



MIDHURST MATTERS

WHAT'S GOING ON THIS WEEK?

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 27 November	All years	LGB Meeting 6pm – room K102
Tuesday 28 November	11	German speaking exam Drama Ambassadors trip to see 'Life of Pi' at Chichester Festival Theatre
Wednesday 29 November	12 & 13	Computer Science in Action Winter Concert 7pm
Thursday 30 November	10 11	Parents Evening 5-8pm French and Spanish speaking exams
Friday 1 December	12 & 13	Petworth gallery exhibition trip

Austen
36,715 (2,892)

Kipling
42,757 (3,066)

Tennyson
41,076 (3,151)

Woolf
35,391 (2,883)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This is a shorter week for students with the inset day tomorrow, Friday. Last Friday was Children In Need day – we raised £1036.20 for this great cause. The staff and Sixth Form vs students dodgeball in the sports hall was well attended, if slightly chaotic! Well done to all who took part. I'd also like to thank our Sixth Form students, in particular our head boy and girl for organising the events.

From Thursday this week, Miss Owoh will lead our Cultural Awareness Forum at lunchtime. We have advertised this using posters around the school. This forum is specifically for BAME (Black Asian and Minority Ethnic) children in order for them to talk about their experiences of being a student at MRC so that we can make improvements where needed. I hope that as many students as possible attend. They can take their lunch to the session and talk openly within a confidential setting. We use their feedback to make changes wherever we need to.



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Every November, United Learning asks staff, students and parents to complete a survey, which is run by the company Edurio. We have already received a higher response rate than in previous years and I am grateful to parents who have taken the time to respond. We use this feedback to reflect on the things we get right, as well as where we need to improve.

You will notice a few changes to Midhurst Matters this week... Firstly, as well as publishing events for the week ahead at the top of the newsletter, we will also publish dates for forthcoming 'BIG' events, such as concerts, performances and parents' evenings at the end of the newsletter so you can see what lies ahead. Midhurst Matters has also had a flush of colour added – we hope you like it!

ARBOR HELP & HOMEWORK HELP

Arbor – Homework Portal



Mark as submitted

All homework set will be listed in the Arbor Student and Parent Portal with links if required to the relevant sites. Students can keep track of what homework they have outstanding by viewing the Assignments that are due. Once they have completed the homework on the relevant site, they can then return to Arbor and click on the “Mark as submitted” button on that assignment. This will remove it from the “Assignments that are due” section to the “Submitted Assignments”.

However, **no homework is submitted via Arbor**, hence if this has been clicked it does not mean the homework has been completed and handed in. This button is just used to help students keep a track of what homework they have outstanding and to do.

Homework Help

Each day at lunchtime there is homework help available:

T107 – Support for English, Maths and Science.

W101 – Support for all other subjects including MFL, Geography, History, RP & Computer Science.

If your child is struggling with a particular question, please tell them to come along for help and support.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPT

The **MFL Department** is looking for **five** friendly host families who could welcome a visitor from our twin town, Nogent-le-Rotrou next February. Students from the Lycée Rémi Belleau will visit Midhurst from 19-23 February (Mon-Fri). They will be busy each weekday in college or on a day trip so only bed, breakfast and an evening meal are required. If you can help accommodate a visiting student, please contact Mrs Good on hayley.good@mrc-academy.org.



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PE DEPARTMENT



Year 9 Netball

Year 9 netballers played both Bourne Community College and Chichester High School in the final round of the netball league on Wednesday.

After two matches of four quarters, they came out on top winning the games 14-3 and 13-1. Shooting from Izzy and Hattie was excellent, and strong defending from Emma in the D meant there were many turnovers to be had. A really strong performance from the year 9s this week, well done all.

DRAMA DEPARTMENT



Year 10 Pantomimes

The next fabulous Year 10 Drama production will be their pantomimes, Cinderella, Wizard of Oz and Aladdin. They will take place on Tuesday 5 December and Thursday 7 December in the Theatre at 6pm. Free admission, but donations welcome on the door.



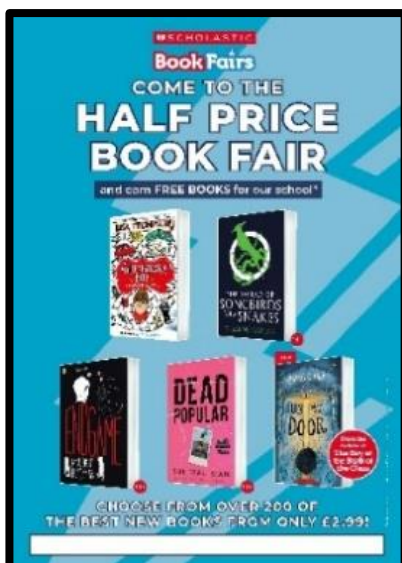
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BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

We had a fantastic ending to our BBC Children in Need Day last week with a great game of Dodgeball in the sports hall. The staff/Sixth Form challenged students to a battle which was gleefully fought! The day's events which included a Cake Sale raised a fabulous £1,018.22 for a very worthwhile charity.



LRC (Learning Resource Centre)

There will be a Scholastic pop-up Book Fair from Monday 4 to Thursday 7 December in the library at break and lunch times, where books can be bought at half the retail price via Cash or Scholastic Gift Vouchers (parents need to order online for vouchers if they would rather pay this way/or a mixture of both would be fine too).



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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Chichester Festival of Music, Dance and Speech

We will be entering the Orchestra, Jazz band and choirs this year, but it would be great to see some more of our musicians enter in the solo/duet categories. If your child plays an instrument or sings and would like a different challenge and opportunity to perform, please visit: [Chichester Festival for Music, Dance & Speech \(cfmds.org.uk\)](http://cfmds.org.uk)

The deadline for entries is the 30 November, the festival takes place in the Spring term.

Winter Concert

Our annual Winter Concert is on 29 November.

Tickets are available on the door and refreshments will be available. The evening is looking to be a spectacular showcase of our music, drama and dance students, we hope to see lots of you there!

We are also asking students to bring in cakes to help raise money in the interval for the music department to purchase new equipment, we hope you can help us with this.

FLU VACCINATIONS

Flu Vaccinations are taking place on Friday 15 December. Please check your emails for information regarding this, if you haven't received the email, please check your junk box. If you still haven't received it, please email jack.clements@mrc-academy.org.

The Influenza nasal spray vaccination is offered annually as part of the national programme for vaccination of children and young people. This academic year the vaccine will be offered to children in all year groups from Year 7 through to Year 11.

If you have more than one child in the school, please complete this for both children. You need to give consent using this link: [Immunisation Consent \(susseximmunisations.co.uk\)](http://immunisation.susseximmunisations.co.uk) and the school code: **SX135760**.

School codes are unique, this code is only to those at Midhurst Rother College, if your child attends another school, they will have a different unique code.





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#Movember is here!!!
- 50 -
join Mr Edwards, Mr Thompson
+ other staff and Sixth Formers
for the hairiest month of the year
and help raise funds for men's health.

Support here:

MOVEMBER.COM
Search for MRC November 23

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GROW TO SAVE A BRO		YOUR DOUGH WILL SAVE A BRO
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MOVEMBER

Week 3 of MOVEMBER and a BIG shout out to our next 'Growers and Showers' who are part of the wonderful Sixth Form Team.

Ollie C, Geraint Q-G, Anthony L and Elliot M!

If you would like to support our them, please click on this link: [Movember - Team.](#)





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CHRISTMAS FOOD BANK COLLECTION

We have Christmas Foodbank collection on **Friday 1 December** and the Midhurst Foodbank are desperate for our help this year. Due to the refurbishment of their warehouse, they have no storage locally and all donations are going to Chichester. They want to help local families in need with extras for their children for Christmas this year and have found space locally to collect, sort and distribute these extras.

- Please can you help them to do this by donating with any of the following:
- Christmas chocolates from coins to selections boxes to multipack or single bars.
- Christmas cookies.
- Instant Hot Chocolate (adding hot water only).
- Bags of small marshmallows.
- Shower gels.
- Felt tips, crayons, coloured pencils.

As always donations can be brought into college during the week ending 1 December and left at main reception.

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

UNITED LEARNING PARENT SURVEY

On behalf of United Learning and Midhurst Rother College, we are pleased to share the below link to this year's parent survey. This is an opportunity for you to provide feedback on your child's school and will help to identify areas for improvement.

We are interested in your views on a range of areas including how the school communicates with you, how you support your child's learning at home and your relationship with your child's school.

If you have more than one child at the school, complete the survey with **your eldest child in mind**. You are welcome to complete the survey for each child if you would like to. It is possible for more than one parent/carer to complete the survey for a child. Please feel free to share the survey link with additional parent/carers if they have not received it.

Parent Survey Link: <https://edurio.com/poll/aQwbuV>

This should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. The survey will close on Friday 1st December 2023. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with the survey provider support@edurio.com.



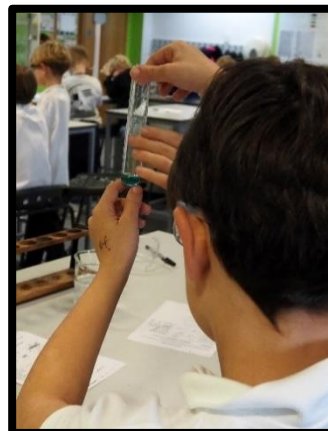
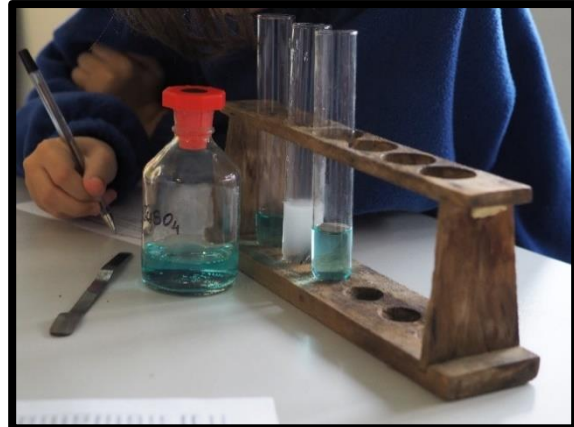
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ROTHER VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Twenty-seven budding Year 5 scientists from the Rother Valley Primary Schools joined us for a day of inspiring science with Mr Page. This exciting day focused on chemical and physical changes. Experiencing practical science as it is taught at MRC, many used equipment such as Bunsen Burners for the first time as they learnt about states of matter and particle models, using practical experiments to show how to tell a chemical reaction has occurred.



MRC EQUESTRIAN TEAM

Both Florence V with Oscar and Isabella L with Trooper competed in the arena eventing at Coomeblands Equestrian centre on Sunday. They both produced wonderful clear rounds to finish in the top 20 in their classes. This was particularly great result for Isabella at her first eventers challenge.



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DIARY DATES – AUTUMN TERM

These dates are accurate at the time of publishing.

Date	Event
Tuesday 5 December 2023	Year 10 Pantomimes – Wizard of Oz & Cinderella – 6pm Theatre
Thursday 7 December 2023	Year 10 Pantomime – Aladdin – 6pm Theatre
Thursday 7 December 2023	Tree of Hope Service (Easebourne Church)
Tuesday 12 December 2023	Carol Service
Wednesday 13 December 2023	Carol Service
Wednesday 13 December 2023	Parent/Carers Consultation Evening for Year 11
Thursday 14 December 2023	The Tate Modern Museum (London) All day (Yrs 10 & 12 Art/Textile students)
Friday 15 December 2023	Years 7-11 Flu Vaccinations
Friday 15 December 2023	College closes at end of day for Christmas Break

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).

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.



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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.

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@mrcacademy.org.



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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.lexiapowerup.com)
- Past editions of Midhurst Matters Newsletter [Midhurst Matters \(mrc-academy.org\)](https://www.mrc-academy.org)

CHILD PARTICIPATION
YOUR VOICE MATTERS

NHS
Sussex Partnership
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WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/CARERS
SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR
MENTAL HEALTH

FREE TO ANY
PARENT/CARER
LIVING IN
SUSSEX

- 19TH OCTOBER ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD)
- 8TH NOVEMBER BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM AND RESILIENCE
- 13TH DECEMBER DEPRESSION
- 17TH JANUARY OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE DISORDER (OCD)

Sussex CAMHS and Partner Organisations are offering a rolling programme of webinars for parents/carers who are supporting children and young people with their mental health

Each webinar will take place at 10am and 7pm and will run for 90-120 minutes

SCAN HERE

WANT TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS?

Or visit:
<https://ticketfab.co.uk/series/10813-sussex-CAMHS-Parent/Carer-Webinars/>

NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?
If you have any questions, please email: CAMHSParticipationTeam@nhs.uk

Delivered by Sussex Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

west sussex county council

Children first

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!"

FIND IT OUT

INFORMATION ADVICE GUIDANCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
SUPPORTED BY WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL



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	KS5 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 (PG 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)	Amiptheatre
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