



MIDHURST MATTERS



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Week A | Monday 1 December 2025

Principal's Message

Welcome to the penultimate Midhurst Matters of this half-term. Our Year 11 and 13 students have been completing their mock exams over the last three weeks, with a few more still to go next week. I wish them all the very best for the results. We will have a mock exam results day for Year 11 in the last week of term so that they can experience what it is like to collect their results in the summer.

Our Sixth Form students are organising different activities for students to do in the run-up to Christmas. There will be a Cake Sale and also Christmas Karaoke in the last week of term. We will also take part in the National Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children, which is 11 December this year. Students can wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform on this day - and we encourage them all to do this.

A couple of brief reminders...please can parents / carers make sure that your child has a whiteboard pen for use in lessons. We use these a lot to check for understanding and we are noticing that some students don't have them - available to but at student reception for 50p . Also, an increasing number of parents are driving onto the school site to drop off or pick up children. Please can parents refrain from doing this and use the bus stands opposite to do this instead. There are queues of traffic in the town caused by the number of cars waiting to come into the car park.

Thank you.

Best wishes,
Stuart Edwards

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DIARY DATES AND HOUSE POINTS

Fortnightly Ahead

Mon 1 Dec	Year 12	Internal Exams this week (all subjects) in class
Tue 2 Dec		CFT Marines Band + Cathedral Choir (evening)
Wed 3 Dec		Winter Concert (all day in Theatre)
Thurs 4 Dec		
Fri 5 Dec		Sadler's Wells Dance Trip to watch "The Snowman" 'Dear England' theatre trip workshop
Mon 8 Dec	Year 10	Pantomimes - Drama Exams
Tues 9 Dec		
Wed 10 Dec	Year 13	Parents Evening (face to face) 4.30pm-6pm
Thurs 11 Dec	All Years	Christmas Jumper Day! Dance performance 1700 [Making Move, Sadlers Wells competition]
Fri 12 Dec		

AUSTEN
80,468

KIPLING
74,485

TENNYSON
94,978

WOOLF
74,803

REMINDER

DROP-OFF & PICK UP OF STUDENTS ON SITE

To help us keep all of our students safe, we kindly remind parents and carers that drop-offs and pick-ups by car or in person **are not permitted on the College site**.

We also have a large number of buses that need to come onto site every morning and parental drop-offs on site make our car park sometimes difficult to travel through and also is causing a backlog of traffic through town.

- Students should be dropped off and collected from North Street car park, located behind the Midhurst bus stand.
- Our staff are on duty every morning and after College to support students and ensure their safe passage.
- If you need to drop off or collect your child directly from the College due to medical reasons, please contact your child's Head of Year to request a pass.
- If collecting for appointments or from students reception during the College day, please make the reception aware via the intercom and then make your way to the main reception to collect your child.
- If you are attending a meeting at the College, please check-in at the main reception.

Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping our College community safe.

REVISION MATTERS

Parents and Carers can help their child cope calmly with exams, especially those in lower school, by helping them check in good time what is coming up and planning regular revision. Knowing what is being tested two weeks or more before tests and exams can help young people avoid undue stress and last minute meltdowns!

Year 7 students have tests in most subjects as soon as the spring term begins. Students in Yrs 8 and 9 also have exams from the second week of term. Teachers will be asked to model effective revision techniques in class in December and inform students on Arbor when in January there will be a test and what topics need to be revised.

The students will need a rest and most of us will also be having lots of great social time with friends and family over Christmas. Luckily for us, the school holiday runs until Weds 7 January which allows enough time for all 3 R's: **Rest, Relaxation and Revision!**

We advise families to start checking Arbor to see what to revise for the exams at least a week before school resumes. Planning in a bit of revision each day will be less stressful than a revision marathon the day or night before the term starts. An hour's work with short breaks after each 20 minutes of focused work is more effective too, and will hopefully keep life more harmonious in the homes of MRC students. Our students should plan a short stint of revision and still enjoy each day of the school holidays.

Some revision will be set in the form of online quizzes or questions whilst some subject teachers will supply worksheets or knowledge organisers to read and make notes on. In class students will have been shown how to transform notes rather than copying, e.g. students should be making mind maps, or revision cards which parents can test them on.

Prior to the Christmas break we will also provide a link to a webpage in which the dates / times of assessments for various classes will be collated, helping you to better plan and support your child.

Thank you in advance for all the support given on homework at your home.

KS3 & KS4 ASSESSMENT DIARY

At MRC students in KS3 sit two assessments per year, year 10 sit three and year 11 sitting more, especially in core subjects, to help preparations for GCSE exams in the summer. These assessments support students to reflect on their progress, provide opportunities to practice and prepare for KS4 GCSE assessments in a 'low stakes' situation, provide teachers with an objective and comprehensive piece of work to judge students progress and an opportunity to report to parents/carers an accurate measure of their child's academic progress. These assessments cannot be 'failed' and simply give us all an indication of progress and attainment in different subjects – for many an encouragement, for a few some motivation to commit to hard work and progress.

Assessments are coming up for the following year groups:

- **Year 11:** Tuesday 13 January – English, Wednesday 14 January – Biology. Parents Evening on 14 January 2026 (in person).
- **Year 8 & 9:** In class assessments for all subjects in the fortnight beginning 12 January 2026.
- **Year 7:** in class assessments for all subjects in the fortnight beginning 5 January 2026.

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.

We are also mindful that these assessments can create a degree of stress and anxiety. We do not want our students to feel overwhelmed – please do contact your Head of Year for support and advice should this be the case.

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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 25

IT WILL BE CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY FOR STUDENTS WHO CHOOSE TO WEAR ONE. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM - IT IS NOT A NON-UNIFORM DAY

MRC SAILING TEAM RELAUNCHING 2026

If you are a stage 4 sailor with any race experience register your interest with Miss Howard for info.

looking for 4-6 racers from Y7, Y8, Y9 & Y10



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

FRANK SHINES AT JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SPAIN

Last week, Frank C in Year 10 travelled to Pamplona, Spain, to compete in the Junior World Championships in Tumbling. As one of the youngest athletes in the 15–16 Men's category, he faced a strong field of 27 competitors from around the world.

Throughout the week, Frank delivered outstanding performances, earning a place in the top eight and securing his spot in Sunday's final. The final consisted of an F1 round, after which the top four athletes advanced to F2. Frank rose to the challenge, making it through to the final round and proudly taking home the bronze medal – an incredible achievement at such a high level of competition.

Frank is now back in the gym, training hard as he aims to secure a place at the European Championships next April.

CONGRATULATIONS FRANK!



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ANIMATION AND FILM CLUB

The animation and film club welcomed Jim Lefevre, a seasoned animator who has worked on producing animations for major companies such as Nickelodeon, Eon Energy and Dominoes. Mr Lefevre gave an inspiring presentation on how to make a career out of animation and showed students a series of profound short films. Students enjoyed the experience and can't wait to invite Mr Lefevre back for his workshops.

Kaushal Odedra





ODDBALLS ASSEMBLY YEAR 7-10

Last week, Jack from Oddballs delivered an engaging assembly all about the amazing work OddBalls do to raise awareness of testicular cancer and promote early detection.

OddBalls is a fantastic charity dedicated to starting conversations and encouraging regular checks to help save lives.

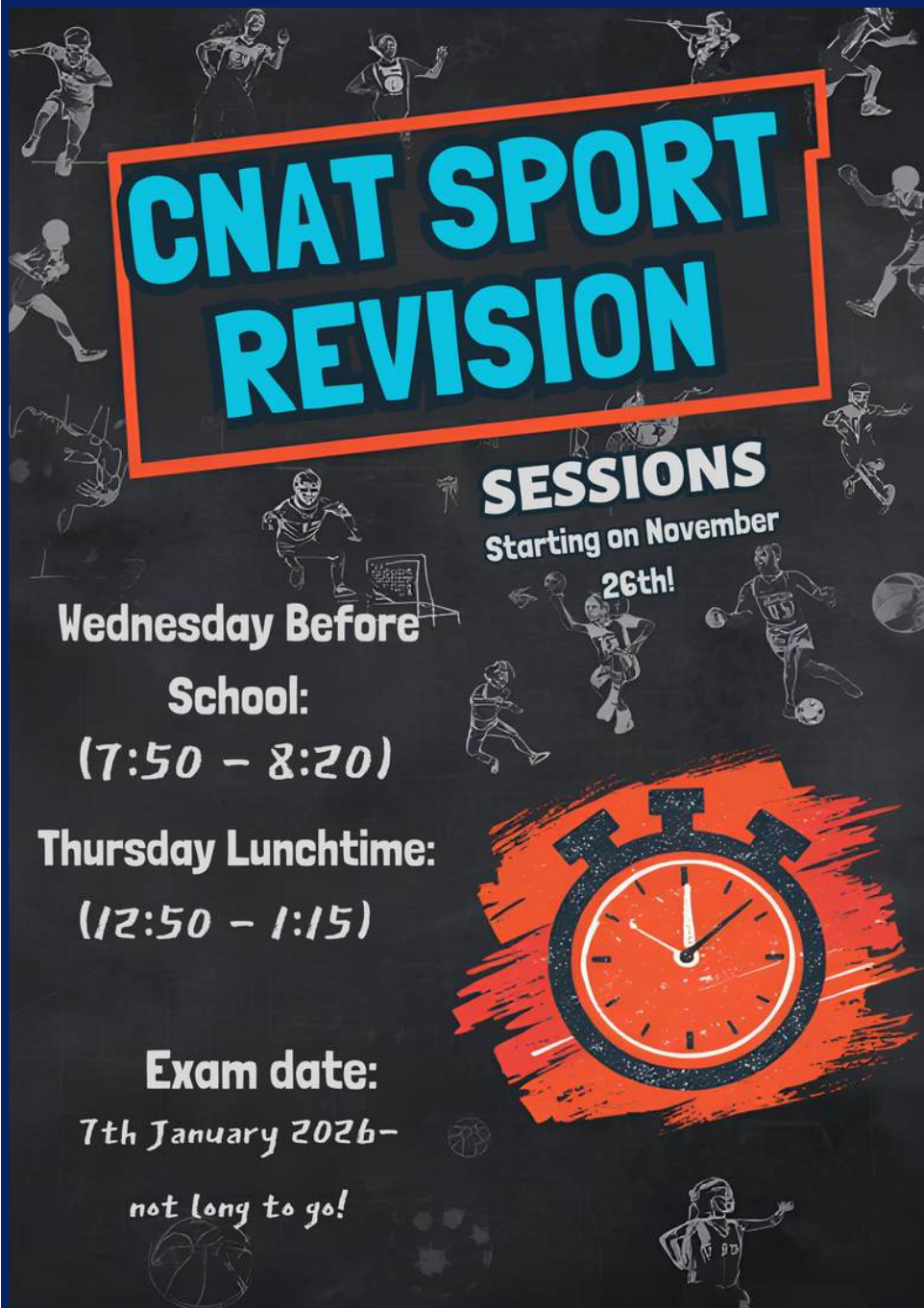
Thank you, Jack, for inspiring our students and sharing such an important message!

YEAR 9 FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the Year 9 football team who continued their fine form with a 3-1 win against Chichester Free School last week. A solid performance was capped off with goals from Ted C, Ben H and Seb D. The team have won all of their league games and finish the season as champions of the 'B' division. They will move into the 'A' division for next season. A great accomplishment for the team!

Mr Bentley

YEAR 11 – CNAT SPORTS REVISION

A poster for CNAT Sport Revision. The background is dark blue with white line-art illustrations of various sports: a runner, a basketball player, a soccer player, a tennis player, a swimmer, a cyclist, a basketball player, a soccer player, a tennis player, a swimmer, a cyclist, a basketball player, a soccer player, a tennis player, a swimmer, a cyclist. The title 'CNAT SPORT REVISION' is in large, bold, light blue letters with a thick orange border. Below it, 'SESSIONS' is in white, followed by 'Starting on November 26th!'. The schedule lists 'Wednesday Before School: (7:50 – 8:20)' and 'Thursday Lunchtime: (12:50 – 1:15)'. The exam date is '7th January 2026-' with 'not long to go!' below it. A large orange stopwatch is in the bottom right corner.

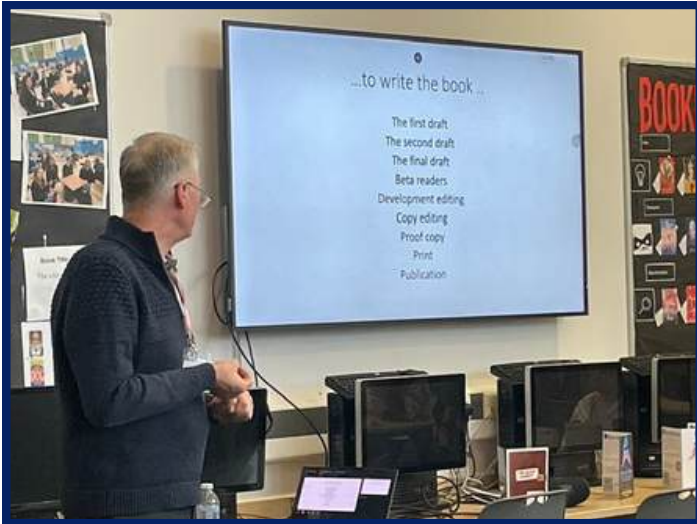
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Thursday Lunchtime:
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AUTHOR VISIT

We were extremely fortunate to have local, aspiring author Vincent Shaw visit us in the MRC library, on Friday 14 November, to deliver a workshop to a Year 7 group on his unpublished novel, Bert the Bat.

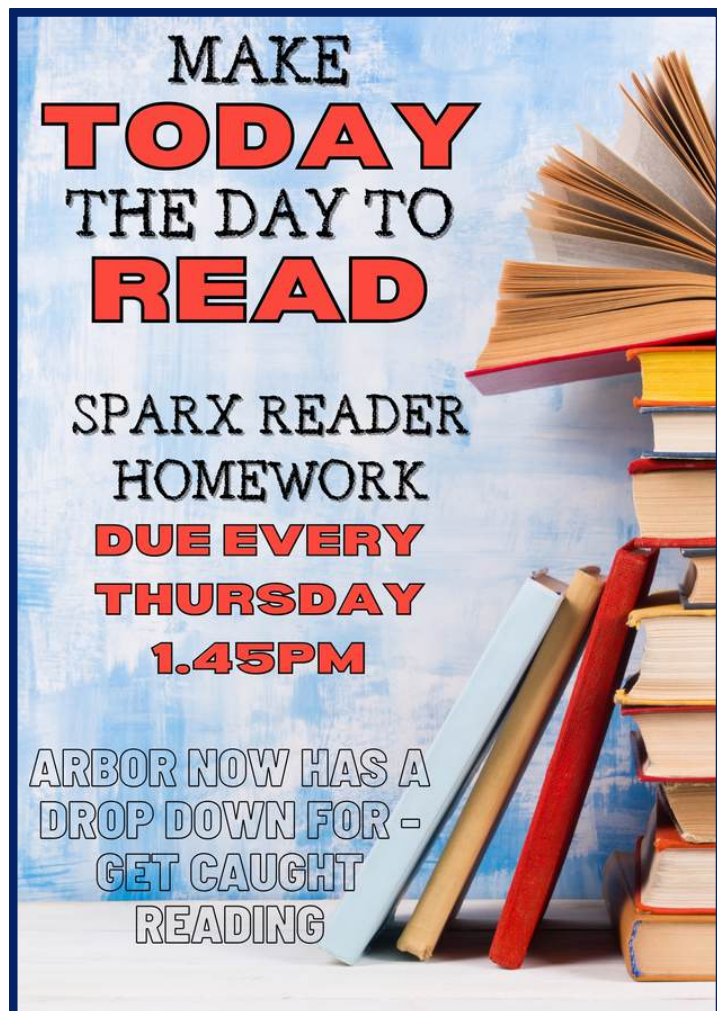
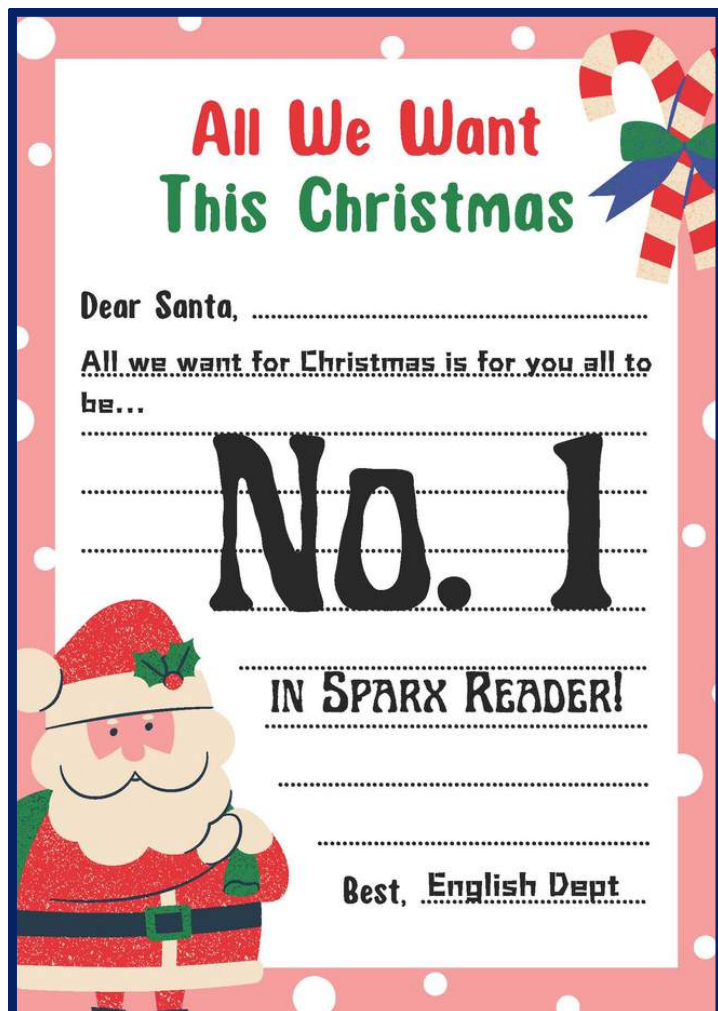
The students engaged in some lively discussion on where the story should go and have given the author some interesting feedback on the characters involved. Mr Shaw will be back with more MRC students in the New Year!



Last year we achieved
this, let's make it 2 years
in a row...



by doing more of this!



DEPARTMENT NEWS – DANCE



SADLER'S WELLS NATIONAL YOUTH DANCE COMPANY

On Wednesday the 19 November the MRC Dance Department invited the NYDC (National Youth Dance Company) from Sadler's Wells into college for a 3 hour workshop on a choreography from the renowned Boy Blue Company which toured the UK last year.

Our students had to learn and create a choreography in a very short time, the dance style was Hip Hop/Street dance, which most of our students are not so familiar with but they delivered!

We were immensely proud of our student's conduct, their professionalism, commitment and what they produced at the end of the workshop! The coaches equally praised our students for their readiness and willingness to do something new, listening to instructions and to step out of their comfort zone. **Well done dancers, we are very proud of you!**

The Dance Department



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SIXTH FORM



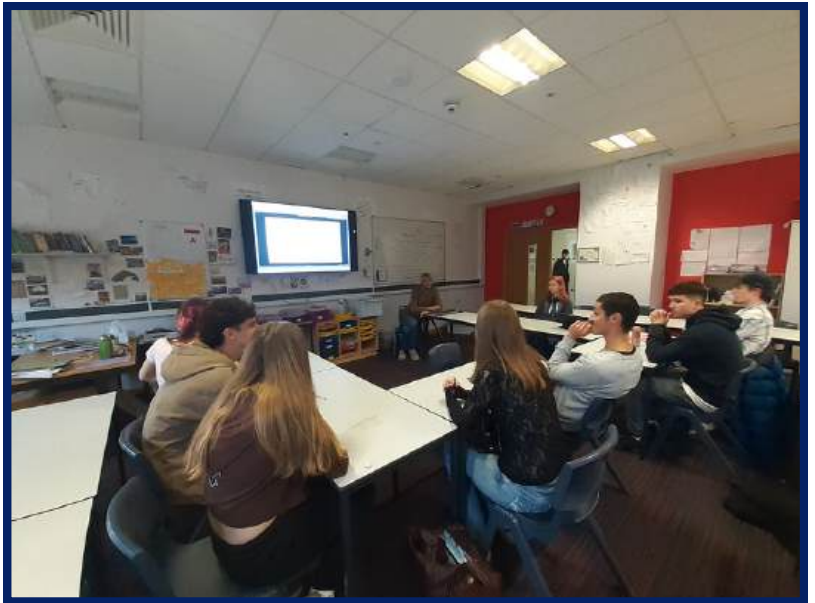
UNIVERSITY SPEAKER BRINGS LIBERALISM TO LIFE FOR A LEVEL POLITICS STUDENTS

Following a school trip earlier this term to a Politics Conference, our A Level Politics students were recently treated to a thought-provoking talk on Liberalism, delivered by guest speaker, Tom Godfrey, from the University of Sussex Politics Department.

Tom was exceptionally generous with his time, offering students a clear and insightful overview of Liberalism and its relevance in the modern world. He explored how liberal ideas intersect with the rise of populism and examined the role of Liberalism within international politics.

In addition to the academic discussion, Tom also shared valuable advice on university applications, what to expect from university life and how to get the most out of studying Politics at degree level.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the session and asked a range of thoughtful, challenging questions. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to deepen their understanding of key political ideologies and gain a glimpse into university-level study.



CAREERS INFORMATION

CAREERS INTERVIEWS – MONDAY 1 DECEMBER & MONDAY 8 DECEMBER

The following students have been scheduled to receive a one to one careers interview with our independent careers advisor at the following date and times. The location and time will also be on their Arbor timetable.

Following the interview the students report will be uploaded to their Unifrog account for you to view with them and which you may wish to discuss at home.

Careers Interviews – Monday 1 December		Year Gp	Period	To go to:
Dowsett	R	Year 9	REG (08:30) – 09:10	A117
Heather	A	Year 9	09:10 – 09:52 (p1)	A117
Mansbridge	M	Year 9	10:00 – 10:42 (p2)	A117
Mraz	D	Year 9	11:10 – 11:52 (p3)	A117
Grace	C	Year 12	12:00 – 12:46 (p4)	A117
Deeming	E	Year 9	13:30 – 14:11 (p5)	A117
Kayworth	J	Year 13	14:15 – 15:05 (p6)	A117

Careers Interviews – Monday 8 December		Year Gp	Period	To go to:
Stringer	K	Year 9	REG (08:30) – 09:10	A117
Anderson	A	Year 11	09:10 – 09:52 (p1)	A117
Coombes	A	Year 11	10:00 – 10:42 (p2)	A117
Thorpe	S	Year 9	11:10 – 11:52 (p3)	A117
Wootton	R	Year 9	12:00 – 12:46 (p4)	A117
Vitsenko	A	Year 9	13:30 – 14:11 (p5)	A117
Randall	B	Year 11	14:15 – 15:05 (p6)	A117

NORTHCHAPEL SANTA DASH

**SUNDAY
30 NOV 25
10.30AM**

**SANTA HAT
OR FULL SUIT
UP TO YOU!**

**ADULT 5K - £15
ADULT 2.5K - £8
CHILDREN U15 - £5
CHILD UP TO 5 YRS - £2
FAMILY DOG - £2**

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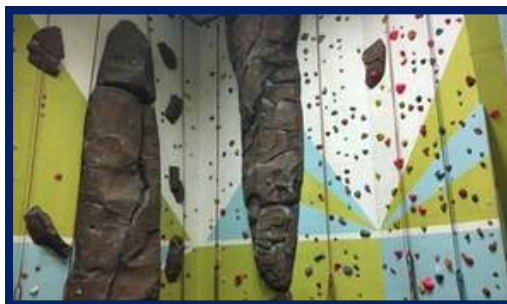
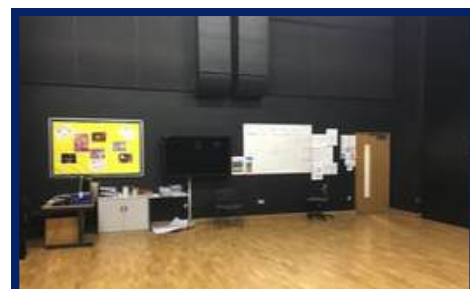
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FACILITIES FOR HIRE



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Midhurst Rother College benefits from state-of-the-art facilities including a large sports hall, a large floodlit 3G pitch and dance studio as well as other sporting and non-sporting facilities. The facilities allow us to provide students with a full range of sporting activities within extra-curricular activities and within the curriculum.

Additionally, the outstanding school facilities are used extensively by the school and local community. We have a diverse portfolio of clubs and activities running every evening and during the weekend. Our lettings are open 6 days a week, Mondays to Saturdays, with closures only on Sundays and during bank holidays and extended opening hours during school holidays. There is ample parking available onsite and our friendly staff are always available to help. Should you wish to clarify anything, please use the messaging feature available on the link below.

Facilities For Hire

3G Football Pitch	Art Room	Atrium	Climbing Wall	Dance Studio
Drama Room	DT Room	Fitness Studio	Food Tech Room	Front Field
Grass Football Pitch	IT Rooms	Learning Resource Centre (Library)	Meeting Rooms	MUGA's
Photography Room	Sports Hall	Classrooms	Textiles Room	Theatre

All our facilities can now be booked online with each facility page having detailed information about what we have available. <https://mrc.schoolhire.co.uk>

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AUTUMN TERM 2025

Friday 28 November	INSET Day
Friday 19 December	Last Day of Term

MRC Performing Arts - Calendar of Events 2025 - 2026

DATE	EVENT	Students involved	VENUE
Autumn 2025			
Friday 25 October	CFMDS – Deadline for entries	Orchestra, jazz, choir plus soloists/individual entries	Chichester
Wednesday 22 October	Petworth festival		Theatre
Wednesday 5 th November	Rotary Concert	Orchestra Choir Jazz Band	MRC Theatre (P5&6 theatre only)
Thursday 6 th November	Bright Sparks	Y10-11	Royal Festival Hall- London
14-16 November	Midhurst Jazz event		Midhurst
	Music for Youth Proms	Trip – All students that wish to attend.	Royal Albert Hall- London
Wednesday 3 December	Winter Concert	Orchestra Choir Jazz Strings, flutes Drama/production groups Soloists (by invite) Bands Ballet group with life piano	MRC Theatre
Thursday 4 December	Tree of hope service	Musicians - Invite only (P6 rehearsals)	Easebourne Church
Monday 8 th December	Pantos	Year 10 GCSE drama	Theatre
Tuesday 16 December	Carol Service	Orchestra Choir Jazz Band	Midhurst Church
Wednesday 17 December	Carol Service	Orchestra Choir Musical Theatre/BTEC Jazz Band	Midhurst Church
Spring 2026			
Saturday 7 th Feb	CFMDS Woodwind Strings	Flute ensemble Clarinet ensemble (+ any soloists who have entered)	New Park, chichester
	Dance House 1	MRC Dance Teams Minibus	Worthing Theatre
Saturday 28 th Feb	CFMDS Festival	Orchestra Jazz Band Flute ensemble	St Pauls, Chichester
Saturday 14 th March	CFMDS	Choirs	St Pauls, Chichester. From 9am
Tuesday 10 th Feb	YR 11 Component 2 exam (1)	GCSE Drama YR11	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 11 Feb	YR 11 Component 2 exam (2)	GCSE Drama YR11	MRC Theatre

CALENDAR – PERFORMING ARTS

Thursday 12 Feb	Yr 13 Component 2	A level Drama	MRC Theatre
Friday 13 th March	6 th form show	Drama Y12/13	Theatre
Thursday 19 March	Gilbert Hannam day	Orchestra	St. Mary Magdalene & St. Denys
Wednesday 25 March	Spring Concert	Orchestra Choir Jazz Strings, flutes Drama/production groups Soloists (by invite) Bands	MRC Theatre
	Choreography showcase event	Y11 Dance Plus dance groups	MRC Theatre
	Rother Valley Arts Festival	MRC Dance Teams	MRC Theatre
Summer 2026			
April TBC	Y13 Music recital	Y13	MRC Theatre
Thursday 3 April	Dance showcase event	Y11/10	MRC Theatre
Wednesday 30 April	Dance House 2	MRC Dance Teams Minibus	Worthing Festival Theatre
Thursday 23 April	YR 10 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama YR10	MRC Theatre
Friday 24 th April	YR 12 Drama Performance	GCSE Drama YR12	MRC Theatre
June TBC	Drama Day		MRC Theatre
Wednesday 1 st July	Pre tour concert/info	Tour students	Theatre or amphitheatre
Monday 6 th July	Austria Tour!	Performing arts group	Salzburg
Tuesday 14 July	Drama and Music House Cup	YR 7	MRC Theatre Music P1-4 Drama 5-6

MRC VACANCIES AND WEBSITE LINKS

VACANCIES AT MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE

Please click on the following link for the latest vacancies at MRC:

<https://www.mrc-academy.org/about-us/vacancies>

HELPFUL MRC WEBSITE LINKS

SAFEGUARDING, Wellbeing and Mental Health – ([Click here](#))

Selfcare Newsletter – ([Click here](#))

Arbor Information Guides: Arbor Information Guides ([mrc-academy.org](https://www.mrc-academy.org))

Arbor Link: Midhurst Rother College ([arbor.sc](https://www.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](https://www.mrc-academy.org))

Staff Emails: <https://bit.ly/StaffEmailAddress>

Term Dates: Midhurst Rother College > Information > College Term dates ([mrc-academy.org](https://www.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)

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