



# MIDHURST MATTERS

## What's Going On?

Date	Year Group	Events/Details
Monday 9 October		
Tuesday 10 October	All	World Mental Health Day/Hello Yellow Awareness Day – students to wear school uniform but can add a yellow accessory.
Wednesday 11 October		
Thursday 12 October	6	Drop in Morning 9.30 - 11.30 - Prospective Year 7 parents/carers.
	7	Parent Information & Tutor Evening (6.30 - 7.30).
Friday 13 October		

### Austen

13,014  
(4658)

### Kipling

17,035  
(5652)

### Tennyson

16,503  
(5125)

### Woolf

13,589  
(4492)

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

I was very pleased with the summer examination results for both GCSE and A-Level students. We are determined to build on this in school so that we get better and that your children achieve the very best they are capable of.

Whilst we can teach them in school, it is also important that they all complete homework on a daily basis from Year 7 onwards. This serves two purposes: it helps to embed and extend classroom learning and makes sure that students get into good study habits – an essential skill for success in exams. Miss Jessop, our Senior Vice Principal, is leading our drive on this. This will include recognising and rewarding the students who do complete all tasks on time and to a high standard, as well as Friday afternoon detentions for students who are behind. We have significantly more children in the former category and want to avoid having any who are kept behind. I would be grateful for your continued support in making sure all homework tasks are completed.



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On Thursday this week, our Year 11 experienced a day as a sixth form student. Our sixth form is the largest and most successful it has ever been. We have the highest percentage of A\*-A grades in West Sussex, which is an excellent achievement. I look forward to even more of our current Year 11 staying on with us in the future.

### **Attendance**

Could we please remind parents/carers to report any student absence/attendance issues/or if you have received a text message by phoning the college and selecting **OPTION 1**, please leave a message if you receive the answerphone. This will keep the main switchboard free for other calls and ensure that your message reaches the correct department. Alternatively, you can email [attendance@mrc-academy.org](mailto:attendance@mrc-academy.org) to report absence/attendance issues. We appreciate your help and support in this matter.

### **Assessments coming up!**

Assessments are coming up for the following year groups after half-term.

- Year 10: 30 October – 10 November (classroom based)
- Year 9: 30 October – 10 November (classroom based)
- Year 8: 6 November – 17 November (classroom based)

Over the next week or two, class teachers will be sharing details with your child about the assessments coming up, 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.

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.

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.

### **Careers Talks for Year 11 Students**

We are once again looking for speakers from across all professions to visit Midhurst Rother College and chat to small groups of our Year 11 students about career paths and experiences of the working world. Talks will take place on a Wednesday afternoon 2:45-3:40pm from late December through to the end of February. Our students do enjoy hearing from and being inspired by guest speakers, who talk about a wide range of professions and enterprises, to inform and inspire them about future study paths and careers.

If you would like to offer your time to enrich the career aspirations of our students, please email [madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org](mailto:madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org)

### **Reading University – Saturday 14 October 23**

We are offering a trip to Reading University for Year 11 students on Saturday 14 October, the trip is free of charge. This is to offer a good insight into university life, motivate students to work hard for GCSEs and start thinking about A level choices. For full details and to apply, please follow this link: [Reading University Trip](#)



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### Collection and Drop Off of Students on Site

We have high movement of students on site at the beginning and end of the school day, with students being dropped by buses, or arriving on foot. To allow safeguarding and health and safety of all our students we ask that you refrain from driving onto site to **drop or collect your child**. This minimises traffic allowing for safer student movement. Only parents/carers with on-site passes will be allowed to drop off and collect their students from site. If you feel you require a pass, please contact your child's head of year.

### Food Technology

We are currently running low on our spare stock of food containers to lend to students that forget theirs. If you have any spares, could you please send them in and mark them for the attention of Ayanna Emery. Thank you.

### Music Department

MRC Performing Arts Calendar of Events 2023 – 2024

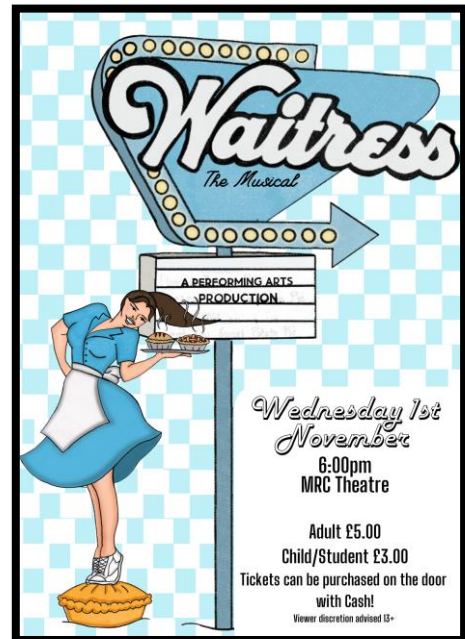
The Music, Drama and Dance departments have an extensive calendar of events in the forthcoming months. See calendar at the end of this document to see what we have in store for you!



### BTEC Performing Arts

#### Waitress the Musical

On Wednesday 1 November our Year 13 BTEC Performing Arts Students will be showcasing their newest piece 'Waitress the Musical'. This is a fantastic show which students have been working incredibly hard on. We recommend a minimum age of 13+ due to the mature themes in this musical. If you would like to purchase tickets for this event, please see Miss Soby or email her on [chloe.soby@mrc-academy.org](mailto:chloe.soby@mrc-academy.org), alternatively tickets will be available on the door. We look forward to seeing you there!



### World Mental Health Day - Hello Yellow/Wear Yellow

On World Mental Health Day/Hello Yellow Day, Tuesday 10 October, we wear our uniform with something yellow to remind us that no one is alone with their worries. This year we have a JustGiving page set up to raise funds to help young minds... can we hit our £500 target? Please click this link should you wish to donate: [paul thompson is fundraising for Young Minds Trust \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/paul-thompson-is-fundraising-for-young-minds-trust)





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### **Fireworks Night – 3 November 2023**

This is our fourth MRC Parents Association Fireworks Event at Midhurst Rother College. Our largest annual fundraiser with its spectacular 12-minute professional pyro musical fireworks display. The display will take place in our sports field at the front of the college with standing room in the car park. No need to wear your wellies to this fireworks event!!

We are very proud that the event is being sponsored by Midhurst Town - in conjunction with CDC, Cowdray Estate, MacDonald Oates Solicitors and Epic Comedy.

We will have a great selection of bespoke food trucks, plus a licensed bar hosted by Red H and a Community Bar including snacks and goodies for children run by local shop owners.

There will be no public parking on school grounds. Disabled parking strictly by contacting [madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org](mailto:madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org) in advance of the night to reserve a space.

Tickets will also be available in the coming weeks from MRC Reception and The Upholsterer on North Street.

Online tickets are available at [MRC Parents Fireworks 2023 @ Midhurst Rother College on Friday 3rd November Tickets, Fri 3 Nov 2023 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

### **Foodbank Collection this Term**

The Midhurst Foodbank warehouse is currently closed for refurbishment. With this in mind our first Foodbank collection of the year will be on Thursday 23 November when we will be asking for all those lovely special treat items in various sizes, so those in need can have a little extra over the festive period.

A reminder that we are a referral point for the Foodbank and if you at any point require any food bank 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.

### **PE Department**

PE Department After School Clubs have now started. These are recreational clubs to allow all students to access a variety of sports in a very relaxed environment. Students must make sure their parents/carers know they are attending; they must wear full MRC PE kit and should have arranged for their transport home. The students do not need to book in advance, they can just turn up.

<b>Monday</b>	3.40 - 4.30pm	Netball (Miss Howard)
<b>Tuesday</b>		NO CLUBS
<b>Wednesday</b>	3.40 - 4.30pm	Gym/Fitness (Mr Marshall)
<b>Thursday</b>	3.40 - 4.30pm	KS4 Basketball (Mr Hancock)
<b>Friday</b>	1.45 - 2.45pm	Boys Football (Male Staff)

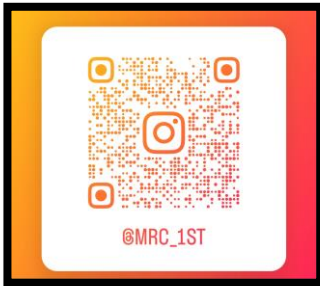


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### **NEW MRC Instagram Account**



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

**Please follow us at @MRC\_1<sup>st</sup>**

### **'NEW' 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 \(mrc-academy.org\)](#)





MRC Performing Arts - Calendar of events 2023 - 2024



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	KSS BTEC Performing arts BTEC Music A-level Music	Glyndebourne opera house
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Bright Sparks	Compulsory 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 (PG 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



# 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!"

