



Quick Guides

Teaching at Midhurst Rother College

Teaching is the central to everything at MRC, whether this is lessons in a classroom, or teaching values in assemblies and through the way we do things – it is all about learning. Students have six lessons per day and a slightly shorter day on Friday. Our aim is that all students produce work that is a product of their independent thinking. Our way of teaching follows these principles:

1. **High pace and high challenge:** this is in every lesson, every day. Students must be challenged to learn to their full potential.
2. **Teach a challenging curriculum:** our curriculum is very challenging and is sequential, which means it gets more difficult in terms of content, skills and knowledge over time.
3. **Using modelling in lessons:** we routinely demonstrate to students how to complete a task, before asking them to do it on their own.
4. **3-2-1, then switch to silence:** our lessons are often quiet in nature - with students working in silence. They are better able to concentrate in these conditions.
5. **'Cold calling' or no hands up:** we ask students not to put hands up to answer questions. The teacher can then choose individuals. This helps to keep all students on task.
6. **Homework:** we set all students homework to consolidate and build their knowledge.