



MIDHURST MATTERS

What's Going On?

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 13 November	8 11 & 13	Classroom based Exams Internal exams continue (all subjects)
Tuesday 14 November	11 & 13	Internal exams continue (all subjects) Music for Youth, Royal Albert Hall Trip
Wednesday 15 November	11 & 13	Internal exams continue (all subjects) Don Giovanni at Glyndebourne Trip
Thursday 16 November	9 11 & 13	Art Ambassador Workshops Internal exams continue (all subjects) Life of Pi Trip
Friday 17 November		

Austen
31,156 (3,615)

Kipling
36,421 (4,300)

Tennyson
35,174 (3,788)

Woolf
30,345 (3,293)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

Last Friday, we hosted our annual fireworks event at school. We had around 2500 people on site on the evening and we think this is the biggest single event in Midhurst. It was a terrific evening – the fireworks from Aurora were fantastic and we also had various food stalls, coffee, cakes, and a Bar. I would like to thank Mrs Chard, Mrs Hathaway, and Mrs Clayton in particular for their work in putting the evening, together. A very big thank you must also go to Angela Tysoe-Taylor from our Parents Association whose efforts made the evening possible. We have already booked next year!

Parents/Carers may be aware that school league tables were published shortly before half-term. They confirmed that MRC is in the top 5 highest achieving schools in the county for GCSE outcomes and the highest in our area. Our Sixth Form has the most top grades in West Sussex for the second year in a row. This is entirely due to the hard work



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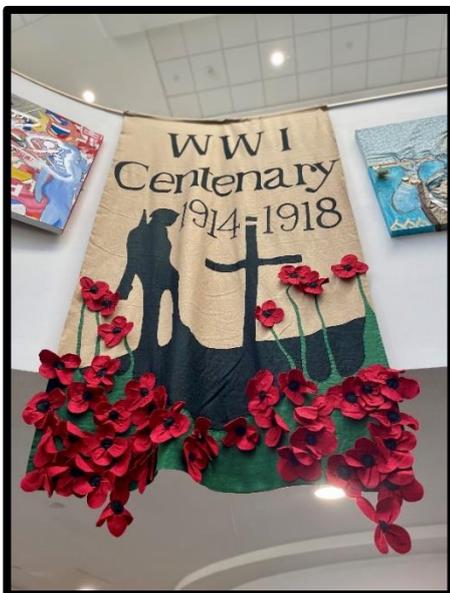
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of the staff and students in the school, supported by parents/carers. I look forward to seeing more exam success next year.

Homework is crucial to students' learning, success and is good preparation for further study post-MRC. We set students homework on a regular basis as we feel this helps them to learn more and creates good study habits. You may have received emails about homework completion in the last few days. Please can we ask for your support in making regular slots for homework every day if this is not already the case. Thank you.

Remembrance Day

This morning, we held a virtual Remembrance Assembly for all students and staff in honour of all who served and sacrificed so much, including a service with the Sixth Form at the War Memorial in college and a silent tribute at 11am.





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Year 11 – Internal Exams

We have been very impressed with the Yr11 students as we begin this intense period of internal exams. Their attendance, punctuality and entry to each exam has been excellent so far. We know the students' schedule is very demanding, they are doing a great job!

Attendance

Please ensure that you communicate with us each day for any/all absences. Leave a message for the Attendance Team on 01730 812451 (select option 1) or make contact via email: attendance@mrc-academy.org.

Our website [Attendance Matters \(mrc-academy.org\)](http://mrc-academy.org) contains further information, including links to our policies and a link to our student absence request form. An absence request form should be completed and submitted for any absences from College, other than illness and medical appointments, at least two weeks in advance for consideration.

You may also find this link useful from the NHS, [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk) and [a guide for parents on school attendance](#). We work closely with the legislation as laid out in the [Working together to improve school attendance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](http://publishing.service.gov.uk) publication to ensure that we fulfil the government's mandate on attendance and support you and your child.

Rewards

As part of our daily and weekly routines, we run attendance competitions between form groups, year groups and the four Houses. By simply attending, your child can contribute to the success of these different groups. In addition to this, and we are very excited to introduce this, individual students can now gain 10 achievement points for each week where their attendance is at 100%. Beyond this, all students whose attendance is at 96% or above by the end of the academic year will be entered into a prize draw and could win **cinema vouchers for a year, a bike, or a Nintendo Switch games console**.

Thank you for your continued support in relation to all matters related to attendance, and we hope that you agree that attendance really does matter.

Assessments

Year 7

Year 7 have their first round of assessments in subjects where they did not have a 'baseline assessment' in the week beginning 20 November. These assessments are intended simply to help teaching staff get a feel for how students are settling into their learning here at MRC. They are very much 'low stakes' assessments; we will use them to identify any students who might benefit from some additional support in-class (or, exceptionally, outside the usual curriculum) and to celebrate those who have made an exception start to their time here, in terms of both their academic attainment and their effort in the classroom. We will share the outcome of these assessments in a tracking point report in the first week of December.

Please be aware that, on return in January, Year 7 will sit their 'Mid-Year' exams in classroom-based assessments. We will share more information regarding those before the Christmas Holidays.

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.



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Our assessment calendar provides regular opportunities to revise previously learnt material, and in doing so, builds an excellent basis for further study and success. Please encourage and support your child to revise effectively and build this vital skill over the duration of their time at MRC.

Year 8

Year 8 continue with their classroom-based assessments next week.

Year 9 and 10

These year groups will have completed their classroom-based assessments by the end of this week. They have done very well, and we have been impressed by how they have approach these assessments and 'kept their cool'; we hope that is a good sign of things to come. Tracking point reports will be published for these year groups, based on these assessments, in the final week of November, after assessments are marked and recorded.

Food Technology Department

Calling all Yr 10 H&C Students
MRC Master Chef
Competition is here!

Sign up today!
1st Heat week of 27 November.
Open to all student in YEAR 10 FOOD
TECH
Email Mrs Emery by Monday 13th to
confirm your participation.

Year 10 H&C Students

It is your time to shine! If you think you have the perfect recipe to wow the judges sign up to the Year 10 Master Chef competition by emailing ayanna.emery@mrc-academy.org.

Performing Arts Department

GCSE DRAMA PRESENTS:
Aladdin

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2023
MRC THEATRE
6PM

MRC
PERFORMING ARTS

Aladdin

The next fabulous Drama production will be Aladdin presented by GCSE Drama group. The one-off showing will be on Thursday 7 December in the Theatre. Ticket details will be advertised in due course.



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Music Department

Trips

Tuesday 14th November

Music for Youth Proms. Students need to gather in the canteen at the end of the school day. They may wish to bring a change of clothes, but we must leave promptly at 3.45pm. They should also bring food as there will not be an opportunity to stop on the way and the Albert Hall will only have snacks (which are also very expensive!)

Wednesday 15th November

Glyndebourne. We are taking a small group of students to see Don Giovanni at Glyndebourne. We will leave promptly at 8.30 and should arrive back by 4pm.

Thursday 23rd November

LPO Brightsparks (Royal Festival Hall). This trip is compulsory for all KS4 music GCSE students. Please can you make sure you have replied and paid on Arbor. Please contact sally.tidbury@mrc-academy.org if you need financial support for this trip.

Winter Concert – Wednesday 29th November

Our annual winter concert is coming up! It starts at 7pm in the theatre and will feature a range of ensembles. If your child participates in any of the following, they are expected to be there. They will need to be in a music polo t shirt (more information will follow for those that don't have one) and arrive at 6.30pm.

If you would like to come and watch, tickets are on the door. £5 for adults, £1 for children.

Groups taking part are:

Orchestra, Choir, MRC singers, Jazz band, String ensemble, Musical theatre, Flute ensemble, BTEC performing arts, Elite dance team. Plus, bands and soloists (they'll know who they are).

We look forward to seeing you there for what is already looking like a wonderful evening.

PE Department

Year 7 Boys Football

The year 7 boys football team beat Bishop Luffa School 7-1 in their first match of the season. All the boys were excellent and a credit to the school.



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Year 7,8,9 Netball



On Tuesday, MRC's year 7, 8 and 9 netballers took part in a netball tournament after school, run by Miss Howard and Miss Simmonds. Each teams played 3 matches in a round robin style tournament against one another to see who would come out on top. It was great to have so many teams out training competitively with one another. Over 30 girls came along to play. It was incredible to see so many girls show up, take part, enjoy themselves, and play some excellent netball.

Players of the Tournament were nominated as: Florence (yr8), Milly (yr7), Grace (yr9) and Emilia (yr8).

Thanks to everyone that played, and helped, it was a successful evening, and we will host one again soon!

(MRC Netball club is on Monday afterschool, 3:45 – 4:30).

Flu Vaccination

Flu Vaccinations are taking place on Friday 15 December. Please check your emails for information regarding this. The Influenza nasal spray vaccination is offered annually as part of the national programme for vaccination of children and young people. This academic year the vaccine will be offered to children in all year groups from Year 7 through to Year 11.

If you have more than one child in the school, please complete this for both children. You need to give consent using this link: [Immunisation Consent \(susseximmunisations.co.uk\)](https://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk) and the school code: SX135760.

School codes are unique, this code is only to those at Midhurst Rother College, if your child attends another school, they will have a different unique code.

MRC Equestrian Team



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The MRC Equestrian team had their first event at the weekend at Felbridge equestrian centre. Everyone had an excellent weekend and wonderful results with Poppy Robertson and Dolly clear in the 50cm and Elouise Stamp and Millie finishing 6th! The team of Elouise Stamp, Grace Young on Kiwi and Joss Livett with Splash finished 2nd overall in the 70cm and have qualified for the championships next August! Isabella Livett with Topper and Florence Verdon with Oscar completed excellent rounds in the 90cm to have a pole down each, and Isabella and Topper then went on to do a lovely clear round in the 1m.

The team have lots of exciting qualifier events coming up. If you wish to join, please email, or see Miss Ellis.





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Photography Department

Photography

The Theme for this year's House Photography Competition is 'Water'. The deadline is Monday 13 November. Students can upload their work to an MS Link which will be sent out in due course.

Good Luck!
Mr Hayward

#Moumber is here!!!
- so -
Join Mr Edwards, Mr Thompson
+ other staff and Sixth Formers
for the hairiest month of the year
and help raise funds for men's health.

Support here:
MOUMBER.COM
Search for MRC Moumber 23

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GROW TO SAVE A BRO
MOUMBER SUPPORTER
YOUR DOUGH WILL SAVE A BRO

MOUMBER is in full swing here at MRC! We have been checking in on our candidates and can report that there are some fine moustaches underway! This week's line up includes: Mr Lamb, Mr Elliott, Sixth Form Dan and Mr Van Hoek!

If you would like to support our MRC Team, please click on this link:
[Moumber - Team](#)





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Christmas Food Bank Collection

We have Christmas Foodbank collection on Friday 1 December and the Midhurst Foodbank are desperate for our help this year. Due to the refurbishment of their warehouse, they have no storage locally and all donations are going to Chichester. They want to help local families in need with extras for their children for Christmas this year and have found space locally to collect, sort and distribute these extras.

- Please can you help them to do this by donating with any of the following:
- Christmas chocolates from coins to selections boxes to multipack or single bars
- Christmas cookies
- Instant Hot Chocolate, adding hot water only
- Bags of small marshmallows
- Shower gels
- Felt tips, crayons, coloured pencils.
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As always donations can be brought into College during the week ending 1 December and left at main reception.

A reminder that we are a referral point for the Foodbank and if you at any point require any Foodbank vouchers, then please do not hesitate in contacting us via foodbank@mrc-academy.org or through your child's pastoral leader.

United Learning Parent Survey

On behalf of United Learning and Midhurst Rother College, we are pleased to share the below link to this year's parent survey. This is an opportunity for you to provide feedback on your child's school and will help to identify areas for improvement.

We are interested in your views on a range of areas including how the school communicates with you, how you support your child's learning at home and your relationship with your child's school.

If you have more than one child at the school, complete the survey with **your eldest child in mind**. You are welcome to complete the survey for each child if you would like to. It is possible for more than one parent/carer to complete the survey for a child. Please feel free to share the survey link with additional parent/carers if they have not received it.

Parent Survey Link: <https://edurio.com/poll/aQwbuV>

This should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. The survey will close on Friday 1st December 2023. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with the survey provider support@edurio.com.



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MRC Instagram Account



Don't forget we now have a Instagram account for Midhurst Rother College which will be filled with achievements/events/vacancies/latest news etc.

Please follow us at @MRC_1st

Vacancies at Midhurst Rother College

Please click on the following link for the latest vacancies at MRC: [Midhurst Rother College > About Us > Vacancies \(mrc-academy.org\)](#)

Helpful MRC Website Links

- Arbor Information Guides: [Arbor Information Guides \(mrc-academy.org\)](#)
Arbor Link: [Midhurst Rother College \(arbor.sc\)](#)
- 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 \(mrc-academy.org\)](#)
- Staff Emails: <https://bit.ly/StaffEmailAddress>
- Term Dates: [Midhurst Rother College > Information > College Term dates \(mrc-academy.org\)](#)
- School Cloud: <https://midhurst.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
- Sparx Maths: <https://www.sparxmaths.uk/student>
- Sparx Reader: [Sparx Reader](#)
- Lexia POWERUP Literacy - Login and Student Program: [Device Setup - PowerUp \(lexiapowerup.com\)](#)
- Past editions of Midhurst Matters Newsletter [Midhurst Matters \(mrc-academy.org\)](#)



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NHS
Sussex Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/CARERS
SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR
MENTAL HEALTH

FREE TO ANY PARENT/CARER LIVING IN SUSSEX

- 19th OCTOBER ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD)
- 8th NOVEMBER BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM AND RESILIENCE
- 13th DECEMBER DEPRESSION
- 17th JANUARY OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE DISORDER (OCD)

Sussex CAMHS and Partner Organisations are offering a rolling programme of webinars for parents/carers who are supporting children and young people with their mental health

Each webinar will take place at 10am and 7pm and will run for 90-120 minutes

SCAN HERE

WANT TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS?

Or visit:
<https://ticketlab.co.uk/series/108112/sussex-CAMHS-ParentsCarers-Webinars/>

NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?
If you have any questions, please email: CAMHSParticipationTeam@nhs.uk

Delivered by Sussex Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

west sussex county council

Children first

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!"

FIND IT OUT
INFORMATION ADVICE GUIDANCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

MRC MRC Performing Arts - Calendar of events 2023 - 2024 **MRC**

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 (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 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)	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