



MIDHURST MATTERS

What's Going On?

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 2 October	7	A2L Collection Week
Tuesday 3 October		
Wednesday 4 October	11	Maths Paper 3
Thursday 5 October	11	Sixth Form Options Evening - ADD TIME
Friday 6 October		

Austen

8627
(3523)

Kipling

10989
(4513)

Tennyson

11,496
(4506)

Woolf

9246
(3743)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

I will start this week by thanking the staff who took the students on the residential visit to Normandy last week. The students had a great time, and it was made even better by our decision to not allow students to take mobile phones with them. All the staff commented on the children being more present in the activities and interacting better with each other. We replicate this in school through our 'not seen or heard' policy, which means that any phones / Air pods (or similar) will be confiscated.

As the colder weather starts to come in, I would like to remind parents / carers that hoodies are not part of our school uniform and will be confiscated. Several students are now wearing plain black V-neck jumpers, which is fine. The jumper does not replace the blazer: the blazer is a compulsory item; the jumper is optional. If I could ask if you could support us in this, I would be very grateful.

Sporting fixtures against other schools have now started. This week we have had both football and netball matches. Thank you to all the students who participated and represented our school.



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YELLOW Student Photographs

By now you will have received the proof for your child's individual school photograph. The deadline to order is Tuesday 3 October.

Autumn Adventures in Normandy

Forty-six lively year 9 students and five MRC staff enjoyed a packed programme of sightseeing and activities in France last week.

Skies were mainly grey but that didn't dampen the spirits of our wonderful group of students. The long ferry crossings between Portsmouth and Caen were part of the fun. We could visit the onboard cinema, browse the shops, dine at the tea bar or self-service restaurant, go outside for lots of fresh air on deck, or get involved in quizzes and entertainments.

Once in Normandy we enjoyed lots of activities at our accommodation centre, la Grand' Ferme; bread-making, team games, outdoor sports and card games. In the region around us we visited the American Cemetery and D-Day Museum at Coleville-Sur-Mer, the Bayeux Tapestry, weekly market at Villedieu-Les-Poeles and our favourite goat farm La Saffrie. For many of us, the day at Mont St Michel, followed by a walk across the famous bay, back to the mainland was a highlight of the week away!

On our trip, many explanations are given in French and the students are encouraged to contribute a lot in the local language. It was great to see the students grow in fluency and confidence, using their French at the market and in other authentic situations. We all took a breather from online chat and enjoyed a lot more face-to-face fun and laughter by leaving our mobile phones at home.

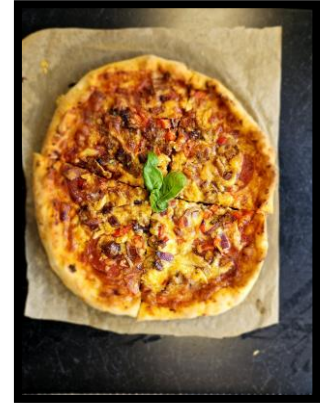
The week flew by, and the students were a credit to our college community and their families of course. We are sure they have made some very happy memories in Normandy with their friends and teachers.





Food Technology

The school has smelt delicious this week with offerings across the year groups. KS3 have made bread rolls, KS4 enjoyed Focaccia bread art and pizza whilst KS5 made fresh spinach pasta.



PE Department

PE Department After School Clubs have now started. These are recreational clubs to allow all students to access a variety of sports in a very relaxed environment. Students must make sure their parents/carers know they are attending; they must wear full MRC PE kit and should have arranged for their transport home. The students do not need to book in advance, they can just turn up.

Monday	3.40 - 4.30pm	Netball (Miss Howard)
Tuesday		NO CLUBS
Wednesday	3.40 - 4.30pm	Gym/Fitness (Mr Marshall)
Thursday	3.40 - 4.30pm	KS4 Basketball (Mr Hancock)
Friday	1.45 - 2.45pm	Boys Football (Male Staff)

Music Department

MRC Performing Arts - Calendar of events 2023 – 2024

The Music, Drama and Dance departments have an extensive calendar of events in the forthcoming months. See calendar at the end of this document to see what we have in store for you!



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BTEC Performing Arts

Waitress the Musical

On Wednesday 1 November our Year 13 BTEC Performing Arts Students will be showcasing their newest piece 'Waitress the Musical'. This is a fantastic show which students have been working incredibly hard on. We recommend a minimum age of 13+ due to the mature themes in this musical. If you would like to purchase tickets for this event please see Miss Soby or email her on chloe.soby@mrc-academy.org, alternatively tickets will be available on the door. We look forward to seeing you there!



Fireworks Night – 3 November 2023

This is our fourth MRC Parents Association Fireworks Event at Midhurst Rother College. Our largest annual fundraiser with it's 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 will also be available in the coming weeks from MRC Reception 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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Foodbank Collection this Term

The Midhurst Foodbank warehouse is currently closed for refurbishment. With this in mind our first Foodbank collection of the year will be on Thursday 23 November when we will be asking for all those lovely special treat items in various sizes, so those in need can have a little extra over the festive period.

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.

Collection and Drop Off of Students on Site

We have high movement of students on site at the beginning and end of the school day, with students being dropped by buses, or arriving on foot. To allow safeguarding and health and safety of all our students we would ask that you refrain from driving onto site to drop or collect your child. This minimises traffic allowing for safer student movement.

NEW 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 \(mrc-academy.org\)](https://www.mrc-academy.org/about-us/vacancies)

Helpful MRC Website Links

- Arbor Information Guides: [Arbor Information Guides \(mrc-academy.org\)](https://www.mrc-academy.org/arbor)
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/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>
- Sparx Reader: [Sparx Reader](https://www.sparxmaths.uk/reader)
- 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)



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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!"

INFORMATION ADVICE GUIDANCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

FREE EVENTS IN MIDHURST

SEPTEMBER SATURDAYS

2 September
FARMERS' AND ARTISAN MARKET

9 September
OUTDOOR CINEMA » SING 2 and ELVIS

16 September
FOLD OUR TOWN » origami event
LIVE MUSIC » at venues around town

23 September
GET ACTIVE DAY » BMX display team, face painting, rollerblading and more
VINTAGE FAIR » artisan makers and vintage finds

30 September
FAMILY FUN RUNS » 5k and 2k

How to get your FREE TICKETS:
Scan the QR code to book tickets for the event/s you'd like to attend, or go to midhurst.co.uk/whats-on

Tickets required for all events except live music and fairs (table bookings may be required for restaurants).

For more information visit midhurst.com/whats-on

Thank you to Midhurst for facilitating bookings.

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FREE EVENTS IN MIDHURST

SEPTEMBER SATURDAYS

Sat 2 September
FREE ENTRY » Farmers' and Artisan Market
9am-2pm » Market Square and The Old Library, Midhurst.

Sat 9 September
FREE ENTRY » Outdoor cinema at Market Square, Midhurst
Bring your chair and/or blanket - sit back and enjoy!
1pm » Kids' karaoke with singer Lizzie Hoynes - come and join in!
2pm » Film: SING 2 (2021) Dance along to the ultimate feel-good film.
6pm » Kick-start your evening with live act Suspiciously Elvis.
7pm » Film: ELVIS (2022) by Baz Luhrmann - Immerse yourself in the iconic world of the King.

Sat 16 September
FREE ENTRY » FOLD OUR TOWN at The Old Library, Midhurst
11am-3.30pm » Create a wonderful, evolving origami installation inspired by Midhurst. Fold and decorate your own paper house, car or local landmark.

Sat 16 September
FREE ENTRY » Live music
7pm onwards » Great live music from around the world in the restaurants and pubs across Midhurst.

Sat 23 September
FREE ENTRY » Get Active Day and Vintage Fair
11am-4pm » Get active at The Grange Centre, Midhurst. BMX bike display team (every hour), slackline school, face painting, rollerblading, table tennis and more... To book call 01730 815285.
10am-4pm » Midhurst Vintage Fair at Market Square.

Sat 30 September
FREE ENTRY » Midhurst 5k (12+) and 2k (4+) family fun runs
10am » Runs start at The Wharf and finish at St Ann's Hill. 2 hours' free parking at The Grange - facilities and cafe open until 2pm. Under 6s must be accompanied. Organised with the Midhurst Miles.

ENTRY IS FREE TO ALL EVENTS. SEE OVERLEAF HOW TO BOOK AND GET YOUR FREE TICKETS.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

DofE

Take the DofE challenge at the Sylvia Beaufoy Centre on a Wednesday evening starting mid September, finishing at the end of July for both Bronze and Silver levels.

Contact Dan Sneller at dan@sylviabeaufoy.org to find out more. Scan the QR codes to watch the video and to sign up.

Bronze Level from 6pm to 7:30pm for school years 9 and above.

Silver Level from 7:30pm to 9pm for school years 10 and above.

Watch on YouTube

Duke of Edinburgh Award
Petworth Youth Club are running The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme for students in Year 9 and above. They have vacancies in the bronze and silver levels. Please contact Dan Sneller at dan@sylviabeaufoy.org.
<https://youtu.be/i6Oc9cjk7J4>



MRC Performing Arts - Calendar of events 2023 - 2024



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	KSS 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 (PG 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)	Amptitheatre
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