



RADLEY

Parent Information

All Parents

Partsong - Live Stream

The annual Partsong competition takes place on Thursday 17th October at 8:30pm. This is one of the most popular events in the Radley calendar and the Theatre will be full of boys. Parents are not able to attend, however Radley Video will be streaming the event live on the College website. The link is available [here](#).

Radley Prayer Meeting

New and existing parents are all welcome to join the first Radley prayer meeting of the year which will take place at the Chaplain's house at 11am on Friday 18th October (the beginning of Leave-Away). For those who have not joined us before: on entering through the main gate, turn immediately left, go over two speed bumps as you drive up the hill and turn left at the willow trees. You will loop round and down to Lower Shrubbery. The Chaplain's house is number three - parking is available by the garages. Alternatively, park at the Sports Centre and walk through the 'No Public Access' gate. The lower end of the road, nearest the gate, is Church Walk. You will need to continue up the hill until it becomes Lower Shrubbery. If you have any questions, please contact the Chaplain via [email](#).

Colts Rugby vs Harrow

Radley Video will stream the Colts 1 vs Harrow fixture live from 2:30pm on Saturday 12th October. The link is available [here](#).

Shell

Mentor Reports

The 6.1 mentors have been writing reports about how your son has settled into life at Radley. These will be sent via your son's Form Master next week. I hope you find the

German Trip to Austria - Space Available

One place has become available on the Shell trip to Salzburg which takes place at the end of the Michaelmas Term (10th to 14th December 2024). Please contact [Mr Oliver Astley](#) for further details and to register. [\[info/action\]](#)

The Haddon Cup - Video Recording

Radley Video filmed the Haddon Cup last Sunday. When edited, it will be available to view on a private link for a limited time. However, parents can purchase a USB drive in a souvenir case so it can be played on a TV or computer. The cost is £18. Details of how to order can be found on the Radley Video [website](#). [\[info\]](#)

Mrs Rebecca Beattie

Head of Shells

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Remove

Barcelona Trip - Space Available

A space has become available for the upcoming Remove trip to Barcelona. If you are interested in this opportunity, please read [this letter](#) for more information and contact Mrs Rebecca Beattie, Head of Spanish, via [email](#). [\[info/action\]](#)

German Trip to Bavaria

A detailed itinerary will be sent to families who have registered by the end of next week. Places are still available, so please contact [Mr Oliver Astley](#) to register. Priority will go to boys studying GCSE German. [\[info/action\]](#)

Mr Alan Chandrachud

Head of Removes

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Fifth

Dates for the Diary

To aid your planning, I have provided a list of key dates for the Fifth Form covering the remainder of the academic year. Any updates will be shared via Bulletin. Please do make a note of them in your diary. [\[action\]](#)

Phase 1 Mocks

Thursday 16th January 2025

A-Level Briefing for Fifths (boys only)

Wednesday 29th January 2025

A-Level Options Deadline

This is purposefully after the exeat so that you can discuss your son's choices with him before the form is submitted.

Friday 14th February 2025

Fifth Form Parents' Meeting

Further details will be shared in due course, but they are likely to follow the following structure: Coffee from 10:45am, Talks, Lunch and Meetings with Dons from 11:30am - 3pm.

Monday 3rd March - Wednesday 12th March 2025

Phase 2 Mocks

IGCSE Language Orals

IGCSE orals are scheduled to take place shortly after the second phase of mock examinations. Boys are already attending weekly practice sessions in the Languages Department and should expect the final assessment to take place in the second half of March. [info]

Sunday 29th June - Thursday 3rd July 2025

Futures Week

Boys must be back in Social by 7pm on Sunday 29th June.

Mrs Jo De Ritter

Head of Fifths

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6.1

Influenza Vaccination

As you are aware, we offer an annual influenza vaccination to all boys and staff at Radley. We find this can be particularly beneficial in keeping the community fit and well, particularly with upcoming exams and general workload. As the boys in the Sixth Form are now 16, they are able to consent to this themselves. We appreciate the important role that parents and

you have strong feelings about him receiving this vaccination. Given that this is a communication about healthcare, you will receive an email directly from the Health Centre about this next week. **[action]**

Mr Tim Lawson

Head of Sixth Form

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6.2

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University Open Day Policy

It is great to hear that so many 6.2s are excited to be visiting universities. I reattach the College policy [here](#) and would appreciate any efforts that can be made to minimise the impact on lessons and College activities. Where possible, if a university is also offering an open day during a holiday, it would be preferable if this opportunity could be taken. **[info]**

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Timothy Garton Ash

We welcomed the renowned historian Timothy Garton Ash to Radley on Tuesday. The discussion considered the history of Europe, the key theme of Timothy's latest book, *Homelands*. The boys enjoyed the session immensely and many of the topics covered aligned to the Modern Germany section of the A-Level course.



Rugby vs Tonbridge

The annual block fixture against Tonbridge took place on Saturday with 18 teams competing, in addition to fixtures at Harrow and Cheltenham. The boys secured some excellent results. Photos of the home fixtures are available [here](#).



Rowing Dinner

We honoured our medal-winning Olympians, Ollie Wynne-Griffith, Tom George and Charlie Elwes, as well as the great John Gearing at a special rowing dinner last Saturday. Ollie and Charlie gave speeches about their Paris experience, Sam Townsend paid tribute to John and Hazel Gearing who flew back from their new home in Australia to be



What I Wish I Knew

In the latest edition of our *What I Wish I Knew* video series, Will (6.2, F) spoke to Katharine Pooley. Katharine is one of the world's most celebrated interior designers, an entrepreneur and a Radley parent. Katharine discusses her leadership philosophy, tells us about building her business and gives her opinion about why

available [here](#).



Padel Society

Padel Tennis Society is one of Radley's newest societies and was founded this year by Hugo (6.1, J) and Mr James Rock (Master in Charge of Racket Sports). The boys visit *Smash Padel* in Bicester each week with 30 boys playing this year. They hope to expand to 50 boys over the course of this year. Their long-term goal is to facilitate as many boys as possible playing the sport and to build courts here at Radley, ensuring everyone who wants to play can do so.



Golf Championships

Burnham and Berrow Golf Club, host of this year's PGA qualifiers, was the venue for the prestigious West of England Public Schools' Matchplay competition. Radley sailed through day one, beating Cheltenham 5-0. On day two, we took to the Championship Course, beating Taunton 4-1 to set up a thrilling final against Marlborough. The top groups fought hard and the boys secured a 4-1 victory to bring the trophy back to Radley.

Fixtures

We are always delighted to see parents supporting fixtures. Due to the dynamic nature of fixtures and venues, please check **SOCS** and speak to your son before making travel arrangements. Please keep dogs on a lead and pick up after them. Radley is a non-smoking campus. Due to the development of the new Music School, parking is restricted at home fixtures. Please consult the **Parking Plan**.

Saturday 12th October

Badminton vs The Oratory

Rugby vs Harrow

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Upcoming Events

Leave-Away

Friday 18th October, 12:40pm

Socials

Leave-Away Ends

Sunday 3rd November, 9pm

Socials

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 10th November, 10:45am

Chapel & Memorial Arch – details to follow

College Musical: *Les Misérables*

Wednesday 13th November - Saturday 16th November, 7:45pm

Theatre – tickets available soon

Carol Service

Saturday 7th December - Monday 9th December

Chapel - details available soon

Christmas Concert

Sunday 8th December

Theatre

End of Michaelmas Term

Tuesday 10th December, 10:15am

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