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Principal's Message

I am always very proud to be the Headteacher at MRC. Last week, we had several hundred families and children visit us on our Open Evening as they decide where to send their Year 6 child to school. We also held two Open Mornings this week for prospective parents so they could see the school 'in action'. We received very positive feedback on both the Open Evening and Mornings and I'd like to thank our current Year 7 and 12 students for helping with tours.

Our current Year 11 students experienced life as a Sixth Former on Thursday as part of the Year 11 Key Stage 5 Taster Day. They had five different lessons as well as an interactive session on apprenticeships as a potential route post Year 13 if they choose not to go to University. We held our Open Evening last night for prospective Year 12s, which was a very busy event. I look forward to them joining us in September next year.

Finally, I must give a special mention to the outstanding individual achievements of our students and staff: Frank C Yr11 is the British Tumbling Champion, Scarlet H Yr13 received an award for volunteering over 400 hours to netball, Theo and Elliot Yr9 won Greenpower Car races and Oliwier Sporny (ex Sixth Form), Sam Nelson (Yr13) and Mr Burton all received awards from St John Ambulance. Well done to everyone – they are great role models for other students in the school.

Best wishes.

Mr Edwards



Week A | Monday 12 Oct 2026

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Fortnightly Ahead

Week A Mon 12 Oct	Year Group	Events
Tue 13 Oct		
Wed 14 Oct		
Thurs 15 Oct		
Friday 16 Oct		Drama trip - A Midsummer Night's Dream (evening)
Week B Mon 19 Oct	7-11	Silent Disco P1-6 (Yrs7-11) Theatre
Tue 20 Oct		
Wed 21 Oct		
Thurs 22 Oct	11	Year 11 Breakthrough Evening 1 (face to face - Library) 6-7:30pm
Friday 23 Oct		

AUSTEN
39,511

KIPLING
36,521

TENNYSON
45,818

WOOLF
33,049

FORGOTTEN PE KIT

We wanted to share a small update regarding PE kit, as students are now having more frequent PE lessons and, as a result, may need to bring their PE kit into College more than once a week.

Students are being reminded of their PE days and the expectation to bring the correct kit with them to their lessons. We are encouraging students to take responsibility for remembering their kit and to develop good organisational habits that will support them both in school and beyond.

If a student does forget their PE kit, we ask that they speak to their PE teacher at the start of the lesson and explain the situation. Unfortunately, due to the demands of the school day, we are unable to contact home to ask for forgotten kit to be brought in or locate students during the school day to deliver items to them.

FORGOTTEN HOMEWORK

Similarly, if a student forgets their homework, we ask that parents do not bring it into College for them. We are unable to contact home to arrange for forgotten work to be delivered during the school day. Instead, if homework has been completed but left at home, parents can use the link below to access our staff email directory and send the work directly to the relevant teacher for ease.

[Click here to access the MRC Staff Email Address Directory.](#)

We appreciate that, with busy family schedules, it is easy for things to occasionally be forgotten. Our aim is simply to encourage students to become increasingly independent, organised and accountable for their own belongings, equipment and learning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us to develop these important skills in our students.

NOTICES

INFORMATION ABOUT FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), a daily meal allowance is automatically added to their catering account at the beginning of lunchtime each day.

The FSM allowance covers either:

A meal **choice** of either a hot meal, panini, or pasta pot (please note that cookies and drinks are not included with these options); or

A meal deal, which includes a hot meal, panini, or pasta pot together with either a cookie or a bottle of water.

Provided the items selected fall within these options, the cost will be covered by the FSM allowance.

Please note that any additional items purchased outside of the allowance will need to be paid for using funds available on your child's catering account.

Any unused Free School Meal allowance cannot be carried over to the following day.

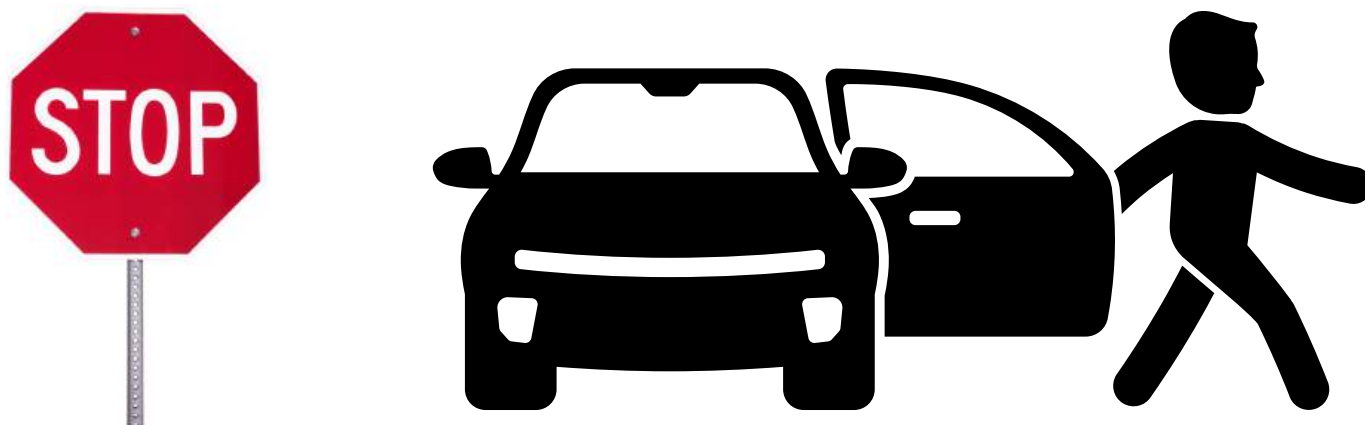
If you have any questions regarding Free School Meals, please contact Emma Ferguson (emma.ferguson@mrc-academy.org).



FREE BREAKFAST

Start your day right - we're offering **free toast, porridge, and cereal every morning** from 8:00am in college!

Open to all students, so swing by, fuel up, and get set for the day ahead.



SAFEGUARDING – STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP REMINDER

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 in the morning, after school and for after school clubs**. 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.

- 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 car 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.

NOTICES

POPPY APPEAL

To commemorate Remembrance Day, we will be selling poppies for 50p from both Main Reception and Student Reception.

Students are welcome to purchase a poppy to wear and show their support. If handling coins is difficult, students can use their fingers to make their purchase.



Thank you for your support as we remember and honour those who have served and sacrificed for others.

SKI GEAR DONATIONS

Please bring in any old, unwanted, or unused ski gear you would be happy to pass on to a new skier. Miss Howard will collect your items and hopefully be able to rehome it with a student coming on the trip in 2027.

Unfortunately, we are unable to sell items on your behalf, donations only.

Any queries please email:

isobel.howard@mrc-academy.org

Thank you.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

GREEN POWER RACING

Theo O-S and Elliott C Yr9 were racing for the Sylvia Beaufoy Centre, Petworth, in the Green Power F24 team over the weekend of the 19 September . The competition was held in Norfolk at the Lotus test track.

They had two races on Sunday, were triumphant in both (they race together in a team of 3) and have secured their place in the final at Goodwood next month. A huge achievement as there were a large number of teams competing in these races all trying to end their season at Goodwood in the final! Well done Theo and Elliott.



NETBALL AWARDS

Scarlet H was delighted to be invited to attend the Annual England Netball Awards on 3 October, where she was presented with a trophy and certificate in recognition of her incredible 400+ hours of volunteering and her passion and commitment to netball.

In a packed auditorium, Scarlet was presented on stage by two England Roses, members of the national team, before being interviewed by former Olympian Katherine Merry. Scarlet impressed everyone with a fantastic impromptu speech!

Everyone involved with Scarlet across the various netball clubs she supports is incredibly proud of her. This recognition is a wonderful and very well-deserved acknowledgement of the time, dedication and enthusiasm she gives to the sport and to others.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

A huge congratulations to Frank C in Year 11 who competed at the British Championships in Telford last weekend in the National Age Groups and achieved an incredible 1st place in the Juniors Tumbling Championships!

This qualified him for the British Championships the following day. Frank continued his fantastic form, taking 1st place again and becoming the 15–16 Junior Men's British Champion! (If you would like to see his amazing performance, please visit our Instagram page @mrc_1st to watch the video).

This was Frank's final Junior British Championships, as next year he will move up to compete at Senior Men's level.

Frank has one final Junior Men's competition this year, travelling to Nanjing, China next month to compete. We wish him the very best of luck!



STUDENT/TEACHER/EX STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

ST JOHN AMBULANCE SUSSEX AWARDS

Midhurst Rother College was well represented at the St John Ambulance Sussex Awards evening.

Oliwier Sporny (now studying at Suffolk University following A-level success) was individually recognised for the huge contribution he made when he organised assemblies and a week long CPR competition at MRC for all our students.

Sam Nelson (Year 12) was also recognised for his contribution to this, and then delivering CPR and defibrillator training to all the Sixth Form, Years 7 and 8. In particular for his highlighting to Sixth Form that 1/3 of women would not be given CPR and a defibrillator due to concerns over maintaining modesty.

Meanwhile Mr Burton was recognised for 1000 hours of voluntary service in 2025, and received the fifth bar to the service medal (representing 35 years of volunteering).

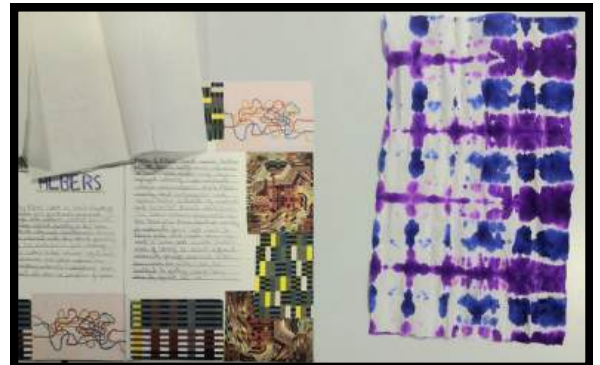
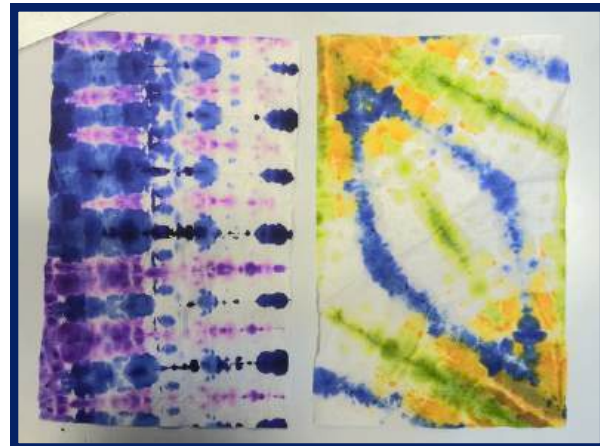


TEXTILES

Year 9 have been learning about the ancient resist dye technique Shibori, we practiced using a similar technique called Orizomegami, a twist on the traditional Japanese textile art using paper towels and watercolor paint. The results were too impressive not to share! Their next stage is to transfer these skills to the brim of their bucket hats.

Excellent work Year 9 – I love how different they all are!

Ms Cheal



DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY TECHNICIAN – WE'RE HIRING!

Midhurst Rother College is looking for a Design & Technology Technician to join our Art, Design & Technology department.

 15 hours per week | Term time only
 Closing date: 20 October 2026

The role will support staff and students with lesson preparation, resources, equipment and practical activities across Art, Textiles, Food and Product Design.

 [Find out more and apply online](#)

House Competition open to ALL year 7,8,9 ART and Languages

Create **something** to do with the Mexican Festival **Day of the Dead** which happens on 1 & 2 November every year. We will put an exhibition in the hub.

Hand into Mrs Kinally A201 Monday 2 November. Make sure your NAME and TUTOR group are easy to read.



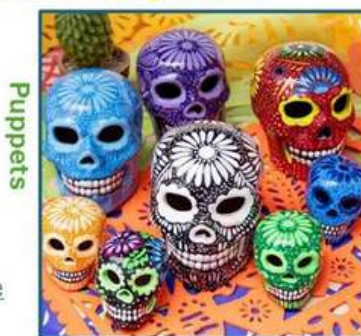
In Spanish, the Day of the Dead is called Día de Muertos or Día de los Muertos.

Face Painting

Artwork

Sugar Skulls

Old Fashioned Photography



Puppets

Paper Decorations



Christmas Card competition.

Entries will achieve House points, we will also choose our school 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

The winning design will be printed and used as the official United Learning Christmas card, sent by our Chief Executive, Sir Jon Coles, to key stakeholders including ministers, newspaper editors and education leaders across the sector. The winning pupil will receive a **£50 Amazon voucher** and **10 printed copies of their design**. All submitted entries will also be celebrated across United Learning's social media channels throughout December.

MUST BE A4 ART PAPER

Hand into **MRS KINALLY A201** by **Friday 7th November**. Make sure your name and TUTOR GROUP are on the **BACK** of the card.

United Learning Annual Christmas Card Competition

Your chance to win:

- ★ £50 Amazon voucher
- ★ Christmas cards with your design

Previous winners...



Deadline for entries: Friday 6th November



AUTHOR VISIT

We had a wonderful visit from the fantastic author Catherine Bruton last week, which really inspired our year 7's, some of whom were lucky enough to have a writing workshop with her after her talk.



BOOKBUZZ

There will be some lucky students in Years 7 & 8 next week, who will get the opportunity to choose a brand-new book from the selection below....and take it home to keep!

We are fortunate to also have received copies of these for the library as part of the scheme, which were delivered this week! Students should be mindful that all books taken out of the library need to be returned or renewed, on time, so that all pupils have the opportunity to read the many new books on offer.



CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

At MRC, we believe that speaking different languages is an incredible achievement, a superpower that deserves to be formally recognised and celebrated! We are so proud of our linguistically diverse community, and we want to shine a spotlight on the rich cultural knowledge and language skills possessed by many in our school community.

To honour and foster these talents, we are building a dedicated Multilingual Student Register. We plan to put on special events and cultural showcases designed to celebrate our linguists and connect like-minded peers across the school.

Additionally, for eligible students in KS4, we want to provide the necessary support to formally validate these skills through an extra Language GCSE qualification.

Whether your child is completely fluent, speaks another language at home, or is actively developing their fluency, we want to know! Please take a moment to register their details so they don't miss out on these upcoming celebration events and qualification opportunities.

👉 [Click Here to Complete the Multilingual Student Register Form](#)

Thank you for helping us champion and celebrate diversity in our school community.

Modern Foreign Languages Department



YEAR 11 FOOTBALL

Last weeks Year 11 football fixture saw us travel to The Petersfield School in a well contested game. TPS came out victorious on this occasion, but MRC showed great fighting spirit with plenty of chances created throughout the game.

Ivan was this weeks 'Player of the Match' with some vital interceptions, clearances and had his own effort cleared of the line after some quick thinking in the box.

Well done all, we go again next week! ⚽

Mr Marshall



ANOTHER AWAY DAY FOR YEAR 11 FOOTBALL

Another away day this week for the Year 11 football team brought us two goals, plenty of excitement and a lot of singing!

It was a very fast start from SPH, who raced into an early lead with two unstoppable strikes. With the momentum beginning to swing in our favour, MRC started to fight back and got their first goal through a fantastic long-range effort from Ruby, who found the net from the right-hand side – an outstanding strike!

Ben (Ben's on fire...) then tried to continue the comeback, nodding home from close range to bring MRC even closer.

However, a couple of mix-ups at the back allowed SPH to regain control and ultimately take the victory.

Despite the result, there were plenty of positives to take from the performance, with the team showing great character and fighting right until the final whistle.

Player of the Match: Ruby

This week's Player of the Match went to Ruby after her fantastic goal and an all-round combative performance in midfield.

She showed excellent determination, particularly after receiving a heavy tackle early in the game, and continued to battle throughout.

A great effort from the team – and hopefully plenty more goals and singing to come!



Mr Marshall

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Ninety students took part in the first Sports House event of the year. With excellent conditions, the races were closely contested, with some fantastic performances from all involved.

Year 7/8 Girls	Year 7/8 Boys	9/10/11 Girls	9/10/11 Boys
L Stopps	H Clark	I Jordan	M Williams
P Alden	O Whitehouse-Naser	R Morgan	J Fryer
B Rees	W Foster	I Sacre-Hardy	G Copeland



DEPARTMENT NEWS – PE

The Sailing season rounded off with a perfect Force 3 and blue sky conditions to practice in.

Sailing team is now standing-by for the spring/summer – and it's going to be a good one!

If anyone else is interested in helming (can already confidently sail) please get in touch with Miss Howard for info on how to join the team 🚢 isobel.howard@mrc-academy.org



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DEPARTMENT NEWS – MUSIC

FREE DJ WORKSHOP: GET HANDS-ON WITH THE DECKS!

We're bringing our FREE DJ workshops to Midhurst Rother College, open to students across all year groups – from complete beginners to those already interested in music and DJing.

It's a great opportunity for students to try something new through a creative, hands-on activity. DJing helps students build confidence, develop musical skills, express themselves and feel proud of what they can achieve.

For Year 7s in particular, it's a brilliant chance to kick off their new school journey with something fresh and fun, make new friends and enjoy learning in a practical setting.

Some of our students have even gone on to perform at Ministry of Sound and the Silverstone Grand Prix – and it all started with one of our taster workshops!

 Date: Friday 16th October
 Location: Music Practice Room

 Session times and groups will be confirmed after registration.

During the workshop, students will have the opportunity to:

- ✓ Discover a passion and build confidence
- ✓ Develop new creative and technical skills
- ✓ Find out how DJing can support GCSE Music performance

Places are limited, so secure your child's spot today!

 Register here:

<https://www.nextgenmusic.org/workshop>



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THE CHAMBER CHOIR AND BOYS' CHOIR IS LOOKING FOR MEMBERS FOR A FUTURE CHOIR TOUR!

The Chamber Choir and Boys' Choir is looking for new members to join an exciting future Choir Tour! This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their vocal skills, perform as part of a talented ensemble, and take part in memorable musical experiences.

While all interested students are welcome to enquire, participation is particularly encouraged for students from Years 9 to 12, who will benefit greatly from the musical, social, and performance opportunities that the tour will provide.

If you enjoy singing and would like to be part of this exciting journey, we would love to hear from you. Rehearsals are on Thursdays after school in K017.



CHOIR

DEPARTMENT NEWS – CAREERS

CAREERS INTERVIEWS – MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER & MONDAY 5 OCTOBER

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 12 October		Tutor Gp	Period	To go to:
Hunt	O	11K-DSS	REG (08:30) - 09:10	T012
Hutchinson	O	11K-NRZ	09:10 - 09:52 (p1)	T012
Peddar	I	11W-KNS	10:00 - 10:42 (p2)	T012
Thomas	T	11K-NRZ	11:10 - 11:52 (p3)	T012
Wilson	H	11A-JLE	12:00 - 12:46 (p4)	T012
Angus	H	11K-NRZ	13:30 - 14:11 (p5)	T012
Ashton-Smith	A	11T-JWE	14:15 - 15:05 (p6)	T012
Careers Interviews - Monday 19 October		Tutor Gp	Period	To go to:
Batten	I-R	11W-MFY	REG (08:30) - 09:10	T012
Bushby	J	11T-JWE	09:10 - 09:52 (p1)	T012
Fenney	C	11T-JWE	10:00 - 10:42 (p2)	T012
Glue	R	11W-MFY	11:10 - 11:52 (p3)	T012
Greenslade	V	11K-DDS	12:00 - 12:46 (p4)	T012
Kennedy	A	11A-JLE	13:30 - 14:11 (p5)	T012
Jones	H	11W-KNS	14:15 - 15:05 (p6)	T012

MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE FIREWORKS NIGHT

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2026

GATES OPEN FROM 5.30PM

TICKETS ON EVENTBRITE

OUR SPONSORS



MacDonald Oates LLP
SOLICITORS

ADMISSION

FAMILY of 4 - £24

ADULT - £9

CHILD - £5

(4 - 16 years)

UNDER 4 FREE



HOT FOOD & SNACKS



LICENSED BAR



RAFFLE TO START THE
DISPLAY



NO PARKING ON SITE

(DISABLED PARKING AVAILABLE
IF BOOKED IN ADVANCE)



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NORTHCHAPEL SANTA DASH

SUNDAY

29 NOV 26

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

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFO



ALL PROCEEDS TO NORTHCHAPEL VILLAGE SCHOOL

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO

WWW.RACESIGNUP.CO.UK/NORTHCHAPEL



BLACKDOWN HILL CHALLENGE



A **10K** fell race with **856ft**+/- of elevation gain summiting at Temple of the Winds, Blackdown.

In addition to the challenging climb & descent the route also provides outstanding views across Sussex, Surrey and Hampshire.

We will also offer a less challenging 4.5km trail race for adults.



18th October 2026

enter at www.midhurstmilers.org

The Pavilion, Fernhurst Recreation Ground GU27 3HY

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JUNIOR BLACKDOWN

MIDHURST MILERS HILL CHALLENGE MIDHURST MILERS



Come & join us for our junior fell race
through the foot hills of Blackdown.

2km & 5km distances available.

Or represent your school in the school team competition.



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AUTUMN TERM 2026

Friday 27 November	Inset Day
Friday 18 December	Last Day of Term

MRC PERFORMING ARTS - CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUTUMN TERM 2026

DATE	EVENT	STUDENTS INVOLVED	VENUE
Autumn 2026			
Wednesday 7 th October	'Antigone Exits' – Theatre trip	All A level Drama students	Chichester Festival Theatre – Evening Event
Wednesday 4 th November	Rotary Youth Festival of Music	Orchestra Choir Chamber Choir	MRC Theatre – Day Event
Wednesday 18 th November	'Curious Incident' – Theatre Trip	All GCSE and A level Drama students	Chichester Festival Theatre – Evening Event
Wednesday 2 nd December	WINTER GALA	All GCSE and A level Drama Music, Drama and Dance students	MRC Theatre – Evening Event
Monday 7 th December	Year 10 GCSE Drama Pantomimes	GCSE Drama Year 10	MRC Theatre – Day and Evening Event
Tuesday and Wednesday 15 th and 16 th December	Carol Services	Orchestra Choir Chamber Choir All MRC Students	St. Mary Magdalene – Day Event
Thursday 17 th December	GCSE Dance Exam Filming	Year 11 GCSE Dance	Dance Studio – Day Event

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: [Homework Guide](#)

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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