

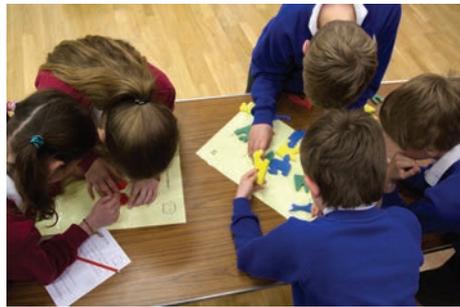
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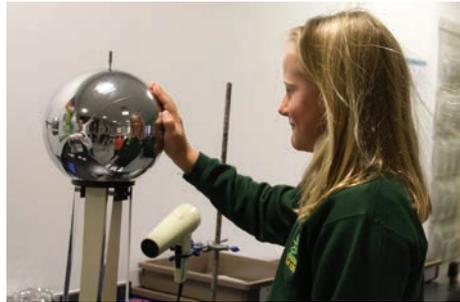
Part of United Learning

Transition to Midhurst Rother College

Transition to Midhurst Rother College for a Rother Valley School child begins in Year 3 with a visit to the College to take part in the Year 3 Rother Valley All Sing. With a catchment area of over 400 square miles and children transferring from small villages, the College takes seriously the importance of providing the young student with opportunities to visit the College during their time at primary school and so be prepared for the move to much larger surroundings in Year 7.



Amongst the other successful events that the College host for whole year groups are the Year 5 Funmaths Roadshow, Year 5 Rother Valley All Sing, Year 6 Experience Day and an extra transition day for Year 6s is held in September prior to Open Evening. The PE department leads on the Rother Valley Primary Schools Sports Package which allows for high quality competitions to be played between primary schools in the locality and allows some winning schools the chance to compete in other competitions across Sussex. The College also manages the Rother Valley School's enrichment programme, which provides a wealth of enrichment days for the locality's more able primary students across the year groups. Highlights of the programme include creative days in English, Art and Drama and Inspiring Days in Science, Maths and MFL. The piece de resistance is the Primary Orchestra events where young musicians from around the locality join the College's orchestra to experience playing in an orchestra, the finale of these days being a performance at the MRC Spring Concert to an audience of 300+.



This July's Year 6 Transition Day saw 230 children from 31 primary schools enjoy a day filled with exciting lessons and buddying activities, which prepared them for their September start at the College. A month in and all are well settled in their new surrounding and enjoying the opportunities and experiences that are on offer to them at Midhurst Rother College.

CLiL 2020

Imagine:

- Baking
- Making
- Playing
- Competing
- Talking
- Acting

ALL in FRENCH!

At Midhurst Rother College, we are delighted to be introducing CLiL through French from September 2020.

What is CLiL? It means **content & language integrated learning**. In addition to conventional MFL classes, one tutor group of Year 7 students will learn some subjects through French, following the same curriculum,

but working in the foreign language. Tutor time will also be conducted in French. Students do not need to have studied French at primary school to be included in the class; they just need to be keen to learn! Staff are starting to plan detailed schemes of work and create learning materials, to enable them to teach the subject content effectively in French. CLiL students will still access most of the curriculum through English, so they will also be in teaching groups for many subjects with other Year 7 students.

Our Director for Challenge has previously run CLiL at another secondary school with great results in terms of students' motivation to learn languages and academic

outcomes. CLiL teaching has been shown to accelerate progress in languages and across other subjects. It builds cultural understanding, self-confidence and concentration skills in learners. Willingness to listen, perseverance and resilience are needed from the students who take part. They will become very used to hearing French, making logical guesses about what they hear, interpreting visual clues and picking up on cognates (words like English). CLiL students will be processing information, instructions and soon responding in French. It will become natural to do everyday things at school, just as in other lessons, but through a second language. We will teach to the highest standards of subject knowledge and promote excellent progress, just as we do in all lessons at the College. We anticipate that the CLiL students will be ready for GCSE French in the summer of their Year 9, giving them time in the Upper School to pursue a bridging course, French cultural studies and a route into A level studies if desired.

Our College website gives parents and students more information about CLiL, as well as an application form and contact details for Mrs Lunskey who is running this exciting new initiative. Please see:

www.mrc-academy.org/information/clil-2020.



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