

WHAT'S GOING ON THIS WEEK?

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 11 December		
Tuesday 12 December	7 & 10	Carol Service
Wednesday 13 December	8&9	Carol Service
	11	Parent/Carers Consultation Evening for Year 11
Thursday 14 December	10 & 12	The Tate Modern Museum (London) All day (Yrs 10 & 12
		Art/Textile students)
Friday 15 December	7-11	Flu Vaccinations
	ALL	College closes at end of day for Christmas Break

Austen	Kipling	Tennyson	Woolf
43,190	51,048	49,053	42,503
(3,893)	(5,094)	(5,313)	(4,811)

PRINCIPAL's MESSAGE

This the last edition of Midhurst Matters before we finish for the Christmas break. I'll start this week by thanking and congratulating all the students and staff who were involved in the Year 10 pantomimes. They were absolutely excellent, and I am pleased that so many of the Rother Valley primary school pupils were able to join us during the days to be part of the audience. We had over 300 children visit MRC.

Next week we have our annual Christmas Carol Concert at the church in Midhurst. This is a tradition that goes back many years – the music department and our orchestra will play in the church – a huge thanks to them in advance.

We have also arranged for our Year 11 students to have Christmas lunch altogether next week in the canteen. They have worked very hard over this term, and this will be a good celebration for them as we approach the end of term.



We very recently had a non-uniform day and a Christmas jumper day. Students should be in full school uniform for the last day of term. Lessons will run as normal periods 1-3, with end of term house assemblies' period 4.

Term starts again for students on 3 January 2024 at 8.25am and we look forward to welcoming them back for the Spring Term.

I would like to wish you, your family, and friends a very relaxing break.

Stuart Edwards Principal

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Enjoy a Holly Jolly Christmas Lunch next Tuesday 12 December. If you child would like to join in with the Christmas cheer, please remember to ensure that there are funds on your child's Arbor lunch account.



CHRISTMAS TREE & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Last Friday we took delivery of our Christmas tree which was grown close by on the Cowdray Estate. We would like to say a BIG thank you to the Cowdray Estate as they donate a tree to us every year.

On Thursday 7 December we joined the National 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day. College was overflowing with festive spirit, glitter & bells as staff and students showcased their jazziest jumpers in aid of charity and raised £113.78.





TP2 ASSESSMENTS COMING UP!

Assessments are coming up for the following year groups.

- Year 10: 15 January 26 January
- Year 7: Wednesday 3 January 2024 Friday 12 January

Before the Christmas break, class teachers will be sharing details with your child about the assessments coming up, 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.

Next week, for Year 7 parents, I will send a message giving the dates of subject assessments where-ever possible; we're grateful for the feedback regarding usefulness of having the dates of assessments and the necessity that those dates are adhered to.

Additional information and revision guidance can be found on the college website (<u>https://www.mrc-academy.org/curriculum/revision-resources</u>) at any time; this page provides useful ideas and strategies to support independent and effective revision by any child at any time.

Our assessment calendar provides regular opportunities to revise previously learnt material, and in doing so, builds an excellent basis for further study and success. We are grateful for parental encouragement and support of all our students to revise effectively and build this vital skill over the duration of their time at MRC.

HOMEWORK

A huge well done to all our students who have received achievement points for completing their homework this half term. In total over 6,000 pieces of homework have been completed, which is testament to the dedication and hard work shown by our students.

The Year 11s deserve a special mention as they have completed their regular homework alongside revision for their internal exams. They have risen to the challenge and are working hard.

Students who have not regularly completed their homework have attended detentions at lunchtime and/or after school. Students who have not completed four sets of homework will now, unfortunately, be placed in a homework enrichment group next term to enable us to give them the extra support they need to complete their homework on time.

There is support available for all students, we have in place two staffed sessions every lunchtime (T107 for core subjects and W101 for all other subjects) where students can get help with any questions, they are stuck on enabling them to complete their homework on time.

Thank you for your continued support with homework at home, it is making a real difference to students' learning.

UNIFORM POLICY

We thought it would be helpful to reinforce our expectations around uniform. Our uniform policy can be found <u>here</u> 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



CHRISTMAS FOOD BANK

Please see below the message from Midhurst Foodbank following your very generous donations last week:

Many thanks for your donations, they helped to fill the goodie bags to a high level. Donations weighed in at 117kg!!! Many thanks and Merry Christmas to you.

Midhurst Food Bank

COMPUTER SCIENCE Computer Science in Action

A group of Year 12 and 11 Computer Science students went to Computer Science in Action in London last Wednesday. Throughout the day we heard a variety of interesting and engaging talks about different areas in Computing, such as Web Application Development and Quantum Computing. On a fast-paced walk-through London to get to the venue we saw some famous landmarks too.







DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Pantomime Season! GCSE Year 10 Drama Pantomimes

This year the Year 10 GCSE Drama students created 3 Pantomimes for our local primaries and year 7. Tuesday 5 saw a fantastic couple of performances from the 'Wizard of Oz' and 'Cinderella' groups with the whole audience joining in throughout with 'Boo' and 'He's behind you!' and on the Thursday the other Drama class performed 'Aladdin' to rave reviews. The students, as always, have worked exceptionally hard to create these performances and at times props, costumes and set sourced and created themselves. A huge thank you to all parents, friends, family, teachers and students who joined us in the evenings to support the final performances and once again thank you to my Drama Dream Team; Mrs Mills and Miss Soby for their support and encouragement with the classes. Also, to Mr Lamb who saw every performance and stayed in the evening to support the students once again.

Here's to next year and more Pantomime Magic! - Mrs Strachan

The Drama students of 10C kicked off the Pantomime Week with a bang on Tuesday - oh yes, they did! Their fabulous portrayals of The Wizard of Oz and Cinderella had audiences roaring with laughter from the local primary school children and year 7 students during the day to their family and friends in the evening. Everything from the set, costumes and props to the staging were carefully planned and directed by the students themselves. What fabulous way to kick off a wonderful week – Mrs Mills



The Wizard of Oz



Aladdin



Cinderella



Aladdin







Aladdin

The Sound Crew

PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

Eve Arnold Exhibition

On Friday 1 December students from the A Level Photography course visited Newlands House Gallery in Petworth to see the Eve Arnold Retrospective.

Arnold, one of the most influential female portrait photographers of the 20th Century, worked with numerous celebrities over her decades long career including the likes of Marilyn Monroe, Marlene Dietrich, Malcom X and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The visit gave students an insight into how photographic works are displayed in a gallery and partook in a guided tour which discussed the work and its context in the history of photography.







House Photography Results

The theme was 'water' with some very impressive entries from students across the whole school. In first place; Jess K, second place; Iris LeF and third place; Daisy A.



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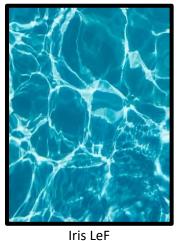
Jess K



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Iris LeF





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Daisy A



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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Winter Concert

Wow, wow! We had over 150 students perform in our Winter concert this week, and they did not disappoint. We heard everything from the beautiful string ensemble playing classic Mozart, to 'Rubber band' playing some 90's classics! There was Christmas music and a stunning solemn dance piece, we had experienced students performing solos and complete beginners who have been learning just a term. Orchestra, choir, jazz, musical theatre, there was something for everyone; it was a diverse programme with students from every year group. To say we are a proud department is an understatement; the students did themselves and the college proud. These are the events that create lasting memories, and I for one, will not forget this concert for a long time!





























LPO Bright Sparks Concert

Last week we took 45 students, mostly, from year 10 & 11 to the Royal Festival Hall where they listened to the incredible London Philharmonic Orchestra. A great experience just to see the venue and be inspired by these professional musicians, but we were also treated to an informative analysis and discussion of the pieces to support the exam component of the GCSE and A level music courses. It is always fascinating to hear how a piece of music is constructed and the context behind them, this is always a great trip, and we hope to return again next year. We ended our afternoon with a little lunch on the Southbank where we were treated to a sunny day along the Thames.









Tree of Hope

On Thursday we took a small section of the orchestra to Easebourne church where we accompanied the carols for the annual Tree of Hope service.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

We have our annual carol services on Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 December. Students will attend a service for their year group. All students with local visit consent will attend a service unless there are religious grounds for them not to do so.

As the weather is changeable at this time of year, please ensure suitable coats are worn as we will be walking to the church come rain or shine.

A reminder that all students involved in orchestra, choir, MRC singers and jazz band will be coming to St Mary Magdalene & St Denys church in Midhurst to play in our annual year group carol services. Parents of students involved in the orchestra, choir and jazz band are invited to watch during the Sixth Form service at 1.30pm on Wednesday 13 December.





@mrcmusicdept is on **Instagram**! Please make sure you are following for a chance to take part in our musical **"Elf on the Shelf"** competition every morning.

We also have the main college Instagram account **@mrc_1st**, Drama Dept **@mrcperformingarts**, Art Dept **@mrcfineart**, Photography Dept **@mrcphotographic** plus our Sixth Form **@mrcsixthform**.

PE DEPARTMENT

Year 9 Netball

Year 9 netball interform took place in period 6 enrichment on Wednesday 6 December. Yellow - Austen Blue - Kipling Red - Tennyson Green - Yr 10s Winners - Austen!!

It was great to see so many girls outside playing sport and showing up to represent their college house.

"Netball has been fantastic this term and I've really enjoyed seeing so many girls at training regularly and developing as players too." Miss Howard.

After school netball club will continue after Christmas - in the sports hall on a Monday from 3:40-4:30.

Year 11 Rugby

The year 11 boys' rugby team took on the Churcher's A team last Wednesday. The match was well supported despite being such a cold day which rallied MRC on to beat Churcher's 16-5. Man of the Match - Ethan Karr.

Sixth Form Football

The Sixth Form football team took on Churcher's College Sixth Form this week. They played brilliantly but Churcher's took the win with a 1-2 scoreline. Man of the Match - Monty Goodwin.

FOODBANK VOUCHERS

A reminder that we are a referral point for the Foodbank. Should you require vouchers in the run up to Christmas, please do not hesitate in contacting us via <u>foodbank@mrc-academy.org</u> or through your child's Year Head no later than Wednesday 13 December.





MRC EQUESTRIAN TEAM

MRC Equestrian Team competed in the Southeast Regional Showjumping Championships at Felbridge on 3 December, having qualified a few weeks ago. Elouise S and Millie did an outstanding job in a class of over 40 riders to win the 50cm class!

The team in the 60cm class of Elouise and Grace Y with Kiwi finished on a total of 8 faults to end up 10th. The team for the 70cm class of Elouise, Grace and Joss L and Splash completed three lovely clear rounds for the team to finish 4th.

An amazing job from these three riders and their ponies and parents!













SIXTH FORM

MRC Sixth Form Futures Newsletter issue 43 is available on the MRC website. This newsletter contains numerous opportunities for KS5 students, but also has some activities and outings which are suitable for those in Years 10 and 11. It is well worth looking at for students who are looking ahead and considering their options post-18, especially those students who are thinking about

university in the future. Any questions or queries related to sixth form and the options that are available to student's post-16 or post-18 should be directed to a member of the sixth form team: sixthform@mrc-academy.org

Please find click on the following link for our latest Sixth Form Futures Newsletter Issue 43: <u>Futures Newsletters</u> (<u>mrc-academy.org</u>)

MOVEMBER

We must just do a special shoutout to Ollie in the Sixth Form who raised over £250 for Movember, which was the highest individual total contributing to our final fundraising amount! Great work Ollie.





ART DEPARTMENT

We have some wonderful clay pots that were made during Activities Week in July. If you could ask your child if they made one and if yes, please ask them to collect from main reception. A great Christmas gift for someone!!



CAREERS INFORMATION

We up; delighted to be delivering "UniFrog" to all our students - Year 10, 12, 13 have had an introduction and their accounts are being set up, other year groups will follow next term. Year 10 will be using Unifrog to set up their Work Experience using the Placements Tool we have purchased.

Unifrog is about all Careers (not just University), with suggestions that may suite your personality, favourite subjects and so on. This includes:

Section of the platform	Examples of what students can do	Suitable age range
Quizzes	Finding their interests, personality type, preferred work environment, and skillset.	Years 7-13
Exploring pathways	Explore careers, career sectors, subjects, sign up to free webinars, explore MOOCs and courses, and find wider reading materials.	Years 7-13
Recording what you've done	Record their in-class and extracurricular activities, record examples of their skills, and see the record of CEIAG events the school has added to their accounts.	Years 7-13
Searching for opportunities	Find scholarships, activities, and bursaries to support their HE journey. Find and compare degrees in the UK and overseas, live apprenticeships, and FE courses.	Years 10-13
Application materials / Making applications	Write their CV, cover letter, Personal Statement, and more. Track their applications and record their Post 16 / 18 intentions.	Years 11-13

Parents are able to create their own account, by visiting <u>www.unifrog.org/code</u> and entering the code **MDHRparents (this code will expire end of January, so please log on before that).** You will then be able to enter your own email address which will become your username.

The parent accounts do *not* link to student accounts but do enable you to see the same things. Feel free to start exploring and having conversations with your children about different possibilities - we will be using this increasingly in tutor time, subjects and homework's.

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DIARY DATES – AUTUMN TERM

These dates are accurate at the time of publishing.

Date	Event
Tuesday 2 January 2024	INSET Day
Wednesday 3 January 2024	First Day of Spring Term
Thursday 11 January 2024	Year 11 English exams
Thursday 11 January 2024	Year 13 Parents evening
Friday 12 January 2024	Year 11 Science exams
Thursday 25 January 2024	Yellow Photography Yr 7, 11,13
Monday 12 February 2024	Half Term (12-16 February)
Thursday 28 March 2024	Last day of term
Monday 1 April 2024	Easter Holidays (1-12 April)
Monday 15 April 2024	Summer Term
Friday 19 April 2024	INSET DAY
Monday 27 May 2024	Half Term (27-31 May)
Friday 19 July 2024	End of Summer Term

VACANCIES AT MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE

Please click on the following link for the latest vacancies at MRC: <u>Midhurst Rother College > About Us > Vacancies</u> (<u>mrc-academy.org</u>).

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.

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.

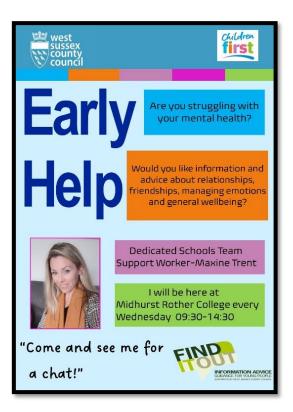
For more information, please contact Mrs V Strachan, Deputy Professional Tutor vikki.strachan@mrcacademy.org.



HELPFUL MRC WEBSITE LINKS

- Arbor Information Guides: <u>Arbor Information Guides (mrc-academy.org)</u> Arbor Link: <u>Midhurst Rother College (arbor.sc)</u>
- College Calendar: <u>https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/calendar</u>
- Homework: <u>https://www.mrc-academy.org/curriculum/homework</u>
- Letters: <u>https://www.mrc-academy.org/communication/letters</u>
- Educational Visits: <u>Midhurst Rother College > Communication > Letters (mrc-academy.org)</u>
- Staff Emails: <u>https://bit.ly/StaffEmailAddress</u>
- Term Dates: <u>Midhurst Rother College > Information > College Term dates (mrc-academy.org)</u>
- School Cloud: <u>https://midhurst.schoolcloud.co.uk/</u>
- Sparx Maths: <u>https://www.sparxmaths.uk/student</u>
- Sparx Reader: Sparx Reader
- Lexia POWERUP Literacy Login and Student Program: <u>Device Setup PowerUp (lexiapowerup.com)</u>
- Past editions of Midhurst Matters Newsletter <u>Midhurst Matters (mrc-academy.org)</u>







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DATE	EVENT	Students involved	VENUE	
Autumn 2023				
Wednesday 1 st November	Waitress the Musical	BTEC Performing Arts	MRC Theatre	
Fhursday 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 (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 13th 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 27th March	YR 11 Choreogrpahy Showcase	GCSE Dance Yr11	MRC Theatre	
Wednesday 24th 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)	Ampitheatre
Tuesday 2 nd July	Drama and Music House Cup	YR 7	MRC Theatre Music P1-4 Drama 5-6
Friday 8th- Tuesday 12 th July	Tour-Belgium	Orchestra Choir BTEC Performing Arts Jazz Band Drama (Invite only)	Belgium

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