



# MIDHURST MATTERS

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 29 January		
Tuesday 30 January		
Wednesday 31 January	9,10,11	UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge
Thursday 1 February	Multi 13	Area Cross Country Championships Sixth Form Trip to Houses of Parliament
Friday 2 February	13	Brave the Shave

Austen	Kipling	Tennyson	Woolf
63,490 (3,381)	75,096 (4,483)	75,472 (5,149)	63,033 (3,553)

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mr Harris, our Director of Humanities, has been leading assemblies this week on Holocaust memorial day which is 27 January. The messages he gave to the students about the Holocaust and other genocides since then are extremely powerful. The students listened very closely to his presentation and it is a period in the school year where we always pause to reflect. There is more information in this week's edition of Midhurst Matters.

On Thursday this week, we held our Year 9 options evening. This is always a very well attended event, with students having the opportunity to talk with their class teachers about the subjects that they will choose to study for GCSE or BTEC over the next two years. Students should always choose subjects they enjoy and also make sure that they have a broad selection of subjects from different faculty areas. There are some compulsory subjects and these are: English, maths, science, RE, PE and PSCHE.

We will very shortly receive the year group photos from Yellow Photography. We had photographs taken on Thursday this week of Year 7, Year 11 and Year 13. Please look out for further information on this and place your order should you wish.

**Stuart Edwards**  
Principal

## ASSESSMENTS COMING UP

Week beginning : 29 January 2024

Assessments are coming up for the following year groups:

- Year 9 : in class assessments begin this week for all subjects (except English and Mathematics)
- Year 9 : in class assessments begin this week for all subjects (except English and Mathematics)
- Year 8 : in class assessments for all subjects (except English and Mathematics) in the week beginning 19 February 2024

Over the next week or two, class teachers will be sharing details of forthcoming assessments with your child, 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. This will be available on Arbor as an assignment.

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

Please support your child in preparing well for these assessments with effective revision, adequate rest the night before and a good breakfast to fuel them for the day. 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.

## FOODBANK - EASTER

Following your amazing donations of goodies for the Christmas Foodbank collection, the Foodbank have asked if we would once again collect Easter Eggs for the Easter holiday lunchboxes. These lunchboxes go out to free school meals children and other vulnerable families. Last year we gathered 243 Easter Eggs at this collection.

Should you wish to give an egg or two, please send them into school before Friday 1 March. Easter eggs can be left at main reception anytime between now and then. Thank you!



## EXAM INVIGILATOR OPPORTUNITIES

Over the course of the academic year our Exams Department run many assessments and exams requiring formal exam conditions. This process starts in year 7 to prepare our students for their final GCSE exams as well as providing data for students as they progress through the year. If you are interested and would like to join our team of Invigilators please follow the link below.

Please click on the following link for the latest vacancies at MRC:  
<https://www.mrc-academy.org/about-us/vacancies>

## PE DEPARTMENT

### Year 8 Girls Football Tournament

We took 6 girls in Year 8 to play in a 6-a-side tournament at the Regis school. They played 4 games winning the first game 9-1, second game 5-0, third game 2-1 and they drew the last game 2-2. We ended up winning our pool and should have played a final match but ran out of time. The girls played amazingly well and showed great teamwork on the pitch.



## HISTORY DEPARTMENT

### Holocaust Remembrance at Midhurst Rother College

Holocaust Memorial Day takes place each year on the 27 January, this year's theme is 'the fragility of freedom.' On Monday students took part in a whole college assembly to remember the victims of The Holocaust and other genocides including The Cambodian Genocide, Rwandan Genocide and to remember those affected by recent conflict and to the present day. On Tuesday, a group of students from years 9 to 13 also attended a live interview and webcast with Hedi Argent MBE, a survivor of the Nazi regime who lost twenty-seven members of her family during The Holocaust. During the webcast Hedi reflected upon her experience of antisemitism in Nazi controlled Austria and the feeling of dislocation having gained refuge in England as a 10-year-old girl. By taking part in this webcast the students became witnesses to the events of The Holocaust and took on the mantle to share their reflections of hearing Hedi's testimony. **Mr Harris**

'Hearing Hedi Argent speak was such an incredible experience. She is so brave to share her story with us and allow us to gain an invaluable insight into the experiences of so many. Not only this, but she shares the stories of those who are no longer able which was deeply moving. The work the Holocaust Educational Trust does is so important to continue these stories so that we can always learn from them.'

#### Jasmine, Year 13

'Listening to Hedi's story changed my perspective on the Holocaust as a whole. It deepened my understanding on how much the Jewish community and others suffered from antisemitism and discrimination. Hearing her story is so important as people worldwide can become witnesses to the racism people experienced and can look at their lives with gratitude and hope for the world to become a better place. Looking at this incredibly significant event history shapes nations to this day, and Holocaust Memorial Day is about respecting our history and learning from the mistakes of the past. It was a privilege to listen to Hedi and to hear her share her story with the world.'

#### Molly, Year 11

## PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

On Friday 19 January, Year 13 photography students visited numerous galleries in London as part of their A Level studies.

The purpose of the visit was to see photography in context in order to gain inspiration towards their final outcomes of their Personal Investigation and towards the upcoming externally set assignments.

A highlight of the trip was the Photography Centre at the V&A complete with working Camera Obscura.

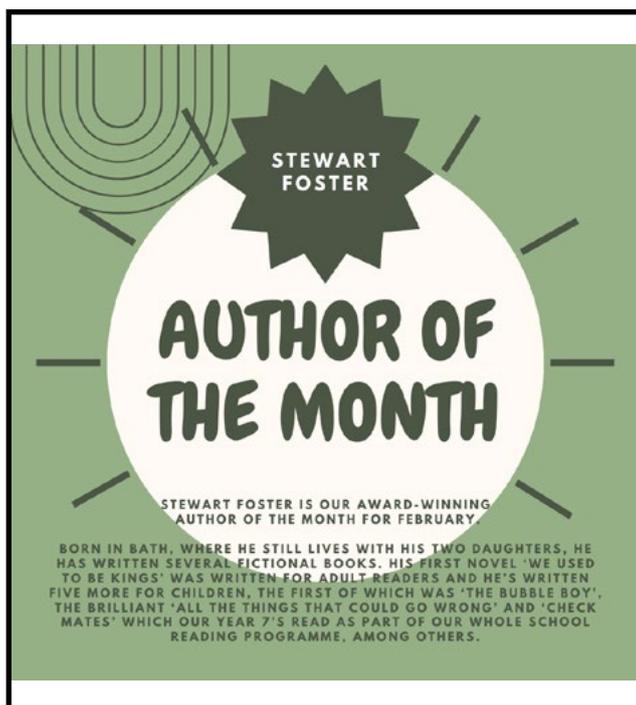
The visit also took in works by Mario Testino at Hamiltons Gallery and Daido Moriyama at The Photographers Gallery.

The day was accompanied by lunch in Leicester Square and taking in some of the sights including Trafalgar Square, The Mall, The Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace.



## LRC - AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

Stewart is an inspirational writer who often visits schools around the country to give talks on his work and we are lucky enough that he will be visiting our school again on Thursday 8th February to talk to our Year 7's, and some of our Sixth Formers, about his writing and the many issues that children face today.



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## HORTICULTURE/GARDENING ENRICHMENT

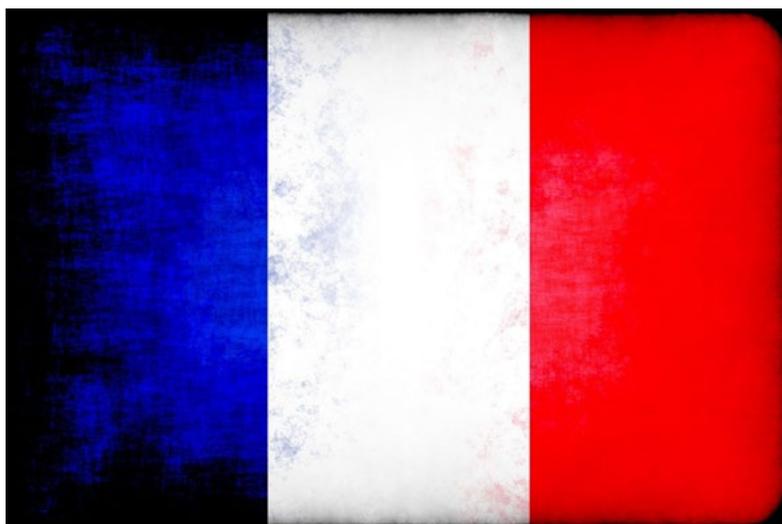
After Easter there will be a horticulture/gardening enrichment available on a Monday P6. To support with this if anyone has any gardening equipment; tools, wheelbarrows, fruit, vegetable or companion plant seeds, fruit canes, fruit trees, rhubarb crowns etc that they would be able to donate please drop them into reception or email [linda.spooner@mrc-academy.org](mailto:linda.spooner@mrc-academy.org) to arrange collection.



## FRENCH EXCHANGE VISIT

The MFL Department are still on the lookout for two more kind host families next month. Our partner school in Nogent-Le-Rotrou is bringing over their whole class of 25 students who specialise in English language and history.

If you could accommodate a French visitor (16-year-old girl) straight after half-term for four nights, from the afternoon of Mon 19 February until the morning of Fri 23 February, please contact Mrs Good in the languages department ([hayley.good@mrc-academy.org](mailto:hayley.good@mrc-academy.org)). Thank you.



## YEAR 11 - FINAL PUSH

It was great to see so many dedicated and determined Yr11s with their parents and carers at our Final Push Evening last week.

[Midhurst Rother College > Curriculum > Year 11](#) ([mrc-academy.org](http://mrc-academy.org)). Please refer to our presentations via this link if you want to check on important dates coming up for the year group or read more about how to support your child's revision.



## SIXTH FORM

Published on our website <https://www.mrc-academy.org/sf/information/the-parents-guides-to> are various packs from The Parents' Guide to Parenting teenagers.

The resources are accessible and easy-to-navigate, delivering a great deal of information without being overwhelming, and are full of ways to help and support your child through KS5.

## BRAVE THE SHAVE 2024

The final day is upon us! This Friday 2 February we will be Braving the Shave!

There is still time to sponsor us and raise vital funds for such a great cause.

Should you wish to donate, please either scan the QR code or click on the following link, thank you. <https://www.justgiving.com/page/harvey-datchler-1701513579292>

# BRAVE THE SHAVE 2024

This year our Head Boy and Head Girl are shaving and cutting their hair for Charity

2ND FEB  
2024

1 IN 2 PEOPLE WILL GET  
CANCER IN THEIR LIFETIME



Cancer affects everyone at some point in their lives whether it's from being diagnosed themselves or a loved one being diagnosed. Last years Head Boy, Jacob shaved his head and we want to continue this as a tradition. Jasmine will be cutting 7 inches off her hair and donating it for wigs and Harvey will be shaving all of his hair off. Let's do what we can as a community for this global cause!



Please scan the QR code to donate 

## SIXTH FORM TRANSITION

We are delighted to have had so many options forms back, showing that students have been thinking about their plans for what happens after Year 11. Every student in Year 11 will have a 1:1 meeting with a member of MRC's senior leadership team to discuss their progression - we have already seen around a quarter of students and will continue these meetings in the next few weeks. It's a very exciting time for them and we are pleased to be able to welcome so many of them into Sixth Form! For enquiries regarding this process, or Sixth Form in general, please contact our Sixth Form Manager [lisa.shadbolt@mrc-academy.org](mailto:lisa.shadbolt@mrc-academy.org).

## COMMUNITY DAY

Our annual Community Day will be held on Saturday 27 April from 10am-2pm. It is a great event where we open up the College for local businesses, agencies and groups to advertise their wares. It's a fun day for the whole community.

If you have a business, agency or group that would benefit from a **free stall** at this event, please email [madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org](mailto:madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org) to book a space. If you know someone who might be interested in a stall, please share this flyer with them.



# Midhurst Rother College

## Community Day Saturday 27 April 2024



Inviting businesses, agencies and groups to join our event to demonstrate what our local community offers

If you are: locally produced - locally grown  
eco-friendly - sustainable - renewable  
recycled or recyclable

**Why not come and join us?**

**We want you!!**



**ALL STAND &  
EXHIBITION SPACE**

**FREE OF CHARGE**

**10am - 2pm**

For more information email: [madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org](mailto:madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org)  
or contact the College Office on: **01730 812451**

**BE A PART OF THIS WELL-ESTABLISHED AND MUCH ANTICIPATED EVENT**

## DIARY DATES – SPRING TERM

These dates are accurate at the time of publishing.

Date	Event
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

### House Events Calendar 2023/24

Month	Events & Faculty	Year Group	Head of House Link
January	Smash Bros	All	AHK
January	Open Drama	All	RHN
February	PE House Competition	Yr7-10 Girls Combined Badminton Yr7-8 Boys Badminton Yr9-10 Boys Badminton	AHK
March	Open Music	All	CHS
March	Table Tennis	All	AHK
March	Science Week	All	JOT
March	English - World Book Day	All Years	JOT
April	Maths/University Challenge	All	RHN
April	Bake Off	All	CHS
May	Gym Challenge	Yr10/11	AHK
June	Art House Competition	TBC	JOT
July	Drama	Yr7	RHN
July	Music - Battle of Bands	Yr7	CHS
July	PE House Cricket	Yr7-8 Combined Yr9-19 Combined	AHK
July	PE - Sports Day	Yr7-10	All

## STUDENTS

If you have any further ideas for house events or competitions, please share these with your House Captain and Sixth Form House Leader.



### MRC INSTAGRAM ACCOUNTS

@mrc\_p.e  
@mrc\_1st  
@mrcperformingarts  
@mrcfineart  
@mrcphotographic  
@mrcsixthform

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## Performing Arts Calendar of events - Spring and Summer 2024



Spring 2024			
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	CFMDS Festival	Musical Theatre Y13 duologue	St Josephs Chichester
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Dance House 1	MRC Dance Teams Minibus	Worthing Theatre
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	CFMDS Festival	Orchestra Jazz Band Flute ensemble	St Josephs School 9.45am Chichester
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	CFMDS Festival	MRC Singers Choir	St Josephs School Chichester
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	YR 11 Component 2 exam	GCSE Drama YR11	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Concert	Orchestra Choir Jazz Strings, flutes Drama/production groups Soloists (by invite) Bands	MRC Theatre
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Rother Valley Arts Festival	MRC Dance Teams	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Courtney Pine at Ronnie Scotts	Y11 & 6 <sup>th</sup> form music	Ronnie Scotts London
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	YR 11 Choreography Showcase	GCSE Dance Yr11	MRC Theatre
Summer 2024			
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Dance House 2	MRC Dance Teams	Worthing Theatre
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	YR 10 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama YR10	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	School of Rock!	School Production Cast Band/musicians	MRC Theatre
June TBC	Drama Day	BTEC Performing Arts	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Pre-tour Concert	<b>Students that are coming to Belgium</b> Orchestra Choir BTEC Performing Arts Jazz Band Drama (Invite only)	Amphitheatre
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Drama and Music House Cup	YR 7	MRC Theatre Music P1-4 Drama 5-6
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Tour- Belgium	Orchestra Choir BTEC Performing Arts Jazz Band Drama (Invite only)	Belgium

## 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

Arbor Information Guides: [Arbor Information Guides \(mrc-academy.org\)](https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/guides)

Arbor Link: [Midhurst Rother College \(arbor.sc\)](https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/arborsc)

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/visits)

Staff Emails: <https://bit.ly/StaffEmailAddress>

Term Dates: [Midhurst Rother College > Information > College Term dates \(mrc-academy.org\)](https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/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/matters)

## CINDERELLA THE PANTOMIME

The Petworth Players latest production of Cinderella features some of our students, who would welcome your support and encouragement!

A decorative poster for 'Cinderella The Pantomime'. The background is a light blue gradient with a repeating pattern of white floral and geometric motifs. At the top center is a white clock face with black hands. The title 'CINDERELLA' is written in large, white, serif capital letters, with a white chain-like graphic looping around the letters. Below the title, 'The Pantomime' is written in a smaller, white, cursive font. The dates and times are listed in white, sans-serif capital letters: 'SHOWING 2ND-4TH FEBRUARY', 'FRIDAY 2ND: 7:30PM', 'SATURDAY 3RD: 2:30PM | 7:30PM', and 'SUNDAY 4TH: 2:30PM'. The venue 'Herbert Shiner Hall, Petworth' is written in a white, serif font. Ticket prices are listed in white, sans-serif capital letters: 'TICKETS: ADULT £10 | CHILD £7 | FAMILY £28 (FAMILY OF 4)'. The box office information is in white, sans-serif capital letters: 'BOX OFFICE: AUSTENS, PETWORTH' and 'ONLINE BOX OFFICE: WWW.PETWORTHPLAYERS.CO.UK'. At the bottom, 'REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE' is written in white, sans-serif capital letters. The entire poster is framed by a thin white border.

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