



MIDHURST MATTERS

Principal's Message

Welcome back to the final half-term of this academic year! The students have all come back really well and are working hard in lessons. Our Year 11 and 13 students are more than halfway through their exams now and are continuing to work and revise. We need to keep encouraging them both at home and in College – lots of chocolate needed! Please say well done to your son / daughter if they are currently doing exams. It is a lot of pressure and I know they want to do well.

There is a lot for us to look forward to over the coming weeks. We have the College Drama Performance, Summer Concert, Year 6 induction and our Year 10 cohort will be out on their work experience placements. I am grateful to colleagues who are running and organising the residential trips during Activities Week.

There will also be a lots of different activities for students in College to do during the week, as well as our sponsored walk and sports day. I would also like to recommend our school performance to you 'The Addams Family' on 26 and 27 June – tickets are available via our website.

I want to make parents/Carers aware that like the vast majority of schools across the country we are currently undergoing a partial staffing restructure, which affects some of our support staff. This is understandably a difficult time for those involved and I would like to thank my colleagues for their professionalism and patience throughout this process. We are conscious in planning for the future to do everything we can to maintain the quality of educational, pastoral and specialist support available to students whilst, at the same time, ensuring we can live within the cost constraints that all schools now face.

Best wishes.

Stuart Edwards
Principal

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DIARY DATES AND HOUSE POINTS

The Week Ahead

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|--------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Monday 9 June | Y11 Y10 | GCSE PE INTERNAL EXAMS THIS WEEK |
| Tuesday 10 June | Y11 Y4 | GCSE HISTORY RV ENRICHMENT - Y4 DRAMA DAY |
| Wednesday 11 June | Y11 Y8 & Y9 | GCSE MATHS Theatre Trip to see The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (evening) |
| Thursday 12 June | Y11 | GCSE GEOGRAPHY |
| Friday 13 June | Y11 | GCSE CHEMISTRY |

AUSTEN
202,517
(15,813)

KIPLING
233,575
(17,982)

TENNYSON
230,471
(18,978)

WOOLF
237,091
(17,524)

ASSESSMENT DIARY AND EXAMS

KS3 & KS4 Assessment Diary

Week beginning : 9 June 2025

Since the start of last week, years 7, 8 9 and 10 have all taken assessments in various subjects, and these continue for the next week or two.

Detailed dates for assessments are found via the link below. This page is updated every week :

<https://www.mrc-academy.org/curriculum/assessment-dates>. The dates of some year 10 assessments can be found on their Arbor timetable. For those appearing on their Arbor timetable it is important that students know their seat number which can change for each assessment.

Prior to the half-term, class teachers shared details of forthcoming assessments with your child, including the length of assessment, type of questions, topics that will be in the assessment and some revision activities that will be useful to help your child prepare. Additional information and revision guidance can be found on the college website (<https://www.mrc-academy.org/curriculum/revision-resources>) at any time; this page provides useful ideas and strategies to support independent and effective revision by any child at any time.

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

We are also mindful that these assessments can create a degree of stress and anxiety – please do contact your Head of Year for support and advice should this be the case.



Live Parent Webinar: How to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress – Tuesday 17 June 6:00–7:00pm

Here's what Elevate will be covering on the night:

- ✓ How you can identify early signs of stress in your child
- ✓ Practical techniques to help your child manage their stress levels
- ✓ How you can maintain a dialogue with your child about their mental wellbeing

[Click here to register for free](#)

Summer Term Parent Support Series

Free Parent Webinars

Join us and Elevate Education for FREE 60+ minute webinars designed to help you support your child's studies at home.

[Click here to Register](#)

In the Summer Term, we'll cover:

1. Ask Me Anything (Live Q&A) - 6th May @6:00pm (BST)
2. How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory - 20th May @6:00pm (BST)
3. How to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress - 17th June @6:00pm (BST)
4. How to Get (And Keep!) Your Child Motivated - 1st July @6:00pm (BST)
5. How You Can Set Your Child Up for Success - 15th July @6:00pm (BST)



GEOGRAPHY – FIELD TRIP – YEAR 10

On Monday our year 10 Geography students all went to West Wittering for the day to complete their GCSE Geography Fieldwork. We were extremely lucky with the weather, sunny and breezy but no rain! The students completed activities to study coastal processes and defences along the beach, they will be analysing their data in lessons this term. The students were a credit to the College and we received a lovely email from the team that run the Fieldwork at West Wittering.

'I wanted to send some feedback from our team after your visit yesterday. They had a great day with you all, in fact they were buzzing with enthusiasm after working with your students and staff.'



DEPARTMENT FOCUS – PE



MRC – SAILING TEAM

The second session for our MRC sailors took place just as last term ended, with some double handed helming and crewing practise happening in Chichester harbour (strong breeze and spinnakers included).

Ms Howard



DEPARTMENT FOCUS – ENGLISH & LRC

June Author of the Month **Oscar Wilde**

The prolific Irish author, playwright and poet, best known for his wit, flamboyant personality and literary works including the famous The Picture of Dorian Gray.

*"Be yourself;
everyone else is
already taken."*

OSCAR WILDE

His only novel was influenced by French fiction and the Gothic genre. It tells the story of an incredibly handsome young man whose life spirals into immorality and wickedness while his looks remain unchanged, but a hidden portrait depicts his true hideousness.

*"Nothing is ever
wrong, except it has
to 'go with' the text
you're studying! AND,
you get to learn new,
exciting words."*

Laila, year 7.

Jacques, year 7.

*"I liked learning about, and
reading, Animal Farm... you
get to learn new writer's
devices and techniques."*

DEPARTMENT FOCUS – DRAMA & MUSIC

Midhurst Rother College
The best in everyone™
presents



The Addams Family
MUSICAL

Thursday 26 & Friday 27 June 2025

Doors open at 6.30pm
Performance starts at 7.00pm

Adults: £10 ... Concessions: £5
Family Ticket (2 Adults, 2 Concessions) £25

Tickets can be purchased via Arbor
or cash on the door

Violin trial day

Free violin taster
session at MRC

session will be held during
summer term

Register your interest:

Contact Ray
ray.box89@hotmail.com

DEPARTMENT FOCUS – MATHS

UNWANTED MATHS EQUIPMENT

If you would like to donate any calculators, protractors and compasses from your Year 11 students who may no longer need them after the exams, we would happily accept them to help support our disadvantaged Maths students.

Thank you.

Mrs Lawrence



DEPARTMENT FOCUS – AEN SEND

REFLECTION GARDEN

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



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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

SILKA – YEAR 9

Silka had a very busy and fun weekend at the Xzony championships. Silka's team came 3rd in the B final, it is a new team and just getting to know each other but they rode well and enjoyed the day.

Well done Silka!





WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YEAR 12

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

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

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

Miss Hayley Rae

CAREERS INFORMATION

CAREERS INTERVIEWS

The following students have been scheduled to receive a one to one careers interview with our independent careers advisor on Monday 19 May at the following times. The location and time will also be on their Arbor timetable.

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

| Careers Interviews - Monday 9 June | | Tutor Gp | Year Gp | Period | To go to: | Coming from: |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| I | Charlie | 10W-KMN | Year 10 | REG (08:30) | A117 | A202 |
| K | Ollie | 10W-KMN | Year 10 | 09:15 (p1) | A117 | A208 |
| L | Nate | 10W-KMN | Year 10 | 10:15 (p2) | A117 | K105 |
| L | Erin | 10W-KMN | Year 10 | 11:25 (p3) | A117 | W015 |
| O'B | Sidney | 10W-KMN | Year 10 | 12:25 (p4) | A117 | W102 |
| P | Oliver | 10W-KMN | Year 10 | 13:55 (p5) | A117 | A209 |
| R | Harry | 10W-KMN | Year 10 | 14:55 (p6) | A117 | K108 |

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.



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Summer PROGRAMMES

CAREER EXPERIENCES

Held at the
 UNIVERSITY OF
CHICHESTER

Who for?
14-17 yr olds

When?
18 - 22 AUG 2025

What?

Immersive 5-day careers experience programme combining industry visits, hands on workshops, professional coaching, and peer networking.

Why?

Empower young people to get ahead. Participants will gain clarity on future pathways, meet industry professionals, build confidence, and develop valuable connections in their chosen field.

Book Here



Choose from:

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- Law
- Engineering
- Marketing & Brand Management
- The Arts
- Architecture
- Business & Finance
- Find Your Flame

www.ignitededucation.uk

**SAVE
£50**

Until 26th May!
£499 RRP for
the week!

STUDENT RECEPTION

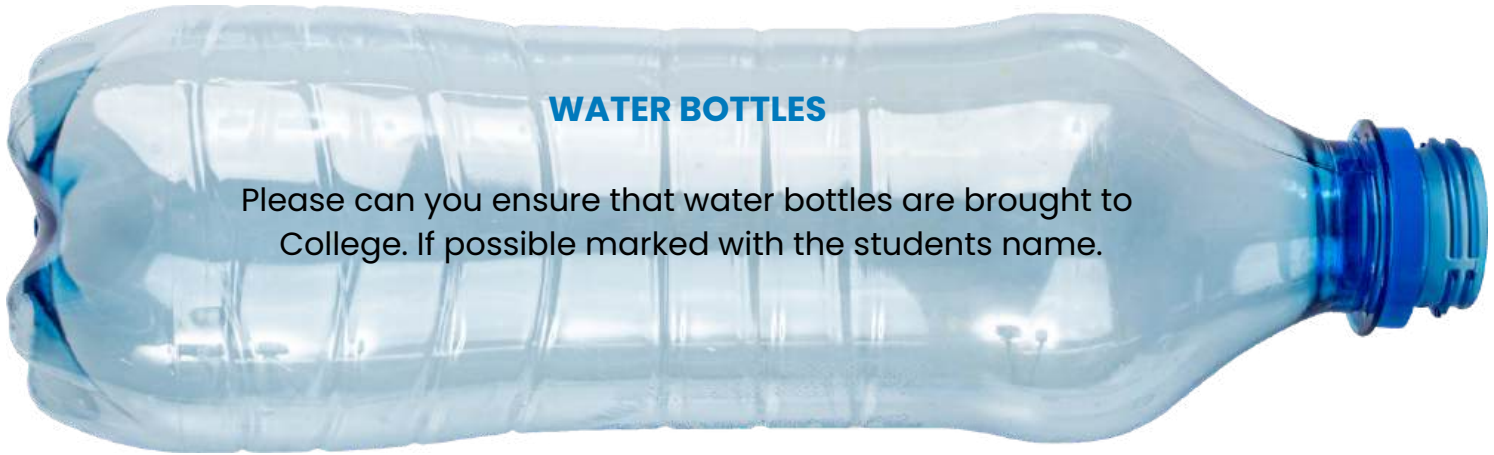
HAYFEVER

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



WATER BOTTLES

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



GRATIS
Freebie
ON THE HOUSE!

FREE!

SANITARY PRODUCTS

**PLEASE SEND THEM TO STUDENT RECEPTION
TO STOCK UP!**

CHARITY EVENTS

MRS STRACHAN'S 10TH AND FINAL FUNDRAISER FOR ST WILFRID'S HOSPICE - CANTERBURY RINGS - THIS WEEKEND!

I will be doing the charity event this weekend in Canterbury, walking the Canterbury Rings (about 25 miles) in memory of my late husband Guy.

Not a massive one but has a lot of personal memories for me and Guy. I will be laying a wood carving at the Cathedral at the end of the walk on the Sunday in memory of him.

Over the years I have completed many challenges to raise money in memory of him and to help support and fund the incredible work St Wilfrid's Hospice provide for palliative care.

I have seen the money I have raised help to create the most beautiful and tranquil place for loved ones and families to spend those last valuable moments together. I have relished each moment on each challenge knowing what I do provides vital funding for this lifesaving hospice.

Here is the Justgiving page and all the information for anyone who wants to donate on the page:

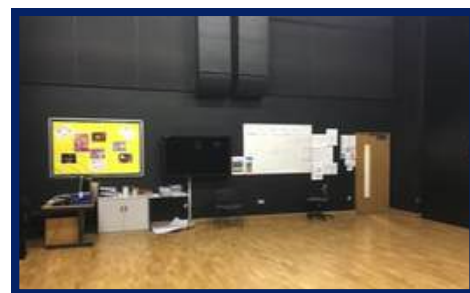
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/vikki-strachan-10thfinalfundraiser>

Thank you 😊

Vikki Strachan



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

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|----------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 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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NORTHCHAPEL 5K

SATURDAY 14 JUNE 2025 - 11AM

ADULTS £13 JUNIORS £4



RUN
RUN
RUN

SIGN UP HERE

www.racesignup.co.uk/northchapel5k

LOCAL INFORMATION

SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH TEAMS TAKE ON THE ISLE OF PURBECK!

A few weekends ago, the Sylvia Beaufoy Centre's Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants undertook their practice expedition on the beautiful—and challenging—Isle of Purbeck in Dorset.



Despite tired legs and heavy packs, all teams rose to the challenge with a fantastic attitude, supporting one another and demonstrating exactly what the DofE is all about—determination, cooperation, and personal growth. This practice expedition was a major milestone on their DofE journey, and the experience has left everyone better prepared and even more motivated for their qualifying expedition in July.



If you are interested in starting your Bronze, Silver, or Gold (pre-Gold) DofE Award this September, we'd love to hear from you!

☞ Sign up here:

<https://sylviabeaufoy.schoolsbuddy.net/>

Questions? Contact Dan at dan@sylviabeaufoy.org

Let the adventure begin!



Across three days, our young adventurers trekked an average of 15 kilometres per day, carrying everything they needed in their rucksacks, including tents, food, and cooking equipment. The route took teams through a stunning mix of heathland, farmland, and chalk ridge hills, offering not just scenic views, but also a physically demanding test of navigation, teamwork, and resilience.



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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 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 24 June | Magic Flute | Invited Students | Royal Festival Hall |
| June TBC | Drama Day | | MRC Theatre |
| Thursday 26 June | Addams Family - School Production | Cast and Orchestra Of Addams Family | MRC Theatre |
| Friday 27 June | Addams Family - School Production | Cast and Orchestra Of Addams Family | MRC Theatre |
| Tuesday 15 July | Drama and Music House Cup | 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://www.lexiapowerup.com))

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