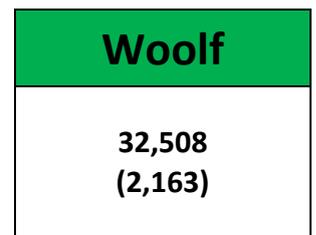
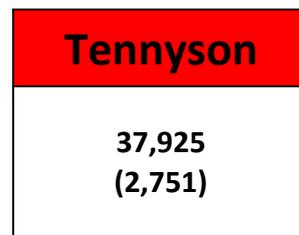
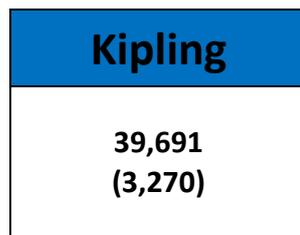
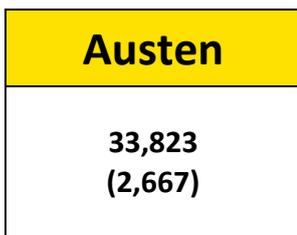




# MIDHURST MATTERS

## What's Going On?

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 20 November	7	Classroom based exams
Tuesday 21 November	11	GCSE PE Practical at Go Ape (Alice Holt)
Wednesday 22 November	13	Eng Lit – University Lecture on Handmaid's Tale
Thursday 23 November	11	Area Cross Country Competition GCSE Bright Sparks music trip (London)
Friday 24 November		COLLEGE CLOSED



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

I would like to thank all students for their excellent behaviour and the respect they showed during last week's Remembrance assembly. It is at times like these when we see the very best in your children and they deserve huge credit for their behaviour and conduct.

I am grateful to the parents who joined me for the parents' forum meeting this week. This is a meeting where the agenda is directed by the parents and is intended as a way for parents / carers to give feedback to the school. The areas that were raised this week included:

1. Exams and in-class assessments.
2. Tracking points and how to interpret them.
3. Better resolution in images in the newsletter.
4. Homework and parents' evenings.



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In response to parent and student feedback, we will shortly start a BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) forum for students. Miss Owoh will organise and run this, and it will be open for all students. There will be weekly meetings where we can listen to students' views and share their experiences at MRC so that we can continue to make improvements.

**Year 5 Fashion Designers in the Making**

Year 5 students from the Rother Valley Primaries spent a day this week in our Design and Technology Department being introduced to techniques used in textiles for design and creative projects. The day started with simple techniques of pinning and cutting out, threading a needle, basic hand sewing stitches and introduction to using a sewing machine. Students then went on to use these skills as they used contrasting fabrics for design impact using their artistic eyes and attention to detail, along with a lot of creative imagination to make a unique festive item.





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### **BBC Children in Need**

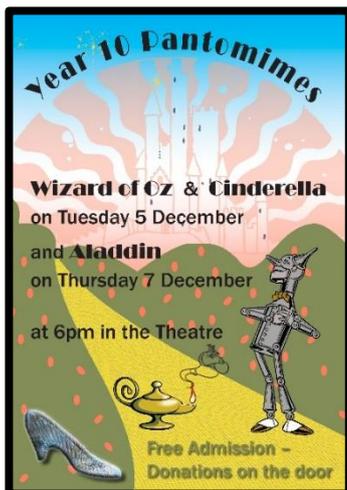
Tomorrow (17 November) is BBC Children in Need and will be a non-uniform day with a suggested donation of £1 for all students.

We have Dodgeball in the Sports Hall at lunchtime and a cake sale at break and lunchtime, again with suggested donations of 50p.

If you or your child would like to make (or buy) and donate any cakes or biscuits to the cake sale (please no nuts), we would be extremely grateful and thankful! They can be dropped off at the main reception in the morning with a list of ingredients for any homemade products. Thank you.



### **Drama Department**



### **Year 10 Pantomimes**

The next fabulous Year 10 Drama production will be their pantomimes, Cinderella, Wizard of Oz and Aladdin. They will take place on Tuesday 5 December and Thursday 7 December in the Theatre at 6pm. Free admission, but donations welcome on the door.

### **Food Technology Department**

YR10 Independent cooks - meatballs in tomato sauce plated and served with style.





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### **Music Department**

#### **Music For Youth Proms Trip**

We took 45 students to the Royal Albert Hall on Tuesday to see the music for youth proms. This is an annual trip for us and every year we come away inspired and in complete admiration of what these incredible young musicians can do. You never know...one day you might see MRC there!



#### **Glyndebourne Trip**

On Wednesday 15 November, we took a small group of KS4 and KS5 Music students to the Opera! We were fortunate to get tickets to see Mozart's Don Giovanni at the world-renowned opera house – Glyndebourne. A fabulous experience for our students and as usual they were a credit to MRC.





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### LPO Brightsparks Trip - Thursday 23 November

We are taking all GCSE music students to the Royal festival hall on Thursday to see the London philharmonic orchestra perform pieces linked to the GCSE syllabus. This will be presented by Rachel Leach who will deliver some informative analysis about the pieces which will support the exam component of the course.

If you haven't already, please can all parents of year 10 and 11 GCSE music students complete the response and payment on Arbor.

If you have any difficulty paying, please do contact [sally.tidbury@mrc-academy.org](mailto:sally.tidbury@mrc-academy.org) as soon as possible, This is a compulsory trip for those taking this course, there are a small amount of tickets available for other students if anyone would like to express an interest.

More information about where we're going can be found here: <https://lpo.org.uk/event/brightsparks-gsce-2023/>

### Chichester Festival of Music, Dance and Speech

We will be entering the Orchestra, Jazz band and choirs this year, but it would be great to see some more of our musicians enter in the solo/duet categories. If your child plays an instrument or sings and would like a different challenge and opportunity to perform, please visit: [Chichester Festival for Music, Dance & Speech \(cfmds.org.uk\)](http://cfmds.org.uk)

The deadline for entries is the 30 November, the festival takes place in the Spring term.

### Winter Concert

Our annual winter concert is on 29 November. Tickets are available on the door and refreshments will be available. The evening is looking to be a spectacular showcase of our music, drama and dance students, we hope to see lots of you there!

*We are also asking students to bring in cakes to help raise money in the interval for the music department to purchase new equipment, we hope you can help us with this.*

A letter will go out to performers with more details, the following ensembles are involved:

- Orchestra
- Choir
- MRC Singers
- Jazz Band
- KS4 and 5 Bands
- String ensemble
- Flute ensemble
- Soloists (by invitation)
- Elite Dance Team
- Production group (this is not all students; you will be told if this involves you)
- Musical theatre group





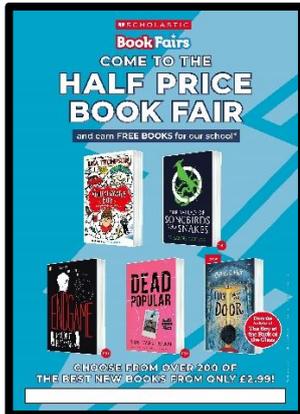
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### LRC

There will be a Scholastic pop-up Book Fair from Monday 4 December to Thursday 7 December in the library at break and lunch times, where books can be bought at half the retail price via Cash or Scholastic Gift Vouchers (parents need to order online for vouchers if they would rather pay this way/or a mixture of both would be fine too).



### PE Department

#### Cross Country

On Monday 82 students took part in the first PE interform of the year by completing a cross country run to win points for their House. All students showed lots of athleticism, resilience, and sportsmanship when competing. Well done to everyone who took part; the winning house will be announced shortly. Mr Hancock, who organised the event, said: "Everyone ran well, this sets us up nicely for our upcoming cross-country events against other local schools within the county soon".

Yr 7 Boys: Shay M

Yr 7 Girls: Emily S

Yr 8 Boys: Ivo E

Yr 8 Girls: Lucy A

Yr 9 Boys: Marley

Yr 9 Girls: Alice

Yr 10 Boys: Grant E

Yr 10 Girls: Clovie B

Yr 11 Boys: Haris M

Photo: The most participants representing one house were the Year 7 Austen House cross country runners.





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### Year 7 Netball

Eight Year 7 netballers made their debut on Wednesday by representing Midhurst in the first league games of the season.

With some last-minute heroes stepping up to the plate to make a full team of seven, the team were able to display some excellent skills, with almost perfect footwork, great feeds into the D, and spectacular movement and passing down court being shown. Shout outs go to: Pippa and Ava for their excellent teamwork in the midcourt; Emily for her impressively excellent shooting streak; and Olivia for some great defending and distribution as Goalkeeper. It was great to see all the training and practice pay off, and finally see them shine in a competitive game. Overall, they came away with 1 match win and 1 match loss. A superb evening of netball and can't wait to see where the year 7 team will end up placing in the league.



### Flu Vaccination

Flu Vaccinations are taking place on Friday 15 December. Please check your emails for information regarding this, if you haven't received the email, please check your junk box. If you still haven't received it, please email [jack.clements@mrc-academy.org](mailto:jack.clements@mrc-academy.org).

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.





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**#Movember is here!!!**  
- 50 -  
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:  
**MOVEMBER.COM**  
Search for MRC Movember 23

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

**Week 2 of MOVEMBER** and these legends are raising money for the biggest issue in men's health. This week's line-up includes Mr Thompson, Dr Brown,

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



### **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.



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](mailto:foodbank@mrc-academy.org) or through your child's pastoral leader.



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### MRC Equestrian Team

MRC Equestrian Team competed in showjumping again at the weekend at Sands Farm Equestrian Centre. The team of Gracie C-W, Elouise S and Grace Y came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 60cm and qualified for the regional championships next month and Hickstead championships next August. Gracie and Trooper then went on to complete a lovely clear round in the 70cm class. Well done all!

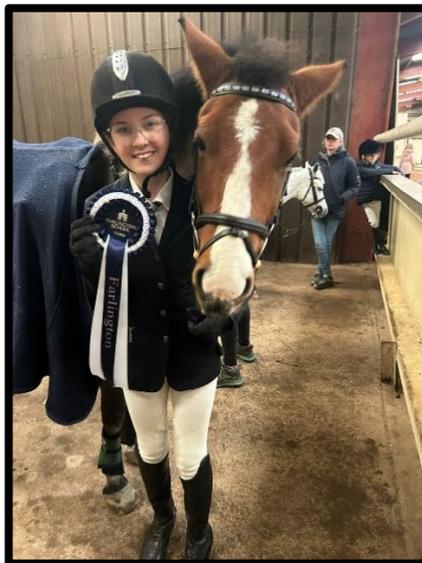
Good luck to Isabella L and Florence V who are competing in the arena eventing at Coombelands on Sunday.

### Help

Our new but successful school Equestrian Team is looking for a kit sponsor! Your logo/business name will be placed on the side of a saddle pad worn by every entrant at competitions and championships held all over West Sussex. In return, we ask for a contribution towards this kit. If you and your business is interested (or you have any ideas!) in a potential partnership with our team, please email:

[abbie.ellis@mrc-academy.org](mailto:abbie.ellis@mrc-academy.org)

Thank you!





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## Assessments

### Year 8, 9 and 10

Assessments have all now been completed, apart from a handful of 'mop-up' sessions. Well done to all the year groups for their hard work and focus during these assessments. Teacher will now be marking those assessments and providing feedback in forthcoming lessons shortly. Tracking point reports for Year 9 and 10 are due next week, with Year 8 due in the first week of December.

### Year 7

Year 7 have their first round of assessments in subjects where they did not have a 'baseline assessment' next week. These assessments are intended 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 excellent 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 always 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. 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.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with the survey provider [support@edurio.com](mailto:support@edurio.com).



Sixth Form Futures Newsletter – please click on the following link for the latest edition.  
[Futures Newsletters \(mrc-academy.org\)](https://www.mrc-academy.org/futures-newsletters)



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### MRC Instagram Account



We now have several Instagram accounts for different departments within Midhurst Rother College:

Main School: **@mrc\_1<sup>st</sup>**  
Drama: **@mrcperformingarts**  
Photography: **@mrcphotographic**  
Art: **@mrcfineart**  
Sixth Form: **@mrcsixthform**

### 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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**CAMHS PARTICIPATION**  
YOUR VOICE MATTERS

**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**

- 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD)
- 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM AND RESILIENCE
- 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER DEPRESSION
- 17<sup>th</sup> 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/51108112/sussex-CAMHS-ParentsCarers-Webinars/>

**NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?**  
If you have any questions, please email: [CAMHSParticipationTeam@nhs.uk](mailto: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 EDUCATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

**M&A** MRC Performing Arts - Calendar of events 2023 - 2024 **MRC**

DATE	EVENT	Students involved	VENUE
<b>Autumn 2023</b>			
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Waitress the Musical	BTEC Performing Arts	MRC Theatre
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Rotary Concert	Orchestra Choir Jazz Band	MRC Theatre (P5&6 theatre only)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Music for Youth Proms	Trip - All students that wish to attend. Letters will go out	Royal Albert Hall-London
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Don Giovanni - Glyndebourne	<b>KSS</b> BTEC Performing arts BTEC Music A-level Music	Glyndebourne opera house
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Bright Sparks	<b>Compulsory</b> for KS4 & 5 Music students	Royal Festival Hall-London
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Winter Concert	Orchestra Choir Jazz Strings, flutes Drama/production groups Soloists (by invite) Bands	MRC Theatre
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Cinderella & Wizard of Oz	GCSE Drama (C)	MRC Theatre
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Aladdin	GCSE Drama (B)	MRC Theatre
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Tree of hope service	Musicians - Invite only (PS rehearsals)	Easebourne Church
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service	Orchestra Choir Jazz Band Musical Theatre/BTEC	Midhurst Church
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service	Orchestra Choir Musical Theatre/BTEC Jazz Band	Midhurst Church
<b>Spring 2024</b>			
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
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	YR 11 Choreography Showcase	GCSE Dance Yr11	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Dance House 2	MRC Dance Teams	Worthing Theatre

<b>Summer 2024</b>			
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	YR 10 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama YR10	MRC 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	Students that are coming to Belgium Orchestra Choir BTEC Performing Arts Jazz Band Drama (invite only)	Amptitheatre
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