



MIDHURST MATTERS

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 26 February	8, 11, 13	Classroom based exams
Tuesday 27 February	7, 8 10	Butterfly and Tree Art Exhibition Design Technology Competition
Wednesday 28 February	12	Trip to Winchester Studium
Thursday 29 February		
Friday 1 March		

Austen	Kipling	Tennyson	Woolf
76,621 (8,191)	88,497 (8,753)	91,250 (11,102)	75,965 (9,050)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a good break over half-term. The days are slowly getting longer as we move into Spring. I look forward to being able to open the field for students in the coming weeks so that there is more space available for them at break and lunch.

Parents and carers will know that we hold most of our parents' evenings online on schoolcloud. This was because families overwhelmingly preferred this in a survey we conducted last academic year. We held our first in person Year 7 parents' evening on Wednesday this week. Many of our Year 7 families are new to us and we want to be able to welcome them, face to face in school, to see their teachers.

This week, our French exchange partner school students visited the UK. It is really positive to keep our links with schools in France and Germany and to have students staying with host families here. I know our students who went to France over the half-term break had a great time and I was pleased to meet the French teachers in school this week, with their students.

One of the events I look forward to most every year is the opportunity I have to interview students for to be our next Head Boy and Girl. We started this process earlier this week and will conclude it very soon. I will ask our new Head Boy and Girl to introduce themselves to you via Midhurst Matters next week.

Best wishes

Stuart Edwards
Principal



FOODBANK - EASTER EGGS

Don't forget to send in Easter eggs for the Easter Foodbank collection for their 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!

MUSIC DEPT

We are excited to see some of our groups performing in the Chichester Festival of Music, Dance and Speech this season.

The following groups are performing on:

Musical Theatre: Saturday 24 February

Orchestra and Jazz band: Saturday 2 March

Choir and MRC singers: Saturday 9 March

Parents – Please check Arbor for letters and details.

We wish you all lots of luck and hope you all enjoy the experience! We look forward to posting some updates.

Congratulations to Danyil K – Y11, for winning his category on the violin last weekend!

Bursary Funding

If your child is entitled to free school meals/pupil premium then they are eligible for bursary funding on the following instruments:

Flute

Clarinet

Saxophone

You would also be entitled to free hire of the instrument with West Sussex Music.

If you would like to sign up, please follow the link to our woodwind teachers website where you can apply: www.emmamilnemusic.mymusicstaff.com

Any questions – Please contact: sally.tidbury@mrc-academy.org

MRC Mountaineering in France!

You name it, we climbed it! Nogent Castle Tower? Eiffel Tower second floor? Steps up to Sacré Coeur? Sacré Coeur Cathedral Tower? Up to Ferry Deck 8? Yes, to all the above. Climbing stairs became a theme of our trip last week.

Mrs Good, Mrs Lunskey and Ms Howard recently accompanied 23 students to Nogent-Le-Rotrou, the twin town of Midhurst, for a visit to our partner school, the Lycée Remy Belleau. In France, pupils finish secondary school aged 15, then transfer to a lycée for a three-year course called the baccalaureate. The students in our partner class specialise in languages and humanities, so they are very happy to exchange with us and visit England, to find out what our school is like and see some important historical sites.

We stayed three nights in Nogent, hosted by teachers, students and their families. On Friday, we spent an interesting morning in lessons; Milo, Haris and Carrie even broadcasting an interview on the lycée's radio station! Later, we walked up to the medieval castle of Nogent for a visit before a reception for our group at the town hall. The mayor is very keen to foster closer ties again with the townspeople of Midhurst.

After this, the weekend en famille could begin. To name but a few activities, students were taken on outings to the famous Cathedral City of Chartres, Mont St Michel, Le Mans to see racing cars, bowling, out to eat or go-karting. It's always fun on an exchange, to meet up and find out about everyone's different adventures. Early on Sunday morning we did just that, travelling to Paris together. In Versailles, once a village outside Paris, we visited the large market there to see fresh produce of all kinds and have lunch before touring the Palace and Gardens. We were all impressed by the sheer size and grandeur of Versailles, especially the Hall of Mirrors and the Queen's bedroom. All this history made us hungry for our delicious early supper at La Crêperie des Deux Portes nearby.

For many of us, the next climbing challenge, up the 674 steps to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower for stunning views of Paris was the highlight of our five days away. The tower shines bright after dark and the students were so excited when we spotted that famous form from our coach!

Next morning, we got up early for our last outing, to Sacré Coeur and Montmartre. Time to climb another 600 steps of course! Up to the Cathedral and then up the tower inside the main dome. Now, we could see another view of Paris, including the Eiffel Tower, before exploring the Place du Tertre and buying some last souvenirs.

We are grateful to MRC parents and staff involved, this week, in hosting the French students on their visit to us. Well done to our students who were fun to be with, spoke lots of French (in most cases...) and took an interest in everything we saw and did in France. Vive le Jumelage!





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ASSESSMENTS COMING UP

Week beginning : 26 February 2024

Assessments are coming up for the following year groups

- Year 8 : in class assessments continue this week and are all completed by 1 March
- Year 11 and Year 13 : Internal Exams

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Science Homework - Changing from Seneca to Sparx

Science homework will be changing from Wednesday 21 February, away from Seneca and on to Sparx Science (<https://sparxscience.com>). The expectations for the homework will be to complete the assignment set within Sparx Science.

The day that it is set and due will remain the same, Wednesdays. With the first Sparx Science being set on 21 February. The login details are the same as those used for Sparx Maths, but through the Sparx Science (<https://sparxscience.com/>) site, also being able to use the Microsoft Office one click login.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes please do not hesitate to contact me via my email: benjamin.cooke@mrc-academy.org

PE DEPARTMENT

The year 10 boys football team started their campaign against a strong Saint Philip Howard side, gaining in confidence throughout the first half. Archie J captained the side for the first game, helping to manage throughout, showing great coaching skills. Jake H managed to score just before the break as a result of some brilliant press from our forward players. Ollie D in goal made some fantastic saves in the second half but Saint Phillip Howard came out on the winning side this time.

Noah T and Archie T were our players of the match, both were committed and determined throughout, making some great challenges and Noah even managed to block a shot off the line which was destined to go in. Well done boys, look out for information about our next fixture soon.

Mr Marshall



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Year 8 students collectively run 40 kilometres for Women in Sport

On Friday 9 February, we celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Formation of Women in Sport and forty years since women were first allowed to run the marathon in the Olympics with an exciting running challenge.

To mark the forty years and promote women and girls' participation in sport, 40 girls in year 8 collectively ran, skipped or wheelchair raced forty kilometres. The girls completed this 'WOMArathoN' challenge in teams and earned house points for their efforts.

Alex Danson-Bennett, former hockey player and Olympic gold medallist, also took part by running alongside the girls in her role as a Sports Ambassador for United Learning – the national group of schools of which Midhurst Rother College is part of.



The event was held to launch PARIS 2024, United Learning's new initiative across its schools which aims to promote sport and active lifestyles with activities inspired by the Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games.

"The launch of PARIS 2024 was a great success – congratulations to all our girls who took part and who made the event such a joyful and inclusive celebration of women in sport.

"We were particularly lucky to have Olympic gold medallist Alex Danson-Bennett in attendance as our Sports Ambassador. Alex is a huge inspiration and we are so grateful to her for her time and generosity.

"With our launch event kicking off PARIS 2024, we are excited to roll out our programme of activities over the coming weeks and months, ensuring that all our students can reap the benefits of sport."

Stuart Edwards

"It was absolutely fabulous to be at Midhurst Rother College launching PARIS 2024 with some amazing young women.

"Involvement in sports and being active is so important for all of us – it gives us a sense of pride and achievement, engages us as part of a team and makes us happy. But it can be heartbreaking to hear the national statistics about the drop-off in girls' participation rates as they get older compared to boys.

"That's why opportunities like this are so brilliant to inspire and engage with these

girls and ensure they can be positive influencers within their own lives and community."

Alex Danson-Bennett, former hockey player and Olympic gold medallist.



LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

We were fortunate to have Stewart Foster, the award-winning author of our year 7 whole school reading book 'Check Mates' visit us before half term. He gave a talk to the Year 7s and some Sixth Form on the challenges students face today, particularly regarding mental health, and discussed his other children's books including 'All The Things That Could Go Wrong'.

The students came up with some thoughtful and interesting questions during the Q & A session afterwards.

Simone Hastings
Learning Resource Manager



YEAR 10 - EQUIPMENT

Equipment required for lessons

As we progress through the first stages of the GCSE years it is vital students are well equipped for each lesson to maximise learning. A letter was sent out last term with a list of suggested equipment students need each day.

Should you have any concerns regarding the costs of new equipment please get in touch with the finance team who will be happy to assist.

STUDENT RECEPTION

Calculators for SALE

Casio Scientific calculators are now available to purchase at Student Reception for £10.00. You can order and pay via Arbor or come to us with £10.00 cash.



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

Winchester College Trip

“We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Winchester College. Seeing the projects presented by other schools not only inspired us with our own but were highly informative and allowed us to socialise with other students in the same position as us. Our day consisted of a tour of the beautiful school grounds followed by presentations from other A-Level students across the country, a talk from Professor John Wood from UCL on the science behind pain and lastly an exciting histology practical. We got to experience their laboratory environment which included live snakes, scorpions, and many fish. Overall, it was an enlightening day filled with fun and academic experiences.”

**Sixth Form - Saul Combes and
Gemma Barrett**



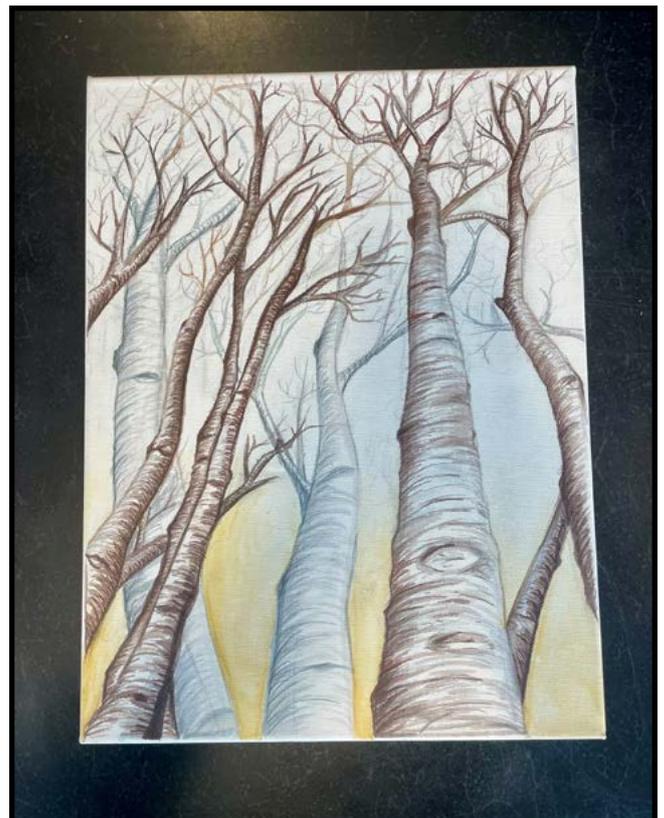
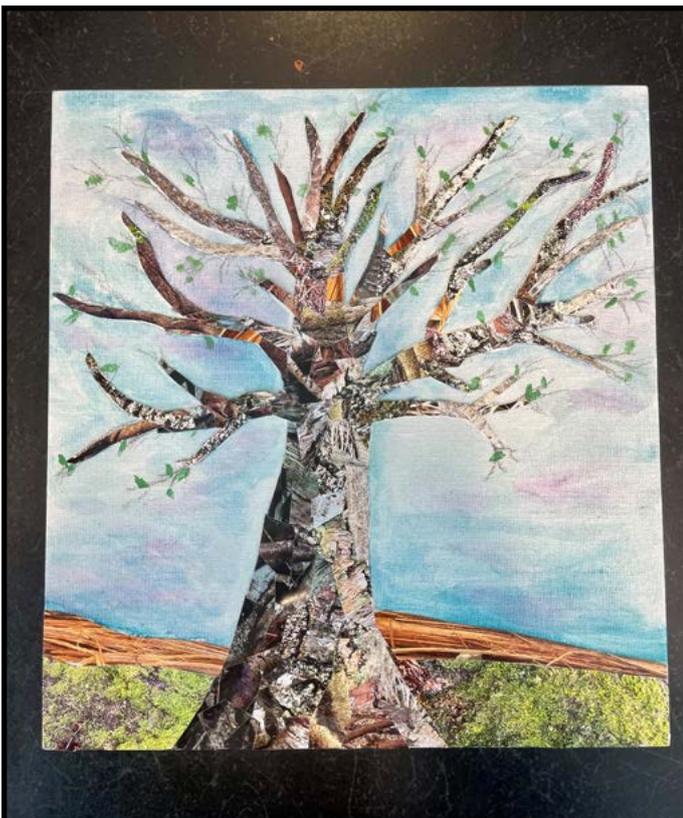
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ART DEPARTMENT

The Art department would like to invite parents and families into school on Wednesday 28 February from 3.30pm – 4.30pm to see our Butterfly and Tree Exhibition from our Year 7 and Year 8 students. The Exhibition will be in the school foyer.

All welcome.



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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
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

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@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)

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