



MIDHURST MATTERS

What's Going On?

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 6 November	7,9,10 11	Classroom based exams Internal exams
Tuesday 7 November		
Wednesday 8 November		
Thursday 9 November		
Friday 10 November	12,13	Remembrance Service at War Memorial

Austen
27,541 (10,780)

Kipling
32,121 (10,013)

Tennyson
31,386 (10,925)

Woolf
27,052 (9,864)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

I start my messages this half-term by welcoming all the students back to school. They have made a very positive start to the half-term and are working well in their lessons. My messages this week are all community linked....

In school this week, Mr Ovetto organised a Halloween costume competition for staff and sixth formers. Around 400 students went to the sports hall to be part of the audience and to cheer on the eventual winner, who was Mr Ovetto. Mr Hickman and Mr Coombes were joint second and Connor Whitby came in third place. Thank you to Mr Ovetto for organising this.

This month is 'Movember' and several MRC staff and students are taking part in this. We believe we have the largest school group in the country participating, with over 50 staff and students taking part. The charity supports men's mental health, suicide prevention, testicular and prostate cancer. These are all fantastic causes, and I am proud that the MRC community is coming together to support this. There is a link in the main part of this newsletter – please sponsor us if you feel you are able.



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Our annual fireworks event is taking place on Friday this week. We hope to see as many parents there as possible – it is a great community event. As well as the fireworks, there will also be various food and drink stalls. I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

And finally, we will hold our annual Armistice Assembly next Friday 10 November and will mark the two minutes' silence.





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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 Movember 23

**YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
GROW TO
SAVE A BRO**



**YOUR
DOUGH
WILL SAVE
A BRO**

MOVEMBER

Can you feel it? The excitement in the air? The anticipation? #Movember is here!! If you would like to support our MRC Team, please click on this link: [Movember - Donate](#)



Flu Vaccination

Flu Vaccinations are taking place on Friday 15 December. Please check your emails for information regarding this. 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 \(susseximmunisations.co.uk\)](https://www.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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Student Spotlight

Lauren S, Y10, addressed a meeting of Chichester council with our local MP, Gillian Keegan, on the issue of disability rights. Lauren has also recently become involved with West Sussex Youth Cabinet. Great work Lauren.

Year 11 History

To support students' revision for their internal examinations Mr Harris will be running revision sessions before each paper. These sessions will take place from 3.45pm - 4.30pm in A109.

8 November: Paper 1 Medicine through time and The British Sector of The Western Front

15 November: paper 3 Weimar and Nazi Germany

Students will need to make their own arrangements for transport home. If you have any questions regarding the above sessions or effective revision strategies for GCSE History, please contact Mr Harris via email:

Colin.Harris@mrc-academy.org

Photography

The Theme for this year's House Photography Competition is 'Water'. The deadline is Monday 13 November. Students can upload their work to an MS Link which will be sent out in due course.

Good Luck!

Mr Hayward



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Remembrance Day

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.



Foodbank Collection – Friday 1 December

The Midhurst Foodbank warehouse is currently closed for refurbishment. Our first Foodbank collection of the year will be on Friday 1 December and more information will be given nearer the time.

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.



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](#)

Music Department

There are several 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:

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 8.30am for the Royal Festival Hall, London.
29 November	Winter Concert. ALL students involved in Performing Arts enrichments. 7pm in the theatre.



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Uniform Policy

As we approach the winter term, we thought it would be helpful to reinforce our expectations around uniform. Our uniform policy can be found here [Uniform Policy](#) but as a reminder:

- Blazer - MRC blazer with embroidered badge
- Shirt/ blouse - white, short or long sleeved
- College tie - clip-on, only required to be worn with a shirt
- MRC jumper (jumper is optional)
- MRC Skirt - knee length, blue checked school skirt or trousers - black, full length, formal school trousers, or black tailored shorts.
- Belt - if required must be black, formal, plain in design with a plain buckle
- Shoes - plain, black, leather, flat formal school shoes - NOT trainers such as Nike Airforce etc.
- Socks - plain black ankle length socks, or plain black opaque tights

Other considerations:

- Nail varnish and acrylic nails are not permitted. If make-up and/or nail varnish is visible, students will be asked to remove it and an appropriate sanction will be given. Acrylic nails must be removed.
- Henna tattoos, or any other form of body art and body piercing, is not permitted in College.
- Hair bands and clips must be black or brown. Long hair must be tied back for Physical Education, Science and Design & Technology. All hairstyles should be appropriate for a formal setting.
- Only one pair of gold or silver plain stud earrings and a watch may be worn.
- Hoodies do not form any part of our uniform and must not be worn in school; this includes break/lunchtime. Please ensure your child has a suitable coat/outer garment, weather appropriate.

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 are available from the main reception at MRC 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](#)



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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.

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 \(mrc-academy.org\)](#)

Helpful MRC Website Links

- Arbor Information Guides: [Arbor Information Guides \(mrc-academy.org\)](#)
Arbor Link: [Midhurst Rother College \(arbor.sc\)](#)
- 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 \(mrc-academy.org\)](#)
- Staff Emails: <https://bit.ly/StaffEmailAddress>
- Term Dates: [Midhurst Rother College > Information > College Term dates \(mrc-academy.org\)](#)
- 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 \(lexiapowerup.com\)](#)
- Past editions of Midhurst Matters Newsletter [Midhurst Matters \(mrc-academy.org\)](#)



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CAMHS PARTICIPATION
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NHS
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NHS Foundation Trust

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://ticketlab.co.uk/series/108112/sussex-CAMHS-ParentsCarers-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

MRC MRC Performing Arts - Calendar of events 2023 - 2024 **MRC**

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)	Amphitheatre
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