



MIDHURST MATTERS

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 11 March	10,11,12 9,10	Oxford University Visit - selected students Tim Peake Science Talk Netball Fixture - The Petersfield School 3.30pm - 5.30pm Comic Relief - Guess the Teacher Competition - 50p
Tuesday 12 March		
Wednesday 13 March	11 10,12,13 10	Drama Exam Embroidery Exhibition Football Fixture
Thursday 14 March	9,10,11	Comic Relief Crash Mat Sliding - Sports Hall - 50p Gilbert Hannam Awards Evening
Friday 15 March	All 7&8	Red Nose Day - Non Uniform - £1 donation Teacher Vs Students Dodgeball - Sports Hall - 50p Sadlers Wells Dance Performance - London

Austen	Kipling	Tennyson	Woolf
83,659 (3,494)	96,858 (4,210)	98,772 (3,983)	82,563 (3,343)

HEAD STUDENTS —MESSAGE

Hello, we're the new Head Students, Lyra and Monty. Mr Edwards has asked us to introduce ourselves, so we are doing the Midhurst Matters introduction and messages.

I'm Lyra, and I'm very proud to call myself the new Head Girl. Since joining MRC in Year 7, I've felt supported, nurtured and encouraged by my teachers and peers to be the best I could be. I wanted to give back to the school community, which is why I decided to apply for Head Girl. I'm so excited to now be able to fulfill this dream, with the new Head Boy, Monty.

Hi, I'm Monty, the newly appointed Head Boy of MRC. Being able to say that is something that I am truly proud of, and I hope that together with the new Head Girl, Lyra, we can make a real difference and epitomise the school's values of respect, happiness and achievement. I hope to give back to the school, due to their overwhelming support, especially throughout GCSEs where I was really pushed to do the best I could. I think I speak for the both of us when I say we are very grateful to be taking over this role from Jasmine and Harvey, and hope to be as successful as they were!

We'd firstly like to welcome all 239 of our future Year 7s, who will now be receiving Midhurst Matters every week. We look forward to meeting you all in person in September.

Congratulations to the Orchestra and Jazz Band, who both achieved Gold awards at the Chichester Music Festival over the weekend, excellent results.

A few reminders from us: Red Nose Day is the 15 March. There will be events running throughout the week, with Friday being a non-uniform day (£1 donation), for more information, please see the Comic Relief poster further down. Thursday 14 March is the Gilbert Hannam Awards Evening.

Thanks for reading,

Monty and Lyra



DAILY HOMEWORK SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

Please be reminded that all students are able to access support with homework every lunchtime in Room T107, supported by subject teachers. Please encourage your child to attend these sessions at lunchtime to help them with their homework/Sparx/Seneca, should they need it.

ARBOR - STUDENT LUNCH ACCOUNT

Please be reminded to ensure your child's canteen account is topped up regularly so that they are able to access the food on offer at both break and lunch.

If your child is entitled to Free School meals, the allowance is credited to the account in time for lunch. If you wish your child to have something from the counter at break time, please add funds to cover this.

We will always ensure that a child is fed at lunch time, and understand that at times an account may show a small negative. In such circumstances we will remind the student to arrange a top up.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me, katherine.chard@mrc-academy.org.

YEAR 5 - MUSICAL THEATRE AND CREATIVE WRITING

Musical Theatre and Creative Writing were on the menu this week for our Year 5 Creative Days as we once again welcomed students from the Rother Valley Primaries.

Lead by Miss Soby and assisted by Year 8 and 9 Performing Arts students, 42 musical theatre wannabes explored the music, dance, set and staging associated with the musical drama film *The Greatest Showman*. After a day full of energy, they had made amazing progress learning the words and moves to two of the film's great tracks. They will return for more after Easter and will end their second day with a short performance to parents.

For more about the Creative Writing Experience Day, we hand over to Beatrice from Year 8 for her report.



"18 Year 5s joined Miss Wilkie for the Creative Writing Experience Day. They first looked at different newspapers and stories for inspiration before being led on a tour around the school by the wonderful Year 8 student helpers Beatrice, Reuben, Tom and Cassie. The tour took them to the colourful library and the climbing wall as well as the classrooms and corridors. Along the way, they were treated to interviews with staff and met a few students. The Year 5s then wrote news articles about what they had seen on their tour. The articles were then combined into a big newspaper which was photocopied for each Year 5 to take away and share with families and classmates on their return to school. The day was lots of fun with everyone enjoying the games and snacks until it was finally time to take their knowledge home." **Beatrice**

The LIBRARY

While visiting MRC, we got the chance to explore the many different rooms of building, including the large and book-filled library! Long shelves of fiction & non-fiction fill the room, and there is even a table of books explaining the way your mind works. Upon meeting Mr. Hestings, I asked many questions, one of which led to me asking all day: why does MRC do world book day? In return, MRC told us world book day is just don't dress up. This is because it may be slightly unpopular amongst the children, but there are many people in this school, it is a very busy school to manage! However, they still have a busy year, such as Harry Potter or Nativity.

I could give the MRC a review & I would want to visit, mainly because it needs books! It only has 5 fiction, and 2 of fiction: 2 of fiction and one of books & the mind.

DIAGRAM OF THE LIBRARY

Some students, right up to the librarians, and more that they spend some of their own time to help by doing the library a clean and environment. They also read books, help people use the printer and help other students and kids. If you love the library and are a fan, you can go on a trip together and it becomes a student library. It's a great way to meet new people, learn new things and do your part to make the library a great place to be.

Year 7 D.t

Today at 12:00, M.R.C Thursday we visited the YR 7 wood tech classroom. We watched them make cool, little wooden bots. There was also a lot of high tech, advanced machinery in the classroom like drills, saws and many other blade and slicing lasers.

The Students and teachers:

The pupils in the classroom at the time were very kind and welcoming. They were also making their bots with little to no assistance from their brilliant teacher Miss Ford.

Best things we saw:

- Drills
- The completed bots
- Laser printer
- The teamwork
- Saws
- Safety

Written by Mateo and Jacob

TECHNOLOGY

Product Design

8 Year 10 Product Design GCSE students went to Winchester College to take part in their annual Design Technology competition. They were given the challenge of creating a water tower that could dispense specific units of water to a distant 1m away.

Out of 9 teams, they came a respectable 5th and 6th.

Their designs were innovative and unique to every other teams but the strict rules of the competition meant they lost quite a few marks for going over the water level in the testing phase.

All 8 students represented the school to a high standard, they worked hard in their teams and focused on the challenge, giving it their very best. Very proud of them all. **Mrs Lavelle**



Food Technology

Yr11 Hospitality and Catering, (GCSE Equivalent) Cooking Exam Date:

- Monday 11 March.

Students must bring in their ingredients (not pre weighed) as well as a copy of their production plan (time plan) on the day.

PE DEPT

Sussex Schools Cross Country

We took a 12 students to the Sussex schools cross country at Christs Hospital School. Each race had close to a hundred students running. All athletes ran fantastically on the muddy course. Emily S (Year 7) finished inside the top twenty so was invited to represent Sussex in the next round of the competition.

Chichester Corporate Challenge

We had the first race in the series of three races. The conditions were not great but all students that competed ran well. The Year 7 boys' team is currently in 4th place, and we hope that our other teams climb the ranks after the next race. Well done to the Year 11 students who ran the adult race distance for the first time.

Football - Year 8

Looking for an equaliser...



Year 8 in action scoring from a corner in last Tuesday's game against The Regis School. A solid performance from the team and plenty of goals to celebrate:

2 goals from Frank.

1 goal from Ivo.

POTM: Ed S-H.

Football - Year 9

Jake H captained the side this week as MRC played The Bourne in a close encounter. The game had few chances but lots of competitive battles especially in the middle of the pitch, with Archie J and Jonny S putting in some great tackles to win back possession. Ollie D was fantastic in goal again coming out to claim lots of crosses and rushing out of goal when The Bourne strikers were through one on one.

POTM: Ollie D.

Netball - Year 7

Year 7 netballers putting in some really hard and focused play yesterday against The Regis and Chichester High School in their latest league games.

Great marking by Delci in the Semi Circle and some really strong phases of play at points by the team, linking together to get the ball to goal.

The only thing that didn't help was shooting into the glaring sun!

Lots of progress seen from this exciting team! Keep it up girls.

POTM: Pippa and Ava.



Netball Year - 8

Year 8 netballers having loads of fun on court in their friendly matches against The Regis school on Wednesday.

Was a pleasure to see all the progress they've made on court as a team since taking them to their first league games in September! Thanks for all your hard work and commitment at enrichment and netball club girls! **Miss Howard.**



POTM: Amelie with some incredible marking and intercepts as GD & Florence with some confident shooting as GA.

MUSIC DEPT

Spring Concert – Wednesday 20 March

Please join us in the theatre from 7pm to hear a range of wonderful ensembles. We have everything from orchestra and string ensemble to bands and musical theatre. We have dancers, choirs and soloists; you'll even get a taster of what is to come in our production of School of Rock!

Tickets are available on the door at £5 for adults and £1 for children/students.

Refreshments will be available in the interval.

Chichester Festival

Adding to the successes of the previous weeks, it was the Orchestra and Jazz bands turn to shine on Saturday.

Orchestra performed a stunning version of hymn for band, followed by an exciting and upbeat rendition of 'I'm Still Standing'. They were awarded a gold with distinction.

They performed with utter style and sense of ensemble; they really did themselves proud – well done!

Next up was Jazz Band with two contrasting pieces, the first was 'On Green Dolphin Street' a mix of swing and Latin rhythms, this was followed by a lively and exciting version of "25 or 6 to 4".

They were awarded a well-deserved gold with outstanding!

Hugo M W – entered two categories in show singing. He won both! One with commended and one with distinction. This was a busy and tough category, which saw Hugo win from a group of 12 singers! Well done Hugo.

Every student performed with professionalism and maturity with excellent ensemble skills. Well done!

This Saturday will see the turn of the choir under the direction of our fantastic singing teacher: Charlotte Mason.

They will be performing at 9.45am on Saturday at St Joseph's School in Chichester and we wish them the best of luck!

If you have been inspired by all the successes of our music students, we are lucky to offer lessons on a variety of instruments as well as singing. Please contact: sally.tidbury@mrc-academy.org for more details.



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Spring Concert

in the Theatre

Wednesday 20 March 2024

at 7.00pm

Entry £5 adults • £1 Concessions
Refreshments available

Music
DEPARTMENT

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SIXTH FORM

Cultural Awareness Forum

We are looking for Year 12s who want to make a difference within our school community.

The new Cultural Awareness Forum aims to break down cultural stereotypes and barriers within our school and work towards creating a space free of prejudices and hate.

If you are in Year 12 and looking for a way to create something positive, then please join us in T004 on Thursday Week A at lunchtimes.

Everyone is welcome!

Financial Times - Free Access for Schools

Students aged between 16-19 years old have free access to the Financial Times. To sign up, please click on the following link <https://professional.ft.com/en-gb/services/professional-subscriptions/secondary-education/>, type in Midhurst Rother College and then input their school email address. They will then receive an email link to individually access the Financial Times in return.

LRC

On World Book Day 2024, the students celebrated the theme of 'Read Your Way' by having the chance to win a big chocolate bar for reviewing a book of their choice. We also had a fun literature quiz during tutor time and found out about how a lack of books can negatively affect so many around the globe.



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COMIC RELIEF

RED NOSE DAY

GUESS THE
TEACHER

Mon 11 – Fri 15
March

50p
per
sheet

50p
entry

CRASH MAT
SLIDING

YEAR 9, 10 & 11
Thurs 14 March
Lunchtime

I'M DOING
SOMETHING
FUNNY
FOR MONEY

COMIC
RELIEF
RED
NOSE
DAY
FRIDAY 15 MARCH

TEACHER v STUDENT
DODGEBALL
YEAR 7 & 8
Fri 15 March
Lunchtime

50p
entry

£1
entry

OWN CLOTHES
DAY
Fri 15 March

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 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
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
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
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



Performing Arts Calendar of events - Spring and Summer 2024



Spring 2024			
Saturday 24 th February	CFMDS Festival	Musical Theatre Y13 duologue	St Josephs Chichester
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 9.45am Chichester
Saturday 9 th March	CFMDS Festival	MRC Singers Choir	St Josephs School Chichester
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	Courtney Pine at Ronnie Scotts	Y11 & 6 th form music	Ronnie Scotts London
Wednesday 27 th March	YR 11 Choreography Showcase	GCSE Dance Yr11	MRC Theatre
Summer 2024			
Wednesday 24 th April	Dance House 2	MRC Dance Teams	Worthing 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

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>

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.

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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.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)

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

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

School Cloud: <https://midhurst.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Sparx Maths: <https://www.sparxmaths.uk/student>

Sparx Reader: [Sparx Reader](https://www.sparxmaths.uk)

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)



TRY GIRLS RUGBY



ALL AGES WELCOME
- YR7 TO YR13

Join a free training session:
Tuesdays from 6:30pm or
Sunday Mornings (timings vary) at
Pulborough RFC, RH20 4HP

To register interest please contact
JANE on 07773 362770 or
Jane@PenrosePartnership.com

OR JOIN OUR
END OF SEASON
FUN SESSION
SUNDAY 5TH MAY

