



Week A | Monday 17 July 2023

# MIDHURST MATTERS

## What's Going On?

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 17 July	Y7-10	Drama House Cup
Tuesday 18 July	Y7-10	'We will rock you' Music House Competition
Wednesday 19 July	Event	Summer Showcase
Thursday 20 July	All Years	Last day in school for students
Friday 21 July	All Years	INSET DAY – Last day - Summer Term

Austen
77,637 (572)

Kipling
81,351 (578)

Tennyson
66,051 (541)

Woolf
67,674 (691)

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

This week has been our activities week. I am grateful to all our staff for giving the students a very different experience this week finishing with a successful sponsored walk today. I have seen the students and accompanied them on school trips, as well as visiting some of the different activities they have been doing. I feel very proud of the way the students have thrown themselves into this week – they deserve huge praise for doing this. I cannot forget our Year 10 students who have all been on work experience this week - another different experience for them. I also never thought we would have an inflatable planetarium in the canteen....

Please follow us on twitter [@MRC- 1<sup>st</sup>](https://twitter.com/MRC-1st) you can see several images from this week on there.

Students finish at normal time next Thursday for the summer holiday. Friday is an INSET day and only staff will be in school.



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## Activities Week

### **Austen House**

Experiencing Midhurst - 150 students from Austen House spent Monday finding out more about Midhurst. Many of our students travel on site by bus, seeing very little of the town, so we planned a day to explore the local area. One activity, based on Monopoly was to collect images of their mascot at local points of interest. Points were awarded throughout the day and the winners were delighted with their chocolatey prize. Here are some photos of the mascots around town.



Austen House bakers and photobook creator students visited Cowdray Ruins for inspiration for their projects. They were very lucky to have a guided tour of the ruins, including a trip to the top of the tower to enjoy the amazing view and fascinating talk about the history of the ruins by a live history expert. Did you know Cowdray Ruins was never a castle, the up and down bits on a castle are called crenels and they needed King Henry VIII's permission to add them to the building?





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We were very lucky to be visited by the Cowdray Park Polo Academy for Austen House's Experiencing Midhurst activities week. The students were given a demonstration and talk about polo and it's international importance at Cowdray.



### **Kipling House**

Inflatable Planetarium for Kipling House students who are enjoying their History of Science activities.



### **Tennyson**

Tennyson house used Six the musical to inspire their activities week. They looked at the history of theatre, and on Thursday held Battle of the Six with a large inflatable assault course battling for the prize. Led by Miss Soby who described it as basically the best Activities week!



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### Woolf

Activities Week for Woolf House has been focussed on Nature and the Environment around us. Students are creating either a Textiles Landscape Piece, Bug Hotels or Clay pieces. They have all visited West Dean Gardens to gain inspiration from the environment around them. All their work will be on display at the end in our celebratory assembly.





### Bug Houses

Students in Woolf House have been exploring nature this week with Product Design students producing bug hotels to help promote more biodiversity around the school.



We used scrap wood to make the frames, cutting down on workshop waste with frames ranging in complexity and design. Once frames were complete, we went foraging for materials to pack our bug houses, utilising twigs, bark and branches that had fallen to the forest floor. These were then cut to size and arranged to create the 'rooms' for our hotels.

To achieve this, students had to design and plan their hotels applying measuring of both size and angles to make their hotels successful. A range of tools both handheld and machine based were used in the assembly process.

Alongside the individual bug hotels, we collaborated to produce a class 'MRC Bug Hotel' which has been installed by the MRC Forest Project.





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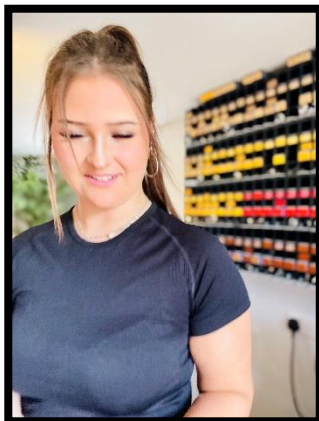
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### Year 10

Year 10 students put a strike day to good use last week by focusing on their future ambitions. The year group attended some lessons as well as a session about the kind of lifestyle and career they hope to have in the future. With retirement age likely to go up, as we all live longer, it is important to consider more than one career or sector of the labour market. After all, anyone might like a career change in a working life spanning 50 years or more! Living in this beautiful region of West Sussex, careers in farming are local, varied and an important part of our economy. We were pleased to have two representatives visit our college from The National Farmers Union as part of the Aspirations Day. Caroline Harriott and Phil Ventom, who both farm in the region, brought all sorts of props from animal feed, to crops and sheep's wool, even manure to show the students! They were able to learn about this important industry and see the connections between different sectors of farming, economic and environmental issues facing all of us. We do hope the NFU will come back and see us again in future.

### Year 10 Work Experience

This week our Year 10 cohort were out of college on their work experience placements across a variety of professions including Amberly Museum, Sight Research UK, Rolls Royce, Goodwood, Garston Coffee House, Cowdray, All Ride Now, Hereford Cathedral, Wakoos, Petworth Primary School etc.





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### **Student Spotlight**

Congratulations to Phebe H in Year 9 who won the LIBRA (Lions International Blood Research Appeal) greeting card competition. The competition was asking budding young artists from across the UK to create a nature inspired design for their new look charity cards and Phebe's watercolour of a Kingfisher was the winning design. Phebe's design now appears on their vibrant new cards, and it will help to raise awareness of their charities work to help the haematology department at King's College Hospital in London.



Frank C in Year 7 went to Portugal last week to take part in his first international competition with the under 14s boys GB gymnastics team. Frank was placed 2nd and received a silver medal. In the team event they took the gold. Well done, Frank!



### **Student Reception – Spare Uniform**

As the end of the school year approaches, we would gratefully receive any uniform that you no longer need. Items accepted include shirts, jumpers, trousers, skirts, ties, school shoes, trainers and PE Kit. We are particularly low in stock on the larger sizes so any Year 11 uniform would be most welcome.

### **Music Department**

#### **\*Music Lessons**

We offer lessons on the following, if you would like more information, please contact [roger.spinner@mrc-academy.org](mailto:roger.spinner@mrc-academy.org)



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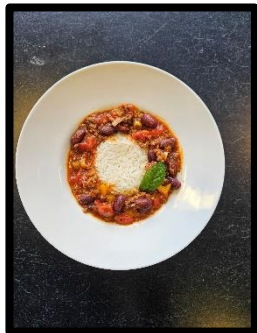
Flute, Saxophone, Clarinet, Violin, Viola, Cello, Trumpet, Trombone, Drums, Singing, Guitar, Piano, Keyboard.

\*Please note these are paid for lessons.



### **Sixth Form**

Congratulations to all Sixth Formers who completed their Emergency First Aider at Work and their Food Hygiene Certificates/Getting ready for Uni (cooking), and we hope their families enjoyed the delicious dishes they made.



### **Summer Showcase**



Buying tickets in advance for the event would be advisable as they are selling fast! Tickets are available in the school shop via the Arbor parent portal <https://midhurst-rother.uk.arbor.sc/?./home-ui/index>.

Here is a guide for using the school shop on Arbor: [Purchasing School Shop items on the Parent Portal or Arbor App – Arbor Help Centre \(arbor-education.com\)](#)

### **Midhurst Youth Club – Drop In Sessions – Summer Holidays**

Midhurst Youth Club drop-in sessions will be running on 1st, 2nd, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> August between 11am and 4pm and are £1 to attend. We will be using the club facilities as well as playing outdoor games and having a water fight. These sessions are open to all year groups and do not require booking.

### **MI-CAN**

Mi-CAN, Midhurst Climate Action Network has recently launched to help people of Midhurst and the surrounding areas share ideas, concerns and solutions surrounding climate change. Our next event is going to be a Free Family Fun Day during the school holidays. Our aim is to make the Midhurst community a more biodiverse place and reduce its carbon footprint. We are here to help.

We have started with a series of events; you may have seen our Sustainable Dinners that we have been running.

Looking forward to seeing you all in July.





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### **Multiply Project**

Crimsham Farm is delighted to be partnering with West Sussex County Council to deliver the Multiply project.

Multiply is an adult numeracy programme offering **FREE**, flexible maths sessions for anyone aged 19 and above who does not have a GCSE grade C, level 4 or the equivalent in maths.

Multiply can help parents:

Improve their ability to understand and use maths in their daily home and work life.

Feel more confident using maths.



Make more sense of the facts shared by the media and social networks.

Improve numeracy skills in a specific area, such as payslips, pension contributions, holiday allowance, reading bus or train timetables, managing household finances, helping children with homework.

Progress into employment or further education and unlock job opportunities.

Courses are varied, flexible to fit around life and are tailored to meet the parent's specific needs.

If you would like any further details, please don't hesitate to contact us [tuition@crimsham-farm.co.uk](mailto:tuition@crimsham-farm.co.uk) or take a look at our website [Courses for Parents — Crimsham Farm \(crimsham-farm.co.uk\)](https://www.crimsham-farm.co.uk)

### **'NEW' Vacancies at Midhurst Rother College**

Please click on the following link for the latest vacancies at MRC: [Midhurst Rother College > About Us > Vacancies \(mrc-academy.org\)](https://www.mrc-academy.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/arborsite/)
- 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/communication/letters)
- Staff emails: <https://bit.ly/StaffEmailAddress>
- Term dates: [Midhurst Rother College > Information > College Term dates \(mrc-academy.org\)](https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/college-term-dates)
- School Cloud: <https://midhurst.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
- Sparx Maths: <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/midhurst-matters)