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Parent Information

All Parents

National Schools' Regatta

It's a big weekend for the rowers as many of the crews will be competing in the National Schools' Regatta at Dorney Lake. This regatta is contested by top rowing schools from across the country. On Friday, we have three J14 Octuples competing. On Saturday, we have three J15 VIIIs, three J16 VIIIs and three senior VIIIs competing, and we also have a single sculler racing. On Sunday, the 1st VIII have their semi-final and final, and there will also be a senior coxless four competing. We wish all the crews the very best for their races and look forward to seeing parents at Dorney over the weekend.

Shell Play - Kick Off

This year's Shell play explores the timely issue of mental health in sport. The play follows three teenage boys as they face the consequences of sports injuries. They navigate emotional, physical and mental obstacles whilst struggling with rehabilitation and the subsequent isolation from their mates. There will be two performances, Thursday 6th June and Friday 7th June,

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Kilimanjaro Climb

Kit (R, C) plans to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in July with his sister, Tilly. They are seeking to raise funds for two important charities, Street Child and Neema Village. To give Kit and Tilly a much needed boost, they welcome any donations via **JustGiving**. We will keep you updated on their training via Bulletin and wish them well for the gruelling climb.

Shell

As Leave-Away begins, I want to extend my warmest wishes to all our Shells and their families for a wonderful and restful break. The boys have spoken to their Form Masters about their revision plans and they have been advised that at least one hour of revision on weekdays is a reasonable expectation. Of course, if they can manage more, that is even better and they should tailor their revision to suit their individual needs and schedules.

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RadSoc Shell Parents' Summer Drinks Party - Last Chance to Register

The Radleian Society is hosting the Shell Parents' Summer Drinks Party at The East India Club, SW1 on Wednesday 5th June, 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Please register for the event **here.** [action]

German Trip to Bavaria

The Modern Languages department plans to visit Munich and the surrounding area between Friday 28th March and Thursday 3rd April 2025. There is an exciting itinerary with plenty of opportunities for boys to develop their language skills. Priority will go to boys studying German next year, but spare places may become available if boys not studying GCSE German wish to experience the region. More information can be found in the invitation letter here. To request a place, please complete the short online form by Friday 31st May. [info/action]

Spanish Trip to Barcelona

Next year, the Spanish department will be organising an exchange trip to Barcelona over the Easter holidays. The trip will include immersion in Spanish culture and language, a stay with a host family for a genuine cultural experience, visits to iconic landmarks such as La Sagrada Familia, Park Güell and Las Ramblas, and activities designed to improve Spanish language skills. For more information on the trip and the associated costs, please see the letter here. [info/action]

Mrs Rebecca Beattie

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Remove

It has been a fantastic start to the term, and I hope you and your son have an excellent break over Leave-Away. With that said, the Remove end of year examinations begin on Thursday June 20th and run until Friday 28th June. As such, whilst the boys should enjoy time to recharge their batteries, they should also begin their revision process to ensure they allow themselves the best chance of success. The boys have access to a 'Revision Guidance' page on the College's SharePoint - this contains revision advice, their exam timetable and information on the content they will be tested on. Moreover, I ran the first of three 'Revision Workshops' this week, with two more to follow after the break, with a particular focus on effective study habits that support the boys in getting full value for the work they put in. Do encourage your son to attend these - they will be sent information directly on where/when the sessions will take place. Many thanks for your ongoing support as the boys tackle these internal examinations.

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Head of Removes

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Fifth

Exam Leave

There will be no timetabled lessons for the Fifth Form from the 3rd of June onwards. As a result, boys are welcome to work either at College or at home between this date and the end of their exams. If working at home, boys should be back in College the night before a morning exam or the morning of an afternoon exam. Dons will be available to answer any questions during this time and, as ever, boys will be expected to take advantage of any extra in-person sessions on offer. Boys are also required in College to fulfil any co-curricular commitments as normal, e.g. representing the College in teams (including specified training sessions), music lessons and drama rehearsals etc. Please keep Tutors informed of boys' movements. All Fifth Form boys must be back at the College by 8pm on Sunday 30th June (in time for the Songs of Praise Chapel service) and for the start of the Futures Week (more details to follow on this). **[info]**

US Universities SAT Course - Michaelmas Term 2024

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of how we approach US university applications and how to sign up for the SAT course we run in the Michaelmas Term. There is no commitment at this stage but it is important to start the process early, so do register your interest if university in the US is a consideration. [action]

iPad Return

Thank you to those who have completed the iPad Return Form or who have been in contact regarding their son's iPad. Please could all parents complete the form as soon as possible. If the form is not returned or you have not been in contact we will assume the iPad (and its peripherals) will be returned at the end of the year. **[action]**

Madrid Trip - October

The Spanish Department is organising a trip to Madrid for Sixth Form boys. The trip will take place next term, so boys currently in the Fifth Form and 6.1 year groups are invited to register. The dates are Saturday 19th October to Thursday 24th October. A letter with further information is available here. If you would like to provisionally register your son for this trip, please complete the form in the letter. Please contact Mrs Rebecca Beattie if you have any questions. [info/action]

Mrs Jo De Ritter

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6.1

Madrid Trip - October

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Mr Tim Lawson

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6.2 Leavers' Celebration at Gaudy - Please RSVP

We look forward to welcoming 6.2 leavers' and their parents to Gaudy this year. Please sign up for the Leavers' Breakfast and Leavers' Champagne Toast <u>here</u>, so we can gauge numbers and ensure we cater appropriately. **[action]**

Exam Leave

There will be no timetabled lessons for the 6.2s from the 3rd of June onwards. As a result, boys are welcome to work either at College or at home between this date and the end of their exams. If working at home, boys should be back in College the night before a morning exam or the morning of an afternoon exam. Dons will be available to answer any questions during this time and, as ever, boys will be expected to take advantage of any extra in-person sessions on offer. Boys are also required in College to fulfil any co-curricular commitments as normal, e.g. representing the College in teams (including specified training sessions), music lessons and drama rehearsals, etc. Please keep Tutors informed of boys' movements. If a 6.2 would like to remain in Social after his final exam, then the details of this will need to be arranged via their Tutor. The 6.2s will return to Radley on the morning of Gaudy (Saturday 6th July) - please see the Gaudy timetable for further information. [info]

Mr Tim Lawson

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Congratulations to Caspian (6.2, F) who won the Peter Cook Cup, our biennial monologue competition, on Friday evening. His performance as *Joe* from *Our Boys* captured the heart of the adjudicator, Edward Bennett. Blake (6.1, A) and Arthur (R, H) were highly commended for their performances. The performances are available to watch here and photos are available here.

On Sunday, 30 boys and staff ran the Blenheim Palace 7k in support of Oxfordshire Youth. They have raised more than £1,800 so far which will help to tackle social inequalities across the county. Parents wishing to donate in support of the cause can do so **here**.





The bands night team took over Silk Hall last night for a Radley first: Symphonic Pops! Bands, solo artists and DJs performed alongside a large orchestra and brought the house down. As ever, there was a convivial and warm atmosphere with boys of all ages and abilities performing a wide range of genres and styles. Photos and videos will be available after Leave-Away.



Mosese's Story

As we prepare to launch The Radley Keys Award for 2024/25, The Oxford Times spoke to Owen and Telesia Tuliakiono about their decision to send Mosese (R, E) to Radley and their experience as part of the College community. The feature is available to read **here**.

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Woody at Wimbledon

Congratulations to Woody (6.2, C), who was selected to play in the ISTA
Representative team vs the All England
Club on Saturday. The teams are selected from the very best individual players who have shone at the Independent Schools'
Tennis tournament from the previous summer. Playing on the grass courts at Wimbledon in this invitational fixture is among the highest honours for a schoolboy tennis player.

Croquet Success

Our croquet team took to the World Championship Lawns at Surbiton Croquet Club to take part in the South of England Schools' Croquet Championships on Sunday. With a new-look squad of 6.1 boys, Radley A successfully defended last year's title, beating Eton, Winchester, Abingdon A and Abingdon B. Radley B were runners-up, with only a draw with Eton preventing them from tying on points with our A Team. There were standout performances from Lucas (6.1, D), Patrick (6.1. E), Ed (6.1. D) and Archie (6.1, A) but the whole team played excellently.







Ferguson Cup

Kim (6.2, K) and Bernardo (6.2, H)

Our singers rose to the occasion of the

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both have offers of organ scholarships at Cambridge, split the challenging work in two and gave an outstanding performance to a delighted audience. A video recording is available here.

musicality and maturity. The adjudicator, Jimmy Holliday (1990, F), had a difficult decision but Colm (6.2, A) won the overall prize, with Sam (6.2, K) in second and Christian (6.2, E) in third. Laszlo (S, C) and Alfie (R, G) were highly commended for their performances in the Festival Class.





DT Private View

Talking Heads

On Thursday, the Design Engineering department showcased the impressive work done by boys for their GCSE and A-Level coursework. Boys discussed their projects and the inspiration behind them with interested guests. It was a hugely impressive collection, providing further evidence that Design Engineering is a jewel in Radley's crown.

Abigail Foster, Founder of Elent Financial Education, spoke to parents as part of our *Talking Heads* webinar series on Tuesday. Her session, masterfully hosted by Mr Matt Glendon-Doyle, covered spending, saving, student loans, cryptocurrency, allowances and everything in between.

Upcoming Events

Leave-Away

Friday 24th May, 12:40pm Socials

End of Leave-Away

Sunday 2nd June, 9pm

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Gaudy

Saturday 6th July Radley College

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