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Issue 7

YEAR 11 MATTERS

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

We are sure you will agree that time is flying by as we reach the end of the Spring Term and GCSE exams are approaching at high speed. New progress reports are available on your child's Arbor profile this afternoon which we are sure you would like to review with your son/daughter.

Year 11 students have had a very busy term since January. The Class of 2025 have sat more internal exams, and external ones like the CNAT Sports Qualification as well as practical cookery, dance and drama GCSE components. Students have been making plans for next academic year which is exciting, joining our Sixth Form at MRC or investigating other study and career paths.

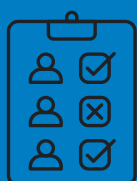
It was an honour for us to organise the Gilbert Hannam Day last week to continue the long tradition of attending an annual service at Midhurst Parish Church with Year 11 students, to give thanks for the life and legacy of our original school founder. We had a beautiful sunny day for our walk through town and a very thought-provoking sermon from Liz Yonge of Easebourne parish. In the evening, we were delighted to welcome Jess Brown-Fuller, MP, and alumna of Midhurst Grammar School. Jess presented the subject prizes to a large number of Year 11 and Year 13 students, supported by their families and MRC teaching staff at the ceremony. Lucy Sheldon played a beautiful piece on piano too. Please see above a photo of our prize winners out in the sunshine last Thursday.

Year 11 students may have been very impressed to see the travel bursaries being awarded to two lucky groups of MRC Sixth Formers that night. These generous gifts are funded by the Gilbert Hannam Education Fund and our current Year 11 could also submit a bid to take the trip of a lifetime in 2027!

Soon, your son/daughter will have just over a fortnight, to relax and revise over Easter. At College, we will allocate time for planning the break so that students can come back refreshed and ready for a very important term with us before a lovely long summer.

Mr Ashley Lamb
Head of Year

Mrs Fiona Lunskey
Assistant Principal



Last weeks
attendance

91.7%

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

31 March 2025

- Elevate Education - Face to Face workshop for all Year 11 Students - Exam preparation

1 April 2025

- 2 Internal exams in the Sports Hall for students to acclimatise to this exam space ahead of their GCSEs

April



1. Easter Sessions in College

During the Easter Break several Year 11 teachers are holding taught sessions in College, these will be aimed at specific GCSE tiers or knowledge gaps so students are allocated to sessions they need to attend. As below, parents/carers will receive emails notifying them of their child's sessions. We thank parents for ensuring students attend their session and for any extra lifts or bus fares that may be required for this.

Dates of Easter sessions with your teachers

FIRST WEEK

- Monday, English, geography, RP
- Tuesday, science, English
- Weds, fine art, geography
- Thursday, science & Product Design
- Friday, CNAT sport & Product Design

SECOND WEEK

- Tuesday, maths & music
- Weds, fine art
- Thursday, French, German, Spanish and further maths
- Parents and Carers will receive emails offering spaces. We expect you to attend your sessions

Easter Exam Practice

Next week, students will be given one exam paper per subject where applicable. As you will recall Year 11 worked really hard on their exam papers in the October half term and we would like to see the class of 2025 put in just as much effort this time. Thank you for supporting your child with good study routines over the coming break.

2. Elevate Education Webinar and Face to Face

On Monday 31 March, we will have the final face-to-face workshop with Elevate Education in College. The external speakers will talk to the students about good preparation and good technique once in exams. We have sent home details of Elevate webinars which you can watch at anytime if you miss a live webinar. There is lots of good advice for parents and students [here](#).

Students will have time to view their homework and plan the time carefully before we end the term. By carrying out the plan, over 18 days, will be even more important! Do encourage your child to find a study routine and stick to it. Students should enjoy time outside and seeing friends as well as revising; all in moderation. I'm sure you will want to motivate your child and recognise good efforts with some nice rewards, big or small, if you know they are working hard this Easter.

Some subject specialist revision sessions are being run as well by teachers. Parents will be informed of when we would like students in College. These are small sessions planned for your child's level or knowledge gaps. We thank parents in advance for giving lifts and/or supporting the staff giving their time to provide these sessions in school.

3. Elevate Education

Spring Term Webinar Schedule

How to Help Your Child Improve Their Note Taking

*Learn how your child can take their notes in a more effective way, improving their memory **and** saving them time.*



How You Can Make Technology an Ally (Not the Enemy!)

*With more and more schoolwork being set online, we'll show you how you can utilise all the **good** parts of tech - and remove the bad.*



How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams

We'll show you what kinds of work your child should (and should not) be doing in the run-up to exam season.



How You Can Support Your Child During Exams

Learn how to help your child manage overwhelm, stress, and anxiety during exam season.



If you would like to re-read any of the past editions of the Year 11 Matters Newsletter, please click [**HERE**](#) which will take you to the correct section on the MRC Website.