



MIDHURST MATTERS

Principal's Message

We held our annual Community Day last weekend with several local agencies, groups and businesses here at the College. The number of stalls we had increased from last year and I am grateful to Mrs Hathaway for organising the event. I would also like to thank all the parents/carers who attended for your support and our staff who volunteered to help at the event.

This week has been quite a warm one! I would like to remind all parents/carers that students are allowed to wear black tailored shorts instead of trousers/skirts if they choose. The remainder of the uniform is the same. Students were told it was a 'no blazer week' this week due to the warm weather. We are fortunate to have a lovely modern College building, but it is predominantly south-facing and has a lot of windows, which means it gets quite hot quite quickly. It is due to cool down next week so students should be back in blazers for Monday, please.

We have noticed a number of students without water bottles this week, a reminder to ensure your child has a bottle in College. We have cold water dispensers around the Hub and Sports Hall where students can refill their bottles if needed.

GCSE written exams start next week. Our Year 11 and 13 students are working hard in preparation for the exams and I wish them all the very best of luck. Revision for the exams is essential. The phrase I have used in College with the students is 'Don't revise until you get it right. Revise until you can't get it wrong.' If they do this, they will more than reach their potential this year.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend.

Best Wishes.

Stuart Edwards
Principal

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DIARY DATES AND HOUSE POINTS

The Week Ahead

Monday 5 May	All	May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 6 May	10 10	UL Exam - English Language Drama Exam
Wednesday 7 May	9/10 11	Senior Mountbatten Athletics BTEC Enterprise
Thursday 8 May	10 11 11 11 ALL	Drama Exam GCSE Drama Component 3 GCSE Psychology GCSE German Midhurst VE Day Service
Friday 9 May	11	Sadler's Wells Dance Trip to London

AUSTEN

177,766
(16,921)

KIPLING

203,741
(17,883)

TENNYSON

201,123
(19,233)

WOOLF

210,214
(18,898)

ASSESSMENT DIARY AND EXAMS

KS3 & KS4 ASSESSMENT DIARY

Week beginning : 5 May 2025

As we begin the summer term, we approach the final set of assessments in the academic year. Most happen in mid and late June, but some are a little earlier (please see below).

The end of year assessments are an important milestone for students and, as such, we value the support you give to your child to help them prepare for these assessments.

We will aim for details of these assessments to be published by the half-term break to support a longer-term revision plan ahead of these assessments, but for now please consider how you can support your child's revision and assessments in June by:

- Balancing diary commitments at evenings and weekends.
- Ensuring they have somewhere quiet and undisturbed to study.
- Considering whether there are any additional resources they may need (stationary, revision guides etc).



Assessments are coming up for the following year groups:

- Year 10 : United Learning assessments begin this week for English (12 May 2025 onwards)
- Year 9 : United Learning assessments for science in the fortnight beginning 2 June 2025
- Year 7 : United Learning assessments for all subjects in the fortnight beginning 2 June 2025

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.

ATTENDANCE

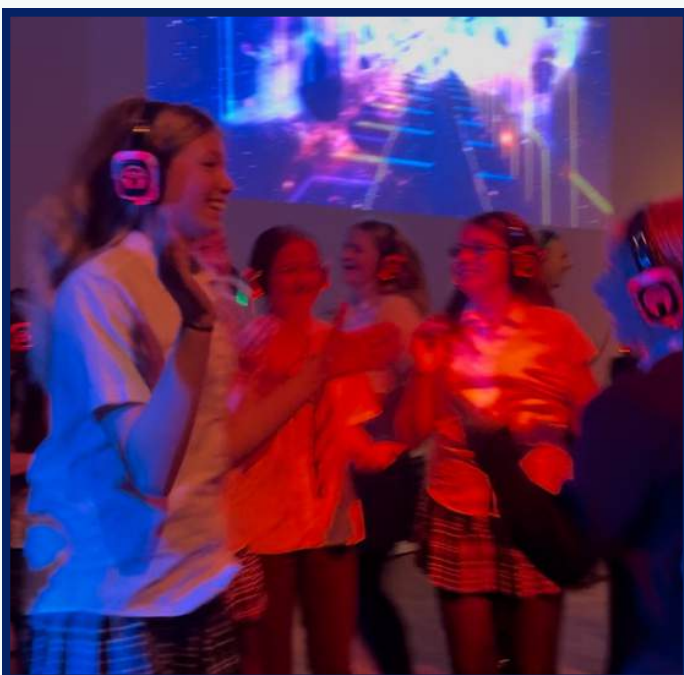
SILENT DISCO - ATTENDANCE REWARD

Before the Easter Holidays students who achieved 100% attendance between 3-21 March were invited to attend our second Silent Disco as a reward for their excellent attendance. The event was enjoyed by all.



A great success - well done everyone! Keep any eye out for the next reward challenge!

Mr Lloyd



DEPARTMENT FOCUS – DANCE



MRC DANCE SHOW

This year for the first time in MRC history, one evening was dedicated to Dance and Choreography only!

On Thursday the 27 March all Dance Students from Year 7 to Sixth Form performed their dance pieces in a packed theatre to an audience of parents, carers, friends and teachers.

The audience were able to appreciate the GCSE students exam choreographies, all dances from the MRC Dance Teams, Juniors, Advanced, Elite and Boys Teams.

Additionally the three entries for the choreography cup performed their self created choreography pieces and the winner was announced by our Dance Leaders on the night. A very proud Sophie G-M was announced in first place for her very emotional and inspiring Dance piece about Jalousie.

As a Dance Department we are immensely proud of all of our Dance students and praise their talent and hard work, not only in rehearsal sessions but also practicing during lunch times and after school.

My special thank you as Head of the Dance Department goes to our very dedicated Year 12 Dance Leaders Hazel T and Isabella T-C, who have not only coached and choreographed dance pieces but are always making sure that dance is present and growing here at MRC.

I would also like to thank my colleague Miss Abigail Buckenham, her Elite and Boys Dance Teams choreographies have been amazing and inspiring and her expertise has brought MRC Dance to another level.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to the MRC Premises Team for making this event possible and of course Mr Max Spearman for his technical skills in providing sound and light for the event.

Thank you for watching and see you again in 2026!

The MRC Dance Department
Cecile Rampton and Abigail Buckenham



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DEPARTMENT FOCUS – MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES



FRENCH TRIP TO NORMANDY VISIT

We think that the Normandy Trip was an amazing opportunity to use and practice our French in a fun and friendly environment.

On this trip, we got to visit famous landmarks such as the American Cemetery and Memorial and Le Mont Saint-Michel, where we explored the island and enjoyed walking across the sinking sand.

At the Chateau de la Baudonnière we participated in many activities such as aeroball, climbing and archery and we got to try many new foods, even snails!

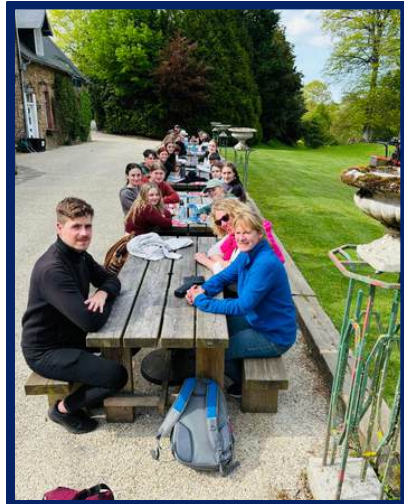
Overall we really loved the Normandy trip and we had non stop sunshine!

Daniella S and Roxy M – Year 9



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DEPARTMENT FOCUS – MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES



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The new MRC Sailing Team got underway with some race training last week 🚤 The breeze was on and some small races were won in preparation for the West Sussex Schools Sailing Regatta. The team will be representing the College at the Regatta in Itchenor next month. 👍🚤

Great session everyone and looking forward to some spinnaker sailing next time. 😊



GET CAUGHT READING

During the last week before the Easter break, if you were caught reading in the library for the last ten minutes you were given a raffle ticket and entered into a prize draw!



The winners of the Get Caught Reading Competition were :

Hayden G (Year 10)
Vicky E (Year 7)

They both won a Malteser Easter Egg!
Well done!

Mrs Hastings



AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

A new month means a new Author of the Month! This month we are showcasing the amazing William Shakespeare.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Shakespeare's works are known for their rich language, complex characters and universal themes - from the passion and hatred of tragic 'Romeo and Juliet', the fantastical comedy of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' to the historically epic 'Henry V'. His plays continue to be shown around the world, his words and phrases are still with us today and students and scholars still pore over his prolific texts.

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

This month we are celebrating the incredible William Shakespeare, born in April 1564 and arguably the greatest English writer of all time, who managed to complete around 200 immortal works during his lifetime.


May



BOOK FAIR


Win a book token for the Book Fair!

To win a £5 book token to use at the upcoming Book Fair in the Library from Monday 12 May, just submit a book review of your latest read and hand it into the librarian by Thursday 8 May. The five best reviewers can collect their tokens on Friday 9 May.




COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL*



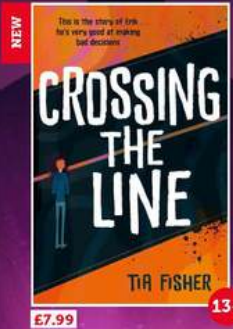
READ THE BOOKS EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT!

Read before
Sunrise on the Reaping




£8.99 ~~£4.99~~ 13+

NEW




£7.99 13+

NEW




£8.99

NEW



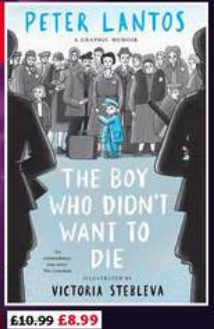
£8.99 13+

ONLY £4.99



£8.99 ~~£4.99~~ 13+

NEW

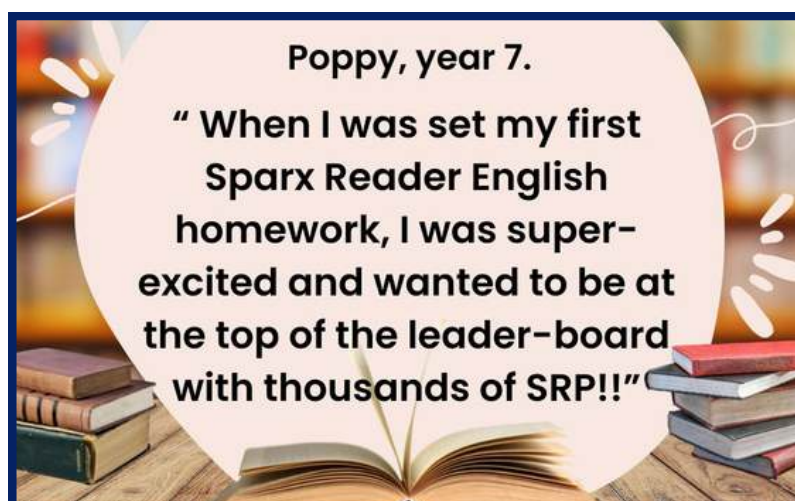
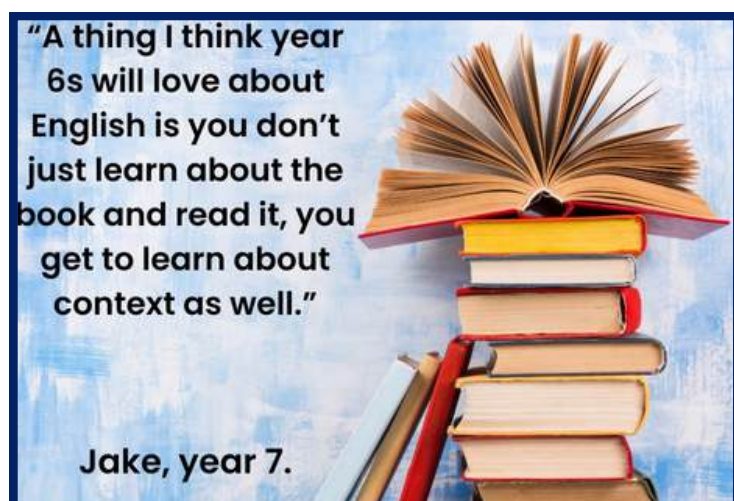


£10.99 ~~£8.99~~ Graphic novel

THE BEST NEW BOOKS FROM ONLY £2.99

In the library from Mon 12th May-Thur 15th May, before school, break & lunch

STUDENT FEEDBACK – ENGLISH



DJ TASTER SESSION

DJ taster sessions next Friday 9 May 2025. If you would like to sign your child up for a free taster, please scan the QR code below or visit the website.

Mrs Tidbury



nextgenmusic.org
office@nextgenmusic.org



Register Here

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

EQUESTRIAN – MOUNTED GAMES

Back in March, Silka J in Year 9 had a very busy and fun weekend at the Xzony Championships. Silka's team came 3rd in the B final which was an achievement as the team is new and just getting to know each other, but they rode well and enjoyed the competition.





WORK EXPERIENCE

A reminder that Year 12 students should be sourcing their work experience placements, these need to be approved by the Sixth Form Team and then submitted through Unifrog (www.unifrog.org) asap.

UNIVERSITY FINANCE

Year 13 students who have applied to University will need to be applying for student finance if needed, more information here: [Student finance for undergraduates: New full-time students - GOV.UK](#).

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 Wednesday 7 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 - Wednesday 7 May		Tutor Gp	Year Gp	Period	To go to:	Coming from:
Angell	M	10T-TML	Year 10	REG (08:30)	T012	A209
Fashola	E	9T-GON	Year 9	09:15 (p1)	T012	A209
Clare	O		Year 12	10:15 (p2)	T012	Coming from home
Budd	A	10T-TML	Year 10	11:25 (p3)	T012	T202
Davies	A	10T-TML	Year 10	12:25 (p4)	T012	W110
Hines	A	10T-TML	Year 10	13:55 (p5)	T012	A110
May	T	10T-TML	Year 10	14:55 (p6)	T012	A208

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

HEAT AND HAYFEVER

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

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



LOST PROPERTY COATS

We have a vast collection of coats on our lost property rail. If your child has lost one, please send them to Student Reception to see if they can be reunited!

We take the majority of unclaimed coats to a Charity Shop at the end of the school year. We keep a small selection on our rail just in case we need some for an emergency.





**Midhurst
Cricket Club**

Hardball Cricket Years 7 - 10

Midhurst Cricket Club is delighted to offer hardball training for students in Year 7 and up. We are growing our teams in these age groups and welcome all players, old and new.

Experienced and older teens can also work towards playing with our adult team. Whether you have played cricket before or want to try it, sign up for a fun season of coaching and playing.



Fridays at 7pm starting
on 16th May.

£55 for the season.

For more information contact Michelle at:
midhurstjuniorcricket@gmail.com



WORK CONNECTIONS

FREE workshop

Wednesday 14th May 10am

St Ann's Hall, St Anne's Hill, Midhurst
GU29 9NN

CV
Writing



Interview
skills

The
employer's
view



Self
presentation

Looking for work or thinking about going
back to work after time away?

Our free workshop can help you build the
skills and confidence to make the next step

To sign up, please e-mail:

info@midhurstcommunityhub.co.uk

or phone:

01730 770403

LOCAL INFORMATION



CLIMBING CLUB

Does your child wish to learn a new skill and take part in Indoor Climbing on the Wall at MRC after school?

We have spaces on our Climbing course this term on Tuesdays 4.30-6pm - £115.50 for the 11 week course.

To book your place or for more information please email climbmidhurst@chichester.ac.uk

Many thanks.

Rich Lowe

Climbing Wall Manager

01243 812936



PETWORTH PARK CRICKET CLUB

Junior Cricket – For secondary school age children this season we are offering the following programmes:

Junior Hard Ball Cricket – Mixed (Ages 8-15): Training on Fridays from 9 May 2025 6:30 PM – 8.00PM

U13 Girls Hard Ball Cricket – Training on Fridays from 9 May, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

NEW FOR 2025!

We are recruiting for our new U13 Girls Hard Ball Cricket Team. Our amazing team of coaches will be running training sessions dedicated to girls hard ball cricket on Friday evenings at 5.30pm from Friday, 9th May 2025.

Aimed at young players aged 11-13 / school years 6-8 (plus younger girls welcome to join). These sessions provide advanced coaching in hard ball cricket techniques, a friendly, supportive environment for young female players to develop at their own pace, and competitive match opportunities throughout the season. (Matches will take place on Tuesday evenings - home and away).

For further information about girls hard ball cricket get in touch with Kirah Ambroziak at development@petworthparkcricket.org



SIGN UP FOR GIRLS OR MIXED HARD BALL CRICKET MEMBERSHIP 2025 [HERE!](#)

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LOCAL INFORMATION

PETWORTH PARK CRICKET CLUB..Cont...

Junior League Cricket – 2025 Teams

We are excited to be entering five junior league teams this season: U10 Mixed, U11 Mixed, U13 Mixed, U15 Mixed, U13 Girls (our first-ever girls' league team!). These teams will compete in The Newbery Sussex Junior Cricket League, giving our young players plenty of match experience in a fun and supportive environment.

We also offer Women's Soft Ball Cricket and welcome girls aged 12+ to join.

PETWORTH PARK CRICKET CLUB

NEW! GIRLS HARD BALL CRICKET

**JOIN US!**

Friday Night Training Sessions start 9th May 2025, 5.30pm

U13 age group - competitive match opportunities.
Get in touch for more details!



VISIT
www.petworthparkcricket.org




CONTACT
development@petworthparkcricket.org

 Petworth Park Sports Ground, Tillington Road, Petworth, GU28 0QY




COME AND JOIN US

**PETWORTH PARK CRICKET CLUB**

WOMEN'S SOFT BALL CRICKET









**WEEKLY TRAINING EVERY WEDNESDAY 6.30 - 8PM
FROM 16TH APRIL 2025
AT PETWORTH PARK SPORTS GROUND**



For ages 12+. Regular 2-hour friendly matches and league matches.
Fun, friendly and welcoming environment. No experience or equipment necessary.

For more information email womens@petworthparkcricket.org,
call Donna Read on 07990 918652 or go online at www.petworthparkcricket.org





2025 JUNIOR CRICKET

**FRIDAY EVENINGS**

FOR AGES 5 - 15 YEARS OLD

PPCC welcomes budding young cricket enthusiasts to enjoy fun cricket sessions in the beautiful grounds of Petworth Park

AT PETWORTH PARK CRICKET CLUB



**ALL STARS CRICKET**
5 - 8 YEAR OLDS, 5:30 - 6:15PM

**DYNAMOS CRICKET**
8 - 11 YEAR OLDS, 5:30 - 6:30PM

**HARD BALL CRICKET (MIXED)**
8 - 15 YEAR OLDS, 6:30-8PM

**U13 GIRLS HARD BALL CRICKET**
NEW FOR 2025! 5:30PM - 6:30PM

FROM MAY 2025

For more information, go to www.petworthparkcricket.org
or contact us at juniors@petworthparkcricket.org

**INSPIRED TO PLAY**

TERM DATES

TERM DATES 2025

5 May	Bank Holiday
26 - 30 May	Half Term
18 July	Last Day of Term/Academic Year

MRC PERFORMING ARTS

SUMMER TERM 2025

Tuesday 6 May	Yr 10 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama Yr 10	MRC Theatre
Thursday 8 May	Yr 10 Drama 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 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	Yr 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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