





Welcome to our new look Midhurst Matters this week. I hope you like the different design. Thank you to Ms Jones and Ms Cheal for their work on creating this.

ATTERS

This week students had an assembly led by Macmillan Cancer Support. A member of the Macmillan Team came to the school to talk to the students about the work they do to help people and families who are living with cancer. We will be raising money for this cause on Friday 14 March with our now annual 'Brave the Shave' event. Six of our Sixth Form will have their hair cut VERY short in front of students. These students have been growing their hair for this event and there is a fair amount of nervousness amongst them, but they are doing it for a fantastic cause. Two of the Sixth Form students will not be having their hair completely shaved off, but will be donating around six inches each to the 'Little Princess Trust'. This will then be used to create wigs for young people who have lost their hair due to the side-effects of cancer treatment. Should you wish to donate to this worthwhile cause, please click here.

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We all know cancer is incredibly serious and we will all know someone who has or has had this disease. The event we are running shows how our students are prepared to support others.

Staying on the theme of charity...next Friday is Comic Relief. We will be running events in College to raise money for this charity – all of them organised by our Sixth Form. This will be a non-uniform day for all students in the College for a voluntary contribution of £1.00. We will also have a JUMBO cake sale and other events in school, such as Human Battleships, Dodgeball, Pin the Nose on the Teacher and others.

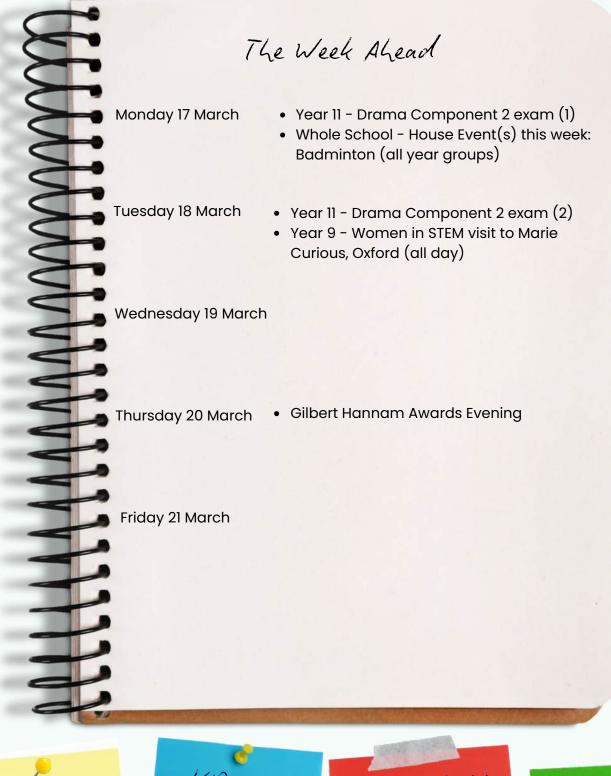
We are also looking forward to celebrating our Gilbert Hannam Day on Thursday 20 March, concluding with the annual prize giving ceremony for Year 11 and 13 in the evening.

**Best Wishes Stuart Edwards** 

Outstanding

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# Diary Dates and House Points



AUSTEN 146,471 (4,788) KIPLING 169,330 (5,195)

TENNYSON 165,174 (5,228)

WOOLF 174,682 (5,085)

#### **ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

It is great to see so many students attending on a daily basis, enjoying their lessons and making progress. The College continues to be above the National Average for attendance as a result of this.

| 95% |   | 47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR<br>8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days  |
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| 90% | # | 95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR<br>16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day |
| 85% | = | 142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days  |
| 80% | = | 190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days  |

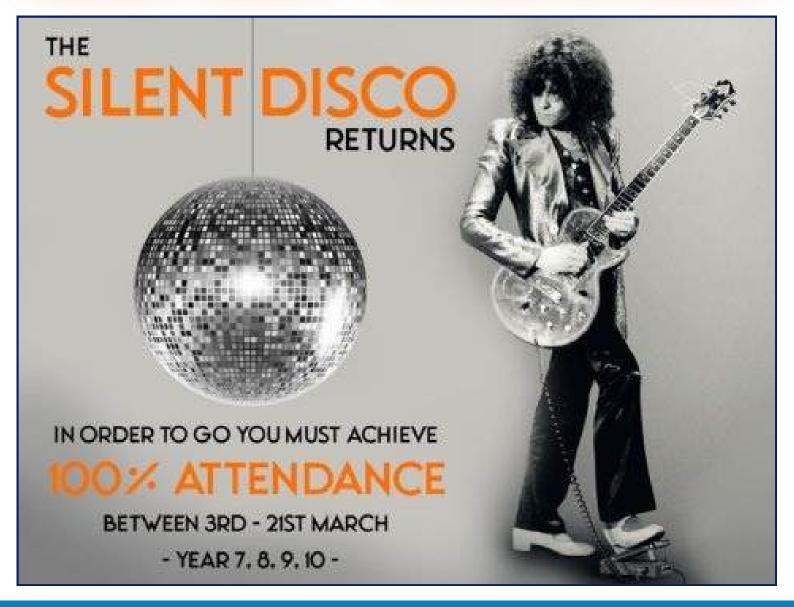
# **ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE **FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?** 

# BE SMART BE THERE! Percentages based on 190 academic days

Should you have any concerns or queries relating to attendance, please see our website (Attendance Matters) for further information.

# MENT DISCH - 31 March 2025



# DEPARTMENT FOCUS - PERFORMING ARTS

#### **ROTARY YOUNG MUSICIAN**

On Friday 7 February, 18 of our singers and instrumentalists took part in the local heats of the Rotary Young Musician.

This was truly an incredible afternoon, showcasing some of the excellent talent that our students have. As well as the Midhurst and Petworth Rotarians, we also welcomed four judges who came to adjudicate the event. I certainly would not have liked to be in their shoes, the standard was incredibly high!

Dolly V (Year 10) came first in the vocal category and Ed G (Year 13) came first in the instrumental.

Sadly, due to Year 13 commitments, Ed was unable to make the next round, so Evie H, who came second in her category, took his place.

Dolly and Evie represented the school in the district final, up against some very tight competition, both girls did themselves proud. Evie went on to perform in the regionals, which involved performers from Sussex, Surrey, Hampshire, IOW and Kent! What an amazing achievement for them all, well done.







Ben C Luca G Bella J

Esme B Hugo M-W

Elphina D-B - Awarded Runner Up (Vocalist)

Aurora L Henry H

Imogen S Dolly V – Awarded 1st Place (Vocalist) Peter J









# **DEPARTMENT FOCUS - PERFORMING ARTS**

#### **CHICHESTER FESTIVAL OF MUSIC, DANCE AND SPEECH**

Over the past few weekends we have seen many of our musicians take part in the Chichester Festival, and WOW did they do well! Lots of amazing feedback and lots of medals and trophies were proudly won.

We entered the Orchestra, Jazz Band, Flute Ensemble, Clarinet Ensemble, MRC singers and Period 6 Choir. Many students also entered as Solos. Please see below for the results and achievements. All students have shown an exceptional amount of skill and hard work, a really big well done to all.

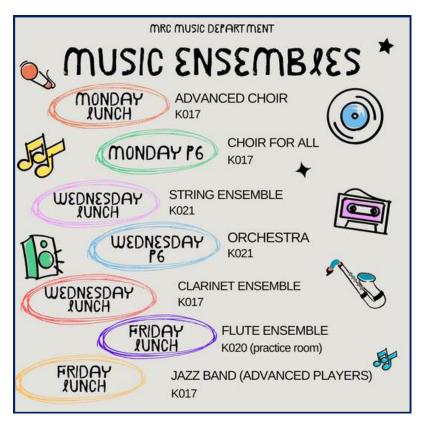
We are incredibly grateful for the amazing team of visiting music teachers at MRC. Our choirs are run by Charlotte Mason, who is also our singing teacher. A big thank you for the support and direction you give to all our singers, the hard work certainly paid off!

Our amazing list of woodwind medals is down to Emma Milne who teaches Flute, Saxophone and Clarinet at MRC. Thanks so much for encouraging them all to enter, they did amazingly!

If you have been inspired by all the wonderful music making and think now is the time to give it a go, we have a variety of lessons on offer, all taught by highly skilled peripatetic teachers. Please see the attached list of teachers and their contact details.







# **DEPARTMENT FOCUS - ENGLISH**

#### **GRAMMAR STREAM**

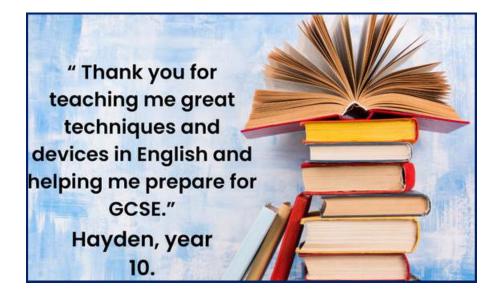
Before Christmas, students in the Grammar Stream were tasked with entering the "Fright Night" Spooky Stories Competition hosted by Young Writers.

The competition saw the students enter a short scary story utilising techniques that they had been taught in class.

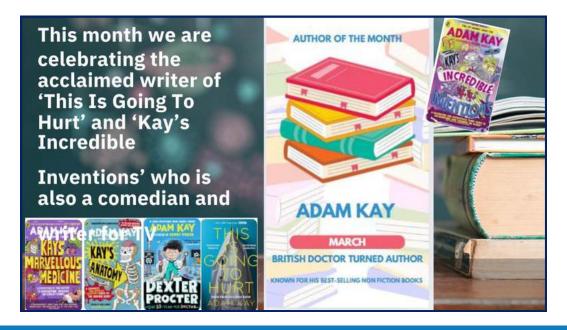
The results are in and outstandingly every application has been accepted. So, each student will see their work published into a book!

So, a HUGE congratulations to all the applicants who took part in the fright night competition.





#### **LRC - AUTHOR OF THE MONTH**



# **DEPARTMENT FOCUS - ENGLISH**

#### **GRAMMAR STREAM**

Last week we celebrated World Book Day during tutor time, learning about the importance of libraries all around the world and a book quiz. The winners of the quiz were Mr Hancock's tutor group 9W-AHK, who scored an impressive 82 points with their knowledge of the books! A tub of chocolates is heading their way.

In the library, we also had activities during English lessons, break and lunch, where students read for pleasure, designed bedrooms for their favourite book characters, wrote six-word stories and doodled all things reading-related. It was a difficult job choosing a winner from all of the wonderful, creative entries, but the winners who will receive 25 achievement points are:

Eloise A - Year 8 Max G - Year 7 Vicky E - Year 7





Respect, Happiness, Achievement

# **DEPARTMENT FOCUS - ART**

# **INSECTS & BIRDS PROJECT/EXHIBITION**

The Art Department enjoyed seeing so many friends and family coming to see our Year 7 Insects and Year 8 Birds independent projects.

Visitors were very impressed with the range of styles of art from drawings to paintings and sculptures.

The Head Boy and Head Girl will be choosing the 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners for each year group.

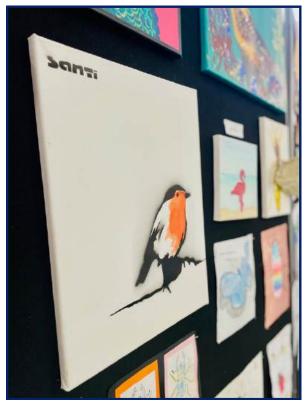
Results will be shared in tutor time slides.













# DEPARTMENT FOCUS - ART

# **INSECTS & BIRDS PROJECT/EXHIBITION**











# **DEPARTMENT FOCUS - SCIENCE**

#### SCIENCE DEPARTMENT STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our Scientists of the Week! Keep up the good work!

Year 7 - Freddie Fletcher & Milana Kuksa

Year 8 - Ria-Mai Buckman & Lawrence Scaife

**Year 9** - Ivy Yates & Henry Harrison

**Year 10** - MollyAnna Raeside & Max Gilfillan

Year 11 - Jacob Harris & Emily Priest





# **DEPARTMENT FOCUS - PE**

#### CHICHESTER CORPORATE CHALLENGE

On Wednesday 5 March, MRC students and staff took part in the first race in the Chichester Corporate Challenge Race Series. The conditions were fantastic for running and the atmosphere, as always, was electric.

Every student that ran had a fantastic race. We look forward to them improving their times over the next two races throughout March. It was great to see a Sixth Form team once again and we have more signed up for the next race.

Results to follow in the next update...



Emily, Year 8 - No 521

#### YEAR 8 FOOTBALL TEAM

Congratulations to the Year 8 Football Team who beat The Petersfield School 3-2 on Thursday. In a very close, hard fought game, the boys battled hard to secure the win – with Ben H scoring a superb solo goal with the last kick of the game.

A great team performance, showing true grit and team work – well done boys!



Sixth Form Team & Mr Hancock



**Sixth Form Team** 

# BRIGHTON MARATHON FUNDRAISING

On Sunday 6 April Mr Hancock will be running the Brighton Marathon for Cancer Research UK. He has been racking up the miles since January and is hoping for a strong run. Any donations towards this fantastic cause would be greatly appreciated and brilliant motivation during his training.

Click here to sponsor Mr Hancock

# **EXTRA CURRICULAR**

#### ATLASSIAN WILLIAMS RACING STEM EXPERIENCE

Last Thursday, the 6 March a group of Year 9 and 10 students, had a fantastic opportunity to visit the Atlassian Williams Racing STEM experience. After a long journey, we came into view with the superb facilities and the coach erupted with excitement.

After we got off the coach, we were welcomed by the fantastic group of employees who took us through the brilliant building to our room for the day, Monaco. After that we were taken into the conference room named after Sir Frank Williams, also the only room not named after a Formula One track.

Our first activity we took part in was to learn about crumple zones on the nose of the car and its importance for the car and the driver. With that information we were instructed to design and create our own using materials such as cardboard and polystyrene pellets. Prior to our crash tests we had to adapt our nose cones to perform the best when attached to model wooden chassis to then be trialled in their miniature frontal impact crash test, which was then turned into a competition. Williams gifted the winners of this competition the limited edition Australian Grand Prix Alex Albon race mode caps.

After a short lunch break in Monaco, we were brought to their impressive surrounding theatre, and after a brief video of Atlassian Williams Racing's history, the screen panels opened into their very impressive private Formula One car collection, which was fantastic. This included the Williams BMW FW24 from 2002 driven by Juan Pablo Montoya and Ralf Schumacher and the Williams Renault FW34 driven by Bruno Senna and Pastor Maldonado which he won their only win that season at the 2012 Spanish Grand Prix at Catalunya, their first and latest win to this day. We also got to learn about the carbon fibre seats the drivers use and how they are moulded to fit each driver perfectly along with the carbon fibre side pods used by Alex Albon and the steering wheel and its complexity used by George Russell.

Finally, we were shown their incredible E-Sports racing simulators used by their professional E-Sports racing team. Each simulator had pedals with a braking force of 30Kg and a steering wheel with force feedback to give you a proper feel for how it feels to drive a real Formula One car. We had a mini championship consisting of three races being Australia then Silverstone and then finally Baku, Azerbaijan.

Oliver P - Year 11 & Sam M

# **EXTRA CURRICULAR**

#### ATLASSIAN WILLIAMS RACING STEM EXPERIENCE













# SIXTH FORM NEWS

#### **BRAVE THE SHAVE**

On Friday 14 March a couple of our Sixth Form students will have 'Braved the Shave' in order to raise money for the local Macmillan service.

The Midhurst Macmillan Service operates throughout Sussex, Surrey and Hampshire providing world class palliative care to patients with terminal diseases. They are funded solely by donations generated by the Midhurst Palliative Care Charity.

We ask if you would please consider donating to the JustGiving Page linked at the end of this appeal in order to support our local service and keep them running and available to help patients and their families in one of the most difficult times in their lives. <u>Donate here</u>.

Thank you.

Saul Combes
Charity Team Coordinator









# **COLLEGE NOTICES**

#### **FOODBANK**

#### **Easter Eggs for Foodbank**

It is time for our annual collection of Easter Eggs for the Easter Foodbank collection for their holiday lunchboxes. These lunchboxes go out to Free School Meal 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 21 March. Easter Eggs can be left at Main Reception anytime between now and then.





# **CAREERS INFORMATION**

#### **PGCE - BECOME A TEACHER**

If you are interested in teaching and want to find out more about our Post Graduate Teacher Training Programmes, then please join us at our next virtual Post Graduate Open Event which is being held on 26 March.

You can register by contacting studyhere@chi.ac.uk.

You can also email Debs Wilkinson (d.wilkinson@chi.ac.uk) to talk about the primary courses and Jeremy Smith (j.smith@chi.ac.uk) to discuss the secondary routes.



#### 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

#### **UNIFORM**

#### **Hoodies & Leggings**

A gentle reminder to students and parents that coats are obviously allowed to be worn, but **HOODIES** are not part of the uniform and will be removed from students if they wear them to College or during break times. LEGGINGS are also not acceptable as part of the school uniform.

Coats over blazers are of course perfectly acceptable, we don't want anyone getting cold, but hoodies are not permitted for school, PE or Dance - we have a no hoodies on site policy. Please click on the link below for the Uniform Policy if you are unsure on any of the uniform. UNIFORM POLICY

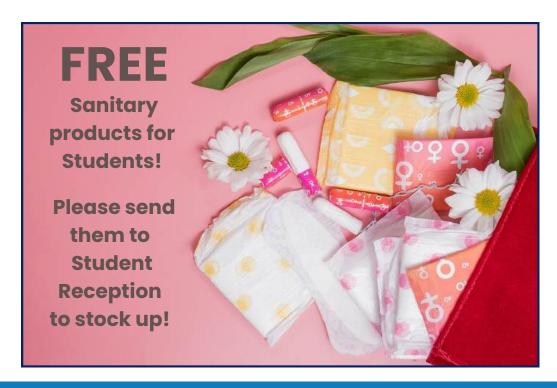


#### **Negative Uniform/Jewellery Points**

'Pink Slips' are assigned to students who are not conforming to our uniform/jewellery policy. A negative point is added to your child's Arbor and each point represents one pink slip that has been issued over the course of the current week – one negative point per pink slip.

If you have any queries regarding the issuing of the negative point, please email enquiries@mrc-academy.org.

Thank you for working with us to help keep our students smart, It is so important in setting them up to achieve!





A special offer for MRC parents and staff, as Petworth Festival confirms a **20% discount** on adult tickets for events at MRC this summer.

This offer is available until Friday, 11 April. Tickets for 18 and under and full-time students are just £5.

Three unforgettable nights of music and comedy at MRC:

#### Wednesday, 30 July - 7:30 pm

What the World Needs Now - The Music of Burt Bacharach (Some of the world's best-known tunes featuring Ronnie Scott's legend James Pearson and a host of brilliant musicians and singers)

#### Thursday, 31 July - 7:30 pm

Fleetwood Mac's Rumours with the Transatlantic Ensemble (Amazing live version of one of the best-selling albums of all time -considered one of Petworth Festival's all-time best gigs – and likely to sell out fast)

#### Friday, 1 August - 7:30 pm

The Fringe - Ed Byrne + Support

(A regular panellist on TV shows like Mock the Week and Have I Got News for You, comedy legend Ed Byrne comes to Midhurst)

#### To book discounted MRC adult tickets, simply use code 2025mrc20 at the checkout.

Scan the QR Code & scroll down for full details and tickets for Petworth Summer Festival MRC events.













Do you have a burning desire to tread the boards? Direct, design a set, be the most organised props person, plot the lighting or learn your way around a sound board, production manage, costumes or help with front of house? Whether you are experienced or fresh out of the box, however you want to help or get involved your local theatre needs you!



We are an active, friendly amateur theatre group always striving to achieve the highest standards.

We are looking for new members for all of the above for future productions. We meet on the last Friday of every month for a social gathering to which you are most welcome, or please contact our lovely secretary Liz to discuss how you can get involved - lizfowler@aol.com.





#### **SYLVIA BEAUFOY YOUTH & COMMUNITY HUB**

As the new term at the Sylvia Beaufoy Centre has started, we are excited to share the fantastic opportunities available for young people over the coming months. We have a wide range of activities planned, ensuring there is something for everyone to enjoy, learn from, and participate in.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) – Bronze, Silver & Gold The highlight of this term is our Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme at Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels. We are delighted to announce that booking is now open for those wishing to start their DofE journey in September. This opportunity is available for young people who will be in school Year 9 and above.



The DofE programme offers young people a chance to develop key life skills, build confidence, and engage in adventure and community work, all while earning a recognised qualification. If your child is interested in enrolling or if you require further information, please email dan@sylviabeaufoy.org as soon as possible to secure a place.

#### **Greenpower Team**

Our Greenpower Team continues to work hard designing, building, and racing electric-powered cars as part of the Greenpower Education Trust initiative. While new members will not be able to join until November, we encourage all interested young people to find out more about this exciting project for future opportunities.

### **Weekly Activities**

Alongside these larger programmes, we have a variety of engaging activities planned across our different sessions, including:

Evolve Junior Youth Club (School Year 5 and 6) – fun and educational activities such as World Logic Day, mental health awareness sessions, creative workshops, and fundraising events. Some highlights include:

Comic Relief Fundraiser (18 Mar) – Night walk, Community Garden Visit (8 Jul).

Monday Night Sessions – sports, cooking, team games, and craft activities, providing a great opportunity for socialising and skill-building. Highlights include: Petworth Park Sports Activities (19 May).

#### **Weekly Activities**

Xhale Wellbeing Sessions – mindfulness activities, journalling, outdoor trips, and creative projects designed to support young people's mental well-being. Key sessions include:

Outdoor Evening at Botney Bay (20 Mar) – Nature walk and outdoor craft activities.

End of Term Party (17 Jul) – A celebration to mark the end of the school year.



#### Duke of Edinburgh Award – Limited Spaces Available!

We have only 20 spaces left for our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award, so if your child is interested, sign up soon!

If your child is currently completing their Bronze Award, they can now book onto the Silver Award, which still has a few spaces available.

For students going into Year 10, the Silver Award is also open for sign-ups, offering a fantastic opportunity to begin their DofE journey.

For those going into Year 11, our Gold Award booking is now open.

All awards start in September, so don't miss out! For more details or to book, please contact Dan Sneller at dan@sylviabeaufoy.org.

We look forward to another fantastic term and hope to see as many young people as possible getting involved in our sessions. If you have any questions or would like more details on any of our activities, please don't hesitate to contact us at dan@sylviabeaufoy.org.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Dan Sneller** Senior Youth & Community Development Manager **Sylvia Beaufoy Centre** www.sylviabeaufoy.org



| MRC PERFORMING ARTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025 SPRING TERM 2025 |  |   |                                  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|---|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Monday 17 March  | Yr 11 Component 2<br>exam (1)                    | GCSE Drama Yr 11  | MRC Theatre                      |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 18 March   | Yr 11 Component 2<br>exam (2)                    | GCSE Drama Yr 11  | MRC Theatre                      |  |  |  |  |
| Thursday 20 March  | Gilbert Hannam<br>Day                            | Orchestra   | St Mary Magdalene<br>& St, Denys |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday 26<br>March  | Spring Concert                                   | Orchestra Choir Jazz Strings, Flutes Drama/Production Grps Soloists (by invite) Bands | MRC Theatre                      |  |  |  |  |
| Thursday 27 March  | Choreography<br>Showcase Event                   | Yr 11 Dance<br>Plus Dance Groups  | MRC Theatre                      |  |  |  |  |
| Friday 28 March  | Rother Valley Arts<br>Festival                   | MRC Dance Teams   | MRC Theatre                      |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 1 April  | ROH Create and<br>Sing launch for<br>Magic Flute | Invited students -<br>singers plus<br>orchestral players<br>(audition)                | Royal Opera House                |  |  |  |  |

| MRC PERFORMING ARTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025 SUMMER TERM 2025 |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| April TBC  | Yr 13 Music Recital                  | Yr 13                                  | MRC Theatre                            |  |  |  |
| Thursday 3 April   | Dance Showcase Event                 | Yr 11/10                               | MRC Theatre                            |  |  |  |
| Wednesday 30 April   | Dance House 2                        | MRC Dance Teams -<br>Minibus           | Worthing<br>Festival Theatre           |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 6 May  | Yr 10 Drama<br>Performance           | GCSE Drama Yr 10                       | MRC Theatre                            |  |  |  |
| Thursday 8 May   | Yr 10 Drama<br>Performance           | GCSE Drama Yr 10                       | MRC Theatre                            |  |  |  |
| Wednesday 21 May   | Yr 12 Component 1                    | Yr 12                                  | MRC Theatre                            |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 24 June  | Magic Flute                          | Invited Students                       | Royal Festival<br>Hall                 |  |  |  |
| June TBC   | Drama Day                            |  | MRC Theatre                            |  |  |  |
| Thursday 26 June   | Addams Family - School<br>Production | Cast and Orchestra Of<br>Addams Family | MRC Theatre                            |  |  |  |
| Friday 27 June   | Addams Family - School<br>Production | Cast and Orchestra Of<br>Addams Family | MRC Theatre                            |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 15 July  | Drama and Music House<br>Cup         | Yr 7                                   | MRC Theatre<br>Music P1-4<br>Drama 5-6 |  |  |  |

# TERM DATES

| Term Dates   | Event                          |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| 7 - 21 April | Easter Holiday                 |
| 22 April     | INSET Day                      |
| 5 May        | Bank Holiday                   |
| 26 - 30 May  | Half Term                      |
| 18 July      | Last Day of Term/Academic Year |

# MRC VACANCIES AND WEBSITE LINKS

#### **VACANCIES AT MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE**

Please click on the following link for the latest vacancies at MRC: <a href="https://www.mrc-academy.org/about-us/vacancies">https://www.mrc-academy.org/about-us/vacancies</a>

#### **HELPFUL MRC WEBSITE LINKS**

SAFEGUARDING, Wellbeing and Mental Health - (Click here)

Selfcare Newsletter - (Click here)

Arbor Information Guides: Arbor Information Guides (mrc-academy.org)

Arbor Link: Midhurst Rother College (<u>arbor.sc</u>)

College Calendar: <a href="https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/calendar">https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/calendar</a>

Homework: <a href="https://www.mrc-academy.org/curriculum/homework">https://www.mrc-academy.org/curriculum/homework</a>

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Educational Visits: Midhurst Rother College > Communication > Letters (<u>mrc-academy.org</u>)

Staff Emails: <a href="https://bit.ly/StaffEmailAddress">https://bit.ly/StaffEmailAddress</a>

Term Dates: Midhurst Rother College > Information > College Term dates (mrc-academy.org)

School Cloud: <a href="https://midhurst.schoolcloud.co.uk/">https://midhurst.schoolcloud.co.uk/</a>

Sparx Maths: <a href="https://www.sparxmaths.uk/student">https://www.sparxmaths.uk/student</a>

Sparx Reader: <u>Sparx Reader</u>

Lexia POWERUP Literacy - Login and Student Program: Device Setup - PowerUp

(<u>lexiapowerup.com</u>)

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