

We will continue with Midhurst Matters next academic year, but will move to a fortnightly publication rather than weekly. We will still continue to give you updates and provide the calendar for the weeks ahead.

I will write separately to all parents / carers next week about confirmed bus times for next year. In short: buses will leave the College site, or from the bus stand, at around 3.20pm each day. Late buses for students doing clubs will leave the College site at 4pm. Further information will be sent to you next week.

The last week of term is a normal one for us to get students back into a routine again. This means uniform and lessons. I will update you about uniform should the current weather conditions continue.

Best wishes.

**Stuart Edwards**  
Principal

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# DIARY DATES AND HOUSE POINTS

## *The Week Ahead*

<b>Monday 14 July</b>		
<b>Tuesday 15 July</b>	Year 7 Year 10	House Music and Drama Cup  Geography Field Trip
<b>Wednesday 16 July</b>	Year 10	Geography Field Trip  Performing Arts Summer Showcase - tickets available on the door.
<b>Thursday 17 July</b>		
<b>Friday 18 July</b>		

AUSTEN

218,994  
(3,568)

KIPLING

251,473  
(3,490)

TENNYSON

250,029  
(3,632)

WOOLF

256,043  
(3,534)

# ATTENDANCE

## ATTENDANCE 2024-2025

This year we have seen an uplift in attendance and a reduction in those who would be deemed as persistently absent. Thank you to all the students and parents who have ensured that this has remained a priority all year.

As part of our daily and weekly routines, we have run attendance competitions between form groups, year groups and the four Houses. By simply attending, your child has been contributing to the success of these different groups as well as accessing their learning and making progress.

This year, we were very excited to introduce Silent Discos and will continue with this next year. We also started the year off by rewarding 3 lucky children whose attendance was at 96% or above from the previous year. All those students who qualified were entered into a prize draw to win either cinema vouchers for a year, a bike, or a Nintendo Switch games console. With the end of the year fast approaching, we are just weeks away from closing this year's prize draw, so each day of attendance counts. To capture the full year, and to avoid any disappointment, we are writing to inform you that the draw for this competition will be held in the opening few weeks of September. After the draw is complete, we will contact the families of the lucky winners and make arrangements for prizes to be awarded.

Well done to:

**ATTENDANCE  
LEAGUE 2024/25**

**CHAMPIONS**

**7A-DDS    10W-MMA  
8A-IHD    7W-RSR  
9K-KWD**

**ATTENDANCE  
Cup 2024/25**

**CHAMPIONS**

**7W-RSR**

**HOUSE  
SUPER LEAGUE  
2025  
CHAMPIONS  
7W-RSR**

We look forward to seeing all your wonderful children in September.

**The Attendance Team**

**Respect, Happiness, Achievement**

## **DON'T FORGET THE FOODBANK FRIDAY FINALE ON FRIDAY 18 JULY**

If you would like to donate goods for this collection, please send them in during the last week of term.

Thank you as always for your ongoing generosity towards this cause.



## **DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A PLAN FOR SUCCESS NEXT YEAR?**

Does your child know what they want to achieve next year? And do they have a plan to get there?

Research shows that having a strategy in place is essential for maintaining motivation and getting results in school.

**If your child doesn't have a plan of action yet, now is the perfect time to help them build one.**

As the academic year comes to an end, you can help your child reflect on how the past 12 months have gone and what they'd like to do differently starting from September.



If you're not sure where to start, we can help. Next week we'll be running a live parent webinar on how you can set your child up for success in their studies and exams by establishing attainable, specific goals and productive habits.

**Live Webinar: How You Can Set Your Child Up for Success  
Tuesday 15th July  
6:00pm–7:00pm (BST)**

**[RESERVE YOUR PLACE HERE](#)**

# ACTIVITIES WEEK – EQUESTRIAN CAMP

## EQUESTRIAN CAMP

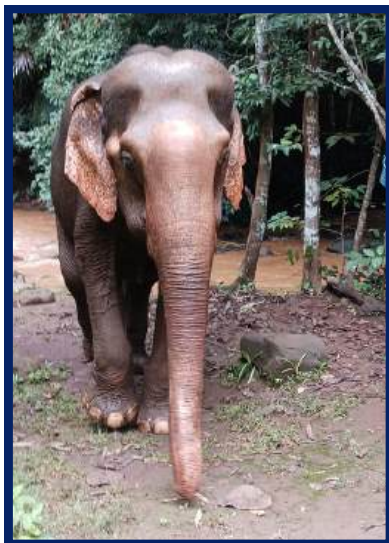
Students who are established riders were offered the opportunity to attend an Equestrian Camp at the Royal Armoured Corps Saddle Club, Dorset during activities week. The RACSC is a British Horse Society Approved Centre and a Pony Club Centre Plus that delivers coaching, clinics, and competitions throughout the year. The camp will support riders develop their equestrian skills, including caring for equines.

The students enjoyed four days of riding: three days with three group coaching sessions each day, followed by a friendly competition on the fourth day.



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# ACTIVITIES WEEK – CAMBODIA EXPEDITIONS



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# ACTIVITIES WEEK – BUSHCRAFT CAMP



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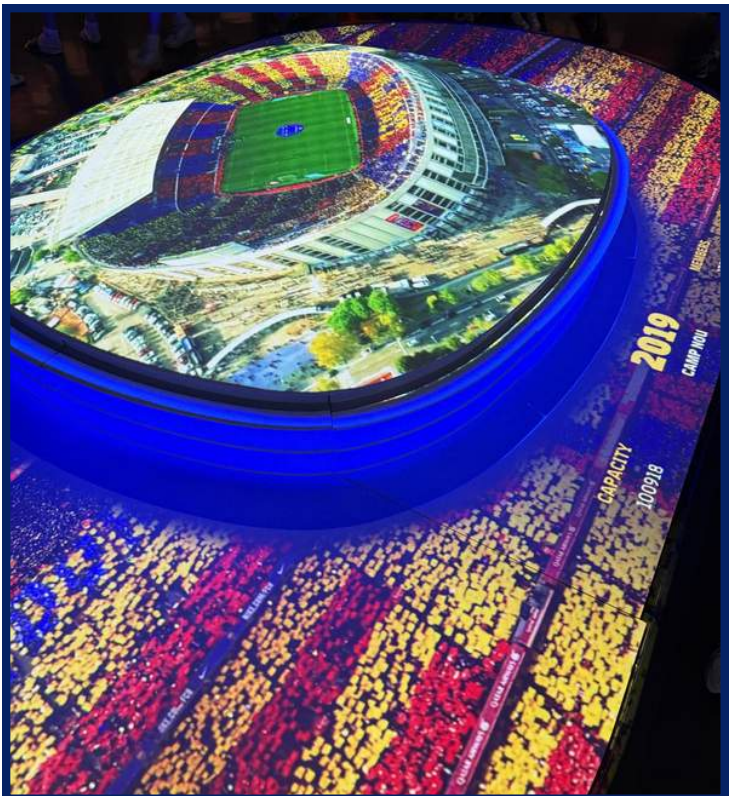
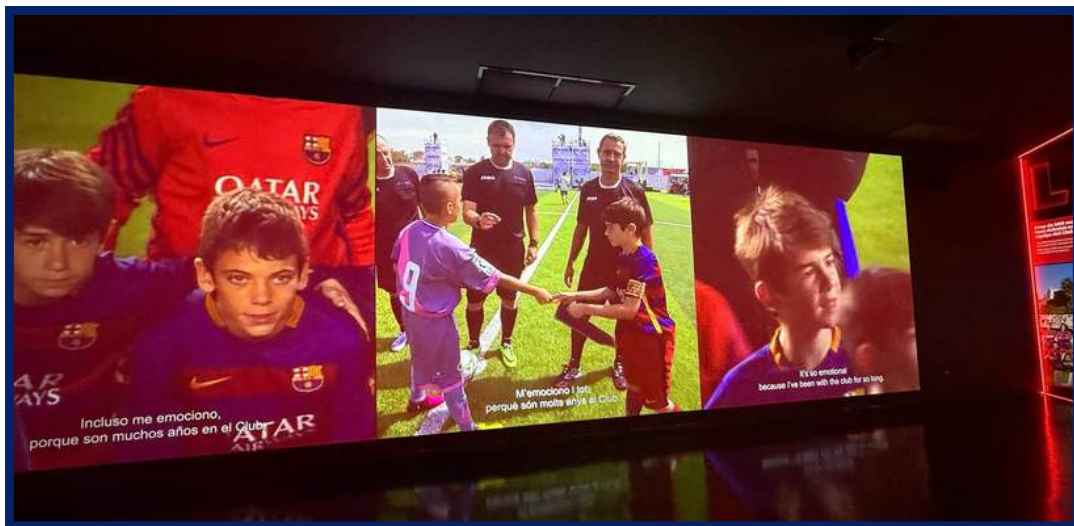
# ACTIVITIES WEEK – BARCELONA

## Day 1 – Parc Guell, La Ramblas and Camp Nou Stadium



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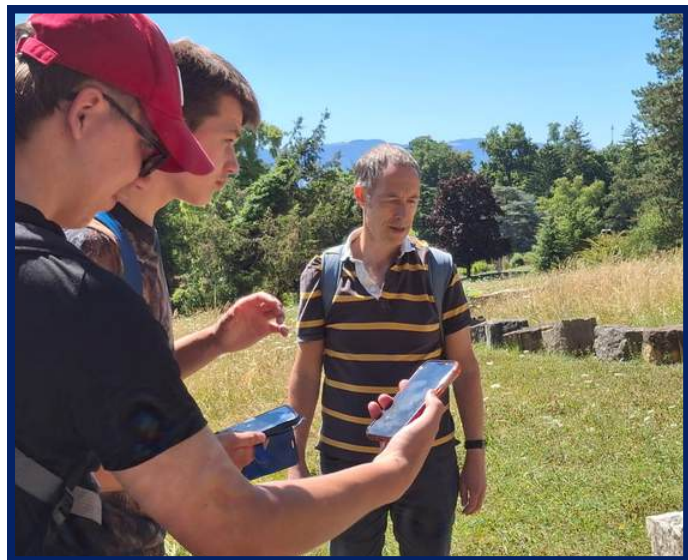
# ACTIVITIES WEEK – GENEVA

## GENEVA TRIP

### Day 1 – Botanical Gardens

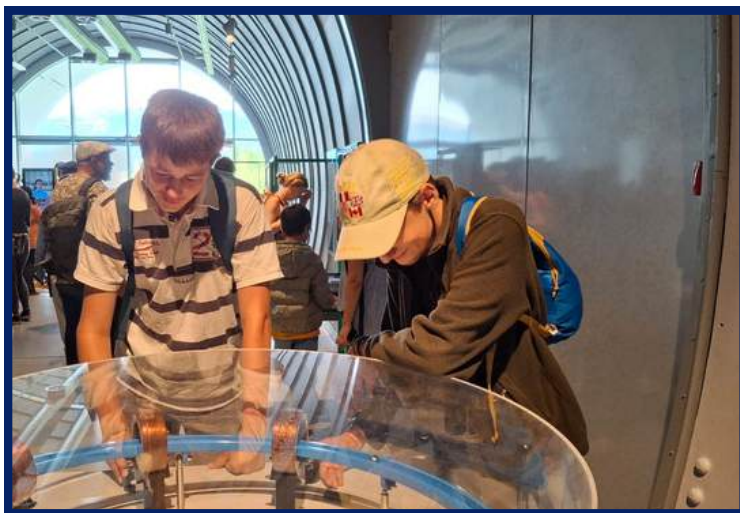


**Day 3** – Students enjoyed a guided tour of the UN. Learning all about what they do and then spent time enjoying the gardens.



**Day 2 – CERN** where the students watched the Particle Express Show and got to walk through many exhibits!

Jacob and Archie were very proud to successfully accelerate some particles!



# ACTIVITIES WEEK – MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE

## PETWORTH HOUSE TENNIS



Students enjoyed a couple of hours of coaching at Petworth House Tennis Court to learn how to play REAL tennis!



## TENNYSON HOUSE – LOCAL NATURE WALK

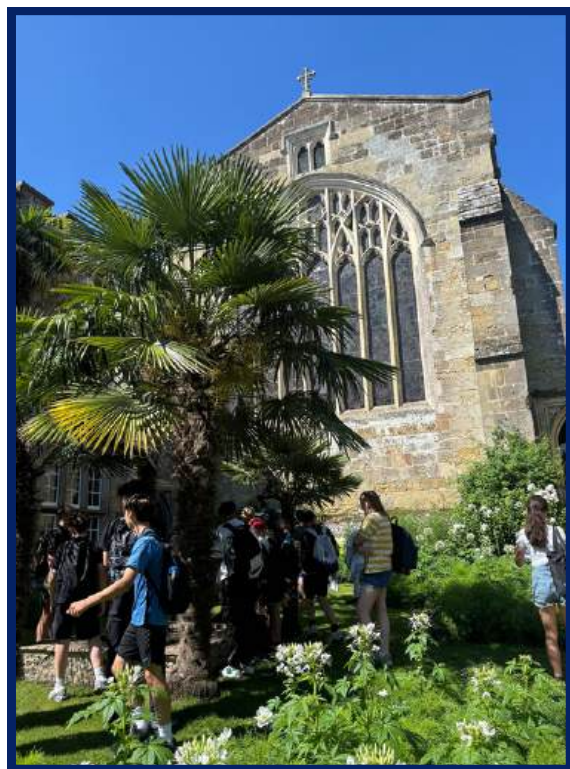
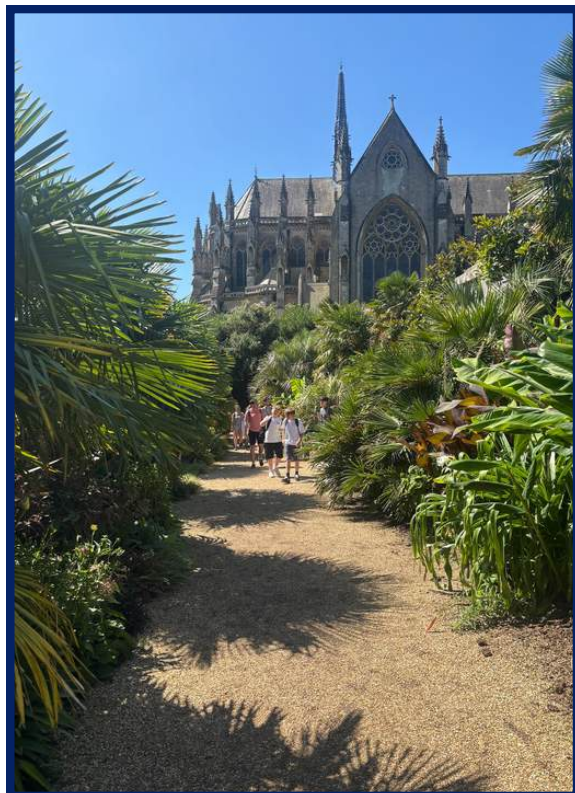


# ACTIVITIES WEEK – MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE

## AUSTIN HOUSE WEEKLY ROUND-UP : A WEEK FIT FOR QUEENS!

What a fantastic and action-packed week it's been for Austin House! The week kicked off with students diving into themed activities inspired by Six the Musical. Split into groups, students took part in a variety of enriching sessions across Monday and Tuesday, including sound and movement, Greek theatre, slapstick comedy, and Tudor history. Each session encouraged creativity and teamwork, and it was brilliant to see students stepping out of their comfort zones and forming strong bonds within their groups.

Wednesday saw us heading out on an exciting external trip to Arundel Castle. In the morning, students roamed the stunning gardens, taking part in a photography competition under the warm summer sun. After lunch, the adventure continued inside the castle as they completed a fact-finding competition, exploring the keep, library, dining hall, and many more of the castle's awe-inspiring rooms.



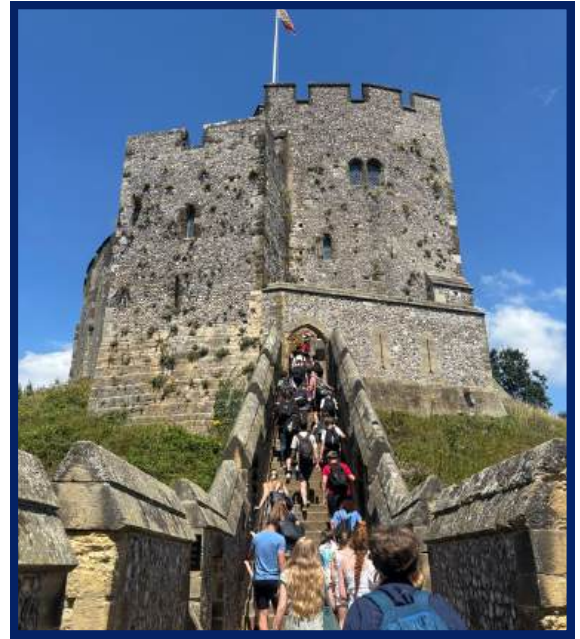
On Thursday, it was time for the long-anticipated Battle of the Six! Inspired by the powerful Queens of Six, our groups competed in a range of Paralympic-style sports, including goalball, seated volleyball, blind football, inflatables, and wheelchair basketball. The energy was electric, the competition fierce, and the team spirit unbeatable!



A huge well done to Queen Howard team for coming out on top! But most importantly, congratulations to all students for showing incredible enthusiasm, teamwork, and resilience throughout the week.

# ACTIVITIES WEEK – MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE

## AUSTIN HOUSE – ARUNDEL CASTLE



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## AUSTIN HOUSE –



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## TENNYSON HOUSE – AMBERLEY MUSEUM

Students learning semaphores with flags.



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## SIXTH FORM VS STAFF FOOTBALL

Stirling performance from the Sixth Form under the expert guidance of their Manager, Mrs Shadbolt and Captain Ben Sullivan.

After a well fought match they allowed the staff to take the 2-1 victory after their second goal was disallowed!

On a positive note, despite playing for the opposition, the love for Mr Puttock still runs strong!





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# SUMMER SHOWCASE

**Wednesday 16 July 2025**

**BBQ will be served from 5:30pm  
with performances starting at 6:30pm**

**Tickets - £8 Adult, £6 child/concession**

For your comfort, please bring a cushion or outside chair



## Chichester Umbrellas

Connecting parents of children and young people with SEND!

Family Support Work (FSW) will be joining us to share details about their services and how they can support you and your family

Donnington Parish Hall  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July

Drop in anytime from 10am – 11.30am

For more information please visit:  
[www.reachingfamilies.org.uk](http://www.reachingfamilies.org.uk)



## Training

Summer 2025

(2nd half-term)

Reaching Families offer a range of free training courses and workshops to parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex



### Training Workshops

#### June

Making Sense of Wellbeing: Self-care and managing stress	Tuesday 10th	10.30am
Making Sense of Behaviours that Challenge (age 2-11 years)	Wednesday 11th	10.30am
Making Sense of Adult Life - Supporting Adolescents (11 years+)	Wednesday 11th	7.30pm
Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	Tuesday 17th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Education Health & Care Needs Assessments and Plans (EHCPs)	Thursday 19th	10.30am
Making Sense of Wellbeing: Understanding and building resilience	Tuesday 24th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Masking	Wednesday 25th	10.30am

#### July

Making Sense of Personal Independence Payment	Thursday 3rd	7.30pm
Understanding Autism	Thursday 10th	10.30am
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Monday 14th	7.30pm

### The SEND Foundation Course

An introduction to SEND and the key issues parents and carers will encounter as their children grow and develop.

Dates: 25th June / 2nd July / 9th July (3-part course) Wednesdays 7.30pm-9.30pm

All training above will be delivered via Zoom

For further information visit our website or email: [outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk](mailto:outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk)



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All our workshops are free of charge, for more information or to book a place, please visit our Eventbrite page or scan the QR code.

<https://reachingfamilies.eventbrite.com>



[www.reachingfamilies.org.uk](http://www.reachingfamilies.org.uk)

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Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person who has, or may have, special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex?



Reaching Families is a parent-carer led charity which aims to empower parent-carers and families of children & young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex through the delivery of information, training and peer support.

### Making Sense of it All

In-depth parent-carer guide covering SEND issues from birth to adulthood

### Fact sheets

Covering a range of SEND issues localised to the needs of West Sussex families

### Umbrellas

Parent support groups based at locations across West Sussex and online, via Zoom

### Benefits Advice Service

1-2-1 advice & claim checking support for families applying for DLA, PIP & Carers Allowance

### Training

Workshops and courses on a variety of issues delivered online, via Zoom

### NDP Navigation Service

Support service for parent-carers of children undergoing assessment on the West Sussex Neurodevelopmental Pathway (via referral from a professional)

### Face-2-Face

Peer based befriending for parents of children undergoing diagnosis

### Facebook Group

An online parent support group providing news, information and peer support

### Animations

Short animated films on a variety of subjects

If you would like more information about how Reaching Families can help, please contact:

Email: [admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk](mailto:admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk)

Telephone: 01903 366 360

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[www.reachingfamilies.org.uk](http://www.reachingfamilies.org.uk)

# CAREERS INFORMATION

## CAREERS INTERVIEWS

The following students have been scheduled to receive a one to one careers interview with our independent careers advisor at the following date and 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 14 July		Tutor Gp	Year Gp	Period	To go to:
P	Lexie	10W-MMA	Year 10	REG (08:30)	A117
S	Lucia	10W-MMA	Year 10	09:15 (p1)	A117
T	Herbie	10W-MMA	Year 10	10:15 (p2)	A117
P	Alfie	10W-MMA	Year 10	11:25 (p3)	A117
W	Poppy	10W-MMA	Year 10	12:25 (p4)	A117
S	Chloe	10W-KMN	Year 10	13:55 (p5)	A117
M	Layla	10T-AEY	Year 10	14:55 (p6)	A117

### 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.









  
**Sussex Community**  
NHS Foundation Trust

## Sussex Immunisation Service

### Missed a vaccination in school?



Please contact your local immunisation team for details of a clinic near you.

 Brighton and Hove 01273 696011 ext. 3789	 Chichester 01273 696011 ext. 8100	 Crawley 01273 696011 ext. 2043
 Heathfield 01273 696011 ext. 2080	 Uckfield 01273 696011 ext. 4931	 Worthing 01273 696011 ext. 8533

### School Vaccination Schedule

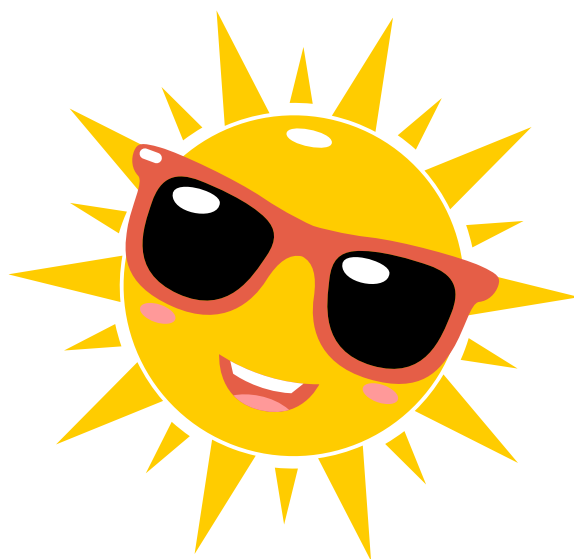

The Flu vaccination is offered seasonally.

Year 8: By the end of Year 8, your child would have been offered their Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine.

Year 9: By the end of Year 9, your child would have been offered their Tetanus/Diphtheria/ Polio (Td/IPV) and Meningitis ACWY (MenACWY) vaccines.

Year 11: By the end of Year 11, your child should have received their HPV Td/IPV and MenACWY vaccines. (Males born AFTER 01/09/2006 ONLY should have been offered the HPV vaccine).

Please check with your GP or in your child's red book that your child's routine vaccinations, including two doses of Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR), are up to date. Scan the QR code for more information about all your vaccinations.



## HOT HOT HOT!

With the **HOT** weather continuing into next week – please ensure students bring...

## WATER BOTTLES

...into College. Ice cold water is available at the water fountains.

If possible bottles should be marked with the students name.



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

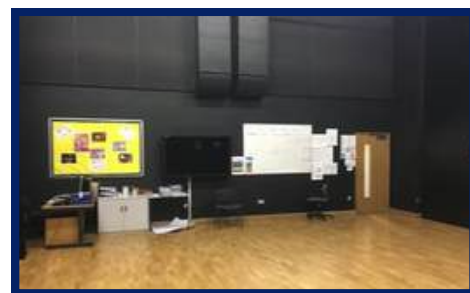
## OSCAR H - YEAR 9

Congratulations to Oscar H in Year 9 who represented the U16s South East Region this weekend at a water polo tournament in Liverpool.

He played incredibly well along with his team mates, playing teams from the East Midlands and the North East. Two weeks ago he represented his talent centre team based in Croydon at the talent centre games in Birmingham where they came 2nd!



# FACILITIES FOR HIRE



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Midhurst Rother College benefits from state-of-the-art facilities including a large sports hall, a large floodlit 3G pitch and dance studio as well as other sporting and non-sporting facilities. The facilities allow us to provide students with a full range of sporting activities within extra-curricular activities and within the curriculum.

Additionally, the outstanding school facilities are used extensively by the school and local community. We have a diverse portfolio of clubs and activities running every evening and during the weekend. Our lettings are open 6 days a week, Mondays to Saturdays, with closures only on Sundays and during bank holidays and extended opening hours during school holidays. There is ample parking available onsite and our friendly staff are always available to help. Should you wish to clarify anything, please use the messaging feature available on the link below.

### Facilities For Hire

3G Football Pitch	Art Room	Atrium	Climbing Wall	Dance Studio
Drama Room	DT Room	Fitness Studio	Food Tech Room	Front Field
Grass Football Pitch	IT Rooms	Learning Resource Centre (Library)	Meeting Rooms	MUGA's
Photography Room	Sports Hall	Classrooms	Textiles Room	Theatre

**All our facilities can now be booked online with each facility page having detailed information about what we have available. <https://mrc.schoolhire.co.uk>**

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## LOCAL INFORMATION

### ELECTRIK POLO

**A New Sport!**  
Group Lessons  
Beginners welcome!  
Equipment provided  
Age: 8 & Over  
22<sup>nd</sup> July - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep  
Tuesday, Thursday  
& Saturday Mornings  
10am-1pm  
Visit us @ [electrikpolo.com](http://electrikpolo.com)  
or via the QR Code  
Come & book a lesson!  
Find us: Cowdray Park Polo Club,  
Midhurst, West Sussex, UK.



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### ELECTRIK POLO

Learn to play at Cowdray Park Polo Club,  
Midhurst, West Sussex.

Get involved in a new fast growing sport.  
Improve your co-ordination and balance whilst  
playing an exciting, fun new game.

All are classes are run by an accredited Electrik  
Polo instructor (DBS Checked &  
Emergency First Aid Level 3 Certified).

Age: 8 & Over

- Learn to ride an E-Wheel!
- E-Wheel Obstacle Course Relay Race
- Master the Shots!
- Mallet & Ball Accuracy Competition!
- Mini-Match!

Contact: [info@electrikpolo.com](mailto:info@electrikpolo.com)

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Midhurst Town Council



**SUMMER  
Street Party**

**SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025**  
**2PM TO 7PM**

Live Music \* Stalls  
Food Trucks \* Games  
Face painting \* Dancing  
Entertainment  
and lots lots more

**LOCATION**  
Throughout the  
town of Midhurst



MORE INFORMATION : [www.midhurst-tc.gov.uk](http://www.midhurst-tc.gov.uk)

Midhurst Town Council

**SUMMER  
MARKET**  
with  
music by  
**MADhurst Unplugged**

**FREE CRAFTS**

- Fan making
- Bunting
- Decorating  
Storage Jars

with  
West Sussex  
recycles

**Saturday 2nd August 2025**  
**9am to 2pm**

At The Old Library and  
Market Square Midhurst

[www.midhurst-tc.gov.uk](http://www.midhurst-tc.gov.uk)



**JOIN THE MRC PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)**

Are you passionate about supporting our college community? Do you have ideas, energy, or just a willingness to get involved? The MRC PTA is looking for enthusiastic parents and carers to join our team!

From organising fun events and fundraising activities to supporting college initiatives, there's always something exciting going on. Whether you have a little time or a lot, your involvement makes a big difference.

No experience is needed – just a desire to help make MRC the best it can be for our students.

Interested? We'd love to hear from you!

Email us at [PTA@mrc-academy.org](mailto:PTA@mrc-academy.org) to find out more.

**Let's work together to build a stronger college community!**



**PUTTING THE FUN IN  
FUNDRAISING !**

## TERM DATES 2025

Friday 18 July	Last Day of Summer Term /Academic Year
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## AUTUMN TERM

Wednesday 3 September	INSET Day
Thursday 4 September	INSET Day
Friday 5 September	First day for Students
Friday 3 October	INSET Day
Monday 27 Cotober - Friday 31 OOctober	Half Term
Friday 28 November	INSET Day
Friday 19 December	Last Day of Term

MRC PERFORMING ARTS  
SUMMER TERM 2025

Date	Event	Who	Venue
Tuesday 15 July	Drama and Music House Cup	Year 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://lexiapowerup.com))

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