



MIDHURST MATTERS

What's Going On?

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Week A	12	Formal 9 th Lesson Exams Continue all week
Monday 16 October		
Tuesday 17 October		
Wednesday 18 October	11	GCSE Success Fair
Thursday 19 October		San Francisco Visit
Friday 20 October		San Francisco Visit
HALF TERM		
Week B	9/10	Classroom Based Exams
Monday 30 October		
Tuesday 31 October	9/10	Classroom Based Exams
Wednesday 1 November	9/10	Classroom Based Exams
Thursday 2 November	9/10	Classroom Based Exams
Friday 3 November	13	Drama Exam

Austen
16,761 (3,747)

Kipling
22,108 (5,073)

Tennyson
20,461 (3,958)

Woolf
17,188 (3,599)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

We supported 'Hello Yellow' on Tuesday this week, which was World Mental Health Day. It was great to see our students and staff dressed in their finest yellow clothing – for a really good cause. Some things we know that help improve mental health are exercise, seeing people and being kind to others. Having a screen break and time away from social media and mobile devices are also both beneficial. On my last point, I remind parents that we are a 'not seen or heard' school with regard to mobile phones.



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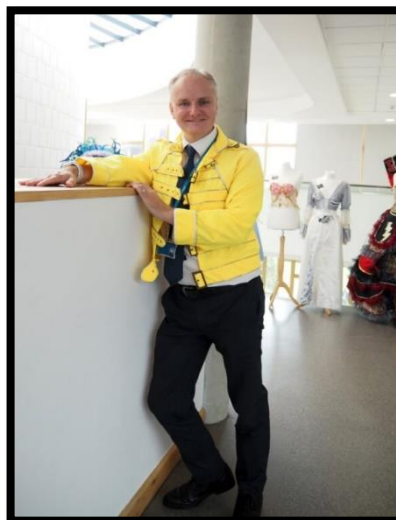
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Movember will soon be upon us and we are looking to create the biggest school team in the country. This charity supports men's mental health, suicide prevention, testicular cancer and prostate cancer. Mr Lamb will hold assemblies with students after the half-term break on testicular cancer – this disease can affect teenagers and it is important that they know the signs of this. We will make regular posts on X / Twitter / Instagram of our growing moustaches – mine included! We will share a link for parents / carers who would like to support us.

There will be no Midhurst Matters next week – we have shared two weeks' worth of dates in this edition. I would like to remind all Year 11 and 13 to make sure they use their time over half-term well to revise for the forthcoming exams and Year 8, 9 and 10 for their assessments.



Massive thank you for the school community who took part in Hello Yellow this year we raised an impressive £345. It is so important to support the wonderful work of YoungMinds and to continue to raise the awareness of mental health. Mr P Thompson.





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We are very pleased to announce that we are supporting the RBL for their annual Poppy Appeal. If your child would like to support this wonderful charity, they can purchase a poppy from their Heads of Year.

Food Technology

Food Focus

Some marvellous dishes being produced this week with Focaccia from Year 8, Lasagne from Year 9 and some wonderful Apple Pies from Year 10, which were made with windfall apples provided by Maddie Hathaway (member of staff) - thank you.





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Job Vacancies - Exam Invigilator

We seek to expand our team of Invigilators and require people who are team players and are responsible, reliable, calm and flexible. You will work under the guidance of the Examinations Officer to invigilate exams, set up exam rooms, process exam papers and follow exam regulations.

Full training will be provided.

If you are interested, please contact Sole Donoso (Exams Officer) soledad.donoso@mrc-academy.org or phone 01730 819749.

Assessments

Assessments are coming up for the following year groups after half-term.

Year 10: 30 October – 10 November (classroom based)

Year 9: 30 October – 10 November (classroom based)

Year 8: 6 November – 17 November (classroom based)

Over the next week or two, class teachers will be sharing details with your child about the assessments coming up, 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. You can also find Year 9 and Year 10 revision resources here: Approximate dates, to aid students and their parents when planning revision for these assessments, can be found here: [Tracking Point 1 Assessment Dates.pdf \(mrc-academy.org\)](#). Further details will be provided by class teachers.

Careers Talks for Year 11 Students

We are once again looking for speakers from across all professions to visit Midhurst Rother College and chat to small groups of our Year 11 students about career paths and experiences of the working world. Talks will take place on a Wednesday afternoon 2:45-3:40pm from late December through to the end of February.

Our students do enjoy hearing from and being inspired by guest speakers, who talk about a wide range of professions and enterprises, to inform and inspire them about future study paths and careers.

If you would like to offer your time to enrich the career aspirations of our students, please provide your details using this link:

[Year 11 Careers Talk](#)

Collection and Drop Off of Students on Site

We have high movement of students on site at the beginning and end of the school day, with students being dropped by buses, or arriving on foot. To allow safeguarding and health and safety of all our students we ask that you refrain from driving onto site to **drop or collect your child**. This minimises traffic allowing for safer student movement. Only parents/carers with on-site passes will be allowed to drop off and collect their students from site. If you feel you require a pass, please contact your child's head of year.

Foodbank Collection this Term – Thursday 23 November

The Midhurst Foodbank warehouse is currently closed for refurbishment. Our first Foodbank collection of the year will be on Thursday 23 November when we will be asking for all those lovely special treat items in various sizes, so those in need can have a little extra over the festive period.



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A reminder that we are a referral point for the Foodbank and if you at any point require any food bank vouchers then please do not hesitate in contacting us via foodbank@mrc-academy.org or through your child's pastoral leader.

Music Department

There are a number of music events coming up after half term which can be seen in the Calendar of Events at the bottom of the newsletter. Please look out for letters home for the following:

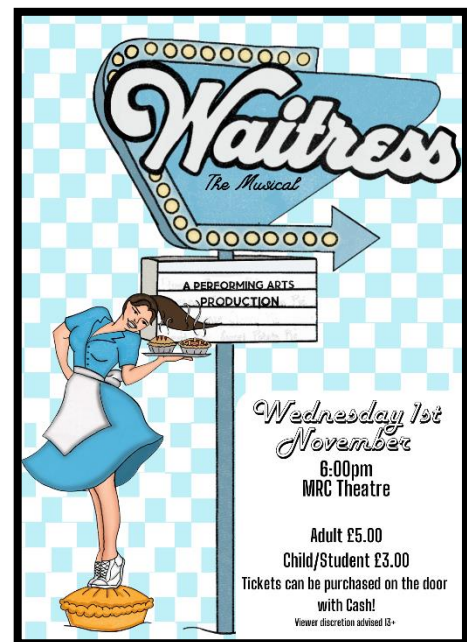
2 November	Rotary Concert. This will involve ALL students in the orchestra and choir. Starting at 7pm in the theatre.
14 November	Music for Youth proms. Open to all students involved in performing arts enrichments. 7pm Royal Albert Hall.
15 November	Don Giovanni at Glyndebourne. Year 12 and 13 Music and Performing arts students
23 November	LPO Brightsparks. Compulsory for <u>all students studying GCSE or A level music</u> . Leaving school at 8.30 for the Royal Festival Hall, London.
29 November	Winter Concert. ALL students involved in Performing arts enrichments. 7pm in the theatre



BTEC Performing Arts

Waitress the Musical

On Wednesday 1 November our Year 13 BTEC Performing Arts Students will be showcasing their newest piece 'Waitress the Musical'. This is a fantastic show which students have been working incredibly hard on. We recommend a minimum age of 13+ due to the mature themes in this musical. If you would like to purchase tickets for this event, please see Miss Soby or email her on chloe.soby@mrc-academy.org, alternatively tickets will be available on the door. We look forward to seeing you there!



PE Department

PE Department After School Clubs have now started. These are recreational clubs to allow all students to access a variety of sports in a very relaxed environment. Students must make sure their parents/carers know they are attending; they must wear full MRC PE kit and should have arranged for their transport home. The students do not need to book in advance, they can just turn up.

Monday	3.40 - 4.30pm	Netball (Miss Howard)
Tuesday		NO CLUBS
Wednesday	3.40 - 4.30pm	Gym/Fitness (Mr Marshall)
Thursday	3.40 - 4.30pm	KS4 Basketball (Mr Hancock)
Friday	1.45 - 2.45pm	Boys Football (Male Staff)



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Year 8 Netball

The Year 8 girls netball team took on the Sir Phillip Howard team last week. After a closely fought game, the final result was a 5-5 draw. Well done girls! (Florence V, Grace Y, Amelie, Grace H, Florence H, Tayla-Jayne, Lucy).



Fireworks Night – 3 November 2023

This is our fourth MRC Parents Association Fireworks Event at Midhurst Rother College. Our largest annual fundraiser with its spectacular 12-minute professional pyro musical fireworks display. The display will take place in our sports field at the front of the college with standing room in the car park. No need to wear your wellies to this fireworks event!!

We are very proud that the event is being sponsored by Midhurst Town - in conjunction with CDC, Cowdray Estate, MacDonald Oates Solicitors and Epic Comedy.

We will have a great selection of bespoke food trucks, plus a licensed bar hosted by Red H and a Community Bar including snacks and goodies for children run by local shop owners.

There will be no public parking on school grounds. Disabled parking strictly by contacting madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org in advance of the night to reserve a space.

Tickets will also be available in the coming weeks from MRC Reception and The Upholsterer on North Street.

Online tickets are available at [MRC Parents Fireworks 2023 @ Midhurst Rother College on Friday 3rd November Tickets, Fri 3 Nov 2023 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

MRC Recycling Week

Our first recycling collection of the year will take place next week, from Monday 16th October – Friday 20th October.

Each morning you will have an opportunity to take your items to our recycling point (main reception). Sixth formers will be there to sign proud cards and write down your name (contributing to your bronze learning journey award).

All students should start collecting now (if you haven't already been collecting), there will be a collection once a half term.



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Items to collect (please keep collecting beyond this event ready for the next collection week):

Milk bottle tops (please do not mix other bottle tops in).

Stationery (pens, highlighters and board markers).

Crisp packets (flattened if possible).

Batteries.

Dental care (plastic toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and electric toothbrush heads).

No matter how much you have collected please bring it in!

Considering a Career in Teaching?

United Teaching

If you're passionate about making a difference to the lives of children and young people and are looking for a career that will not only change their lives but yours too, you're in the right place.

We can help you to begin your teaching journey through our postgraduate programme, specifically designed to maximise your time building experience in a school environment.

Who we are?

We are the initial teacher training (ITT) programme for United Learning, a group of more than 90 academies and independent schools whose purpose is to positively influence the lives of children and young people.



Our priority at United Teaching is making sure that our trainee teachers are provided with excellent professional support and development. You will complete your training with the confidence to run your classroom and teach effectively and inspire and bring out the best in your pupils.

There are a few options to choose from. You can train for Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) on its own, or you can opt to complete a PGCE as well, which will earn you 60 Masters-level credits along the way. There are various ways to fund training, from salaried to self-funded, which you can find out about [here](#).

If you choose to train with us, you will be placed in a placement school for most of the year for hands-on training. This means you can develop strong relationships with children and colleagues as you work towards achieving your teaching qualification. As well as time spent in your placement school, you will also spend at least three weeks completing a second school placement in a contrasting school. This structure lets you build experience of different teaching environments and have the opportunity to work with a broader range of colleagues, increasing your exposure to new ideas and ways of thinking. Your placements will make you an even more effective teacher - not to mention helping you build a supportive network of colleagues.



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What we offer

During your time with us you will be fully supported by your school, with the first step of your programme starting with the one-week summer institute in July. This will help you to prepare for your September start by introducing you to key ideas around teaching, learning, behaviour, safeguarding and curriculum.

As well as this, there are two induction days either side of the summer institute which will give you time in your school to observe lessons, meet students and spend time with colleagues. Your training year will be spent in your host school, with Friday afternoons set aside for your dedicated training every week.

You will be supported through weekly observations, meetings and termly review points, culminating with assessment against the Teachers' Standards at the end of the year. If you choose to also complete the PGCE, you will complete two academic assignments. These will be assessed by our university partner: Goldsmiths, University of London.

Most teachers who have trained with us go on to stay with United Learning, working in one of our many schools across the United Kingdom. Once you have finished your training, you can then progress onto the ECF (Early Career Framework) programme. This is a structured programme of support and mentoring, in partnership with Ambition Institute, where you will continue to receive training, mentoring and professional development opportunities.

Why us?

Teaching is truly a career that changes lives. If you want to help shape future generations, then this is one of the most rewarding careers you could choose.

There are so many reasons to choose us. We can offer you a salary up to 5% higher than a maintained school; a dedicated and expertly designed curriculum with resources available to support your lesson planning throughout the academic year, saving you valuable time; opportunities to progress your career within the United Learning group of schools; and a wealth of continual professional development opportunities that are available to you throughout your career with us.

We'd love to hear from you.

For more information, please contact Mrs V Strachan, Deputy Professional Tutor vikki.strachan@mrc-academy.org

NEW MRC Instagram Account



Don't forget we now have a new Instagram account for Midhurst Rother College which will be filled with achievements/events/vacancies/latest news etc.

Please follow us at **@MRC_1st**

'NEW' Vacancies at Midhurst Rother College

Please click on the following link for the latest vacancies at MRC: [Midhurst Rother College > About Us > Vacancies \(mrc-academy.org\)](https://mrc-academy.org/midhurst-rother-college/about-us/vacancies)



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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.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>
- Sparx Reader: [Sparx Reader](https://www.sparxmaths.uk/student)
- Lexia POWERUP Literacy - Login and Student Program: [Device Setup - PowerUp \(lexiapowerup.com\)](https://www.lexia.com)
- Past editions of Midhurst Matters Newsletter [Midhurst Matters \(mrc-academy.org\)](https://www.mrc-academy.org)

MRC Performing Arts - Calendar of events 2023 - 2024

DATE	EVENT	Students involved	VENUE
Autumn 2023			
Wednesday 1 st November	Waitress the Musical	BTEC Performing Arts	MRC Theatre
Thursday 2 nd November	Rotary Concert	Orchestra Choir Jazz Band	MRC Theatre (P5&6 theatre only)
Tuesday 14 th November	Music for Youth Proms	Trip – All students that wish to attend. Letters will go out	Royal Albert Hall-London
Wednesday 15 th November	Don Giovanni - Glyndebourne	K55 BTEC Performing arts BTEC Music A-level Music	Glyndebourne opera house
Thursday 23 rd November	Bright Sparks	Compulsory for KS4 & 5 Music students	Royal Festival Hall-London
Wednesday 29 th November	Winter Concert	Orchestra Choir Jazz Strings, flutes Drama/production groups Soloists (by invite) Bands	MRC Theatre
Tuesday 5 th December	Cinderella & Wizard of Oz	GCSE Drama (C)	MRC Theatre
Thursday 7 th December	Aladdin	GCSE Drama (B)	MRC Theatre
Thursday 7 th December	Tree of hope service	Musicians - Invite only (P6 rehearsals)	Easebourne Church
Tuesday 12 th December	Carol Service	Orchestra Choir Jazz Band Musical Theatre/BTEC	Midhurst Church
Wednesday 13 th December	Carol Service	Orchestra Choir Musical Theatre/BTEC Jazz Band	Midhurst Church
Spring 2024			
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
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	YR 11 Choreography Showcase	GCSE Dance Yr11	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 24 th April	Dance House 2	MRC Dance Teams	Worthing Theatre

Summer 2024			
Tuesday 30 th April	YR 10 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama YR10	MRC 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)	Amptitheatre
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



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Early Help

Are you struggling with your mental health?

Would you like information and advice about relationships, friendships, managing emotions and general wellbeing?



Dedicated Schools Team Support Worker - Maxine Trent

I will be here at Midhurst Rother College every Wednesday 09:30-14:30

"Come and see me for a chat!"

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SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL