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TALKING HEADS

PARENT WEBINAR SERIES

Vaping and Nicotine Alternatives
Zoe Shuttleworth | Director, It Happens Education
4 February 2025 | 6:30pm



We are delighted that Zoe Shuttleworth from It Happens Education will be delivering a Talking Heads session on 4th February 2025 at 6.30pm. The focus of this webinar will be on vaping and other emerging popular nicotine alternatives, such as nicotine pouches, with a focus on addiction in young people. The webinar will explore prevalence data, the evidence we have around risks and harms and the current laws around nicotine products. The webinar will also touch on cannabis and synthetic cannabinoids.

Please register [here](#).

Parent Information

All Parents

New Department Heads

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the new Heads of Departments who have joined us this term: Sophie Constantine, Head of Physics; Fiona Probert, Head of French and Libby Eaves, Head of Admissions. Many of you will already know Louise Vaan, who takes over this term from Jo Bailey as Head of Exams.

May we please kindly ask that emails are directed to healthcentre@radley.org.uk rather than individual staff. This is to ensure that emails are picked up in a timely manner, as there have been instances of staff being away from work or away from the building and emails not being seen. Thank you so much.

Tuck Box Suggestions

We thought it might be helpful to give parents an idea of some of the best things to include in their son's Tuck Box. Please take a look at the information [here](#).

Choral Society

You are warmly invited to join the Radley Choral Society for a special performance of Haydn's *Missa in tempore belli* (Mass in Time of War), often called the *Paukenmesse* (due to its prominent timpani part). Alongside this, we will also be performing a newly-orchestrated version of Balfour-Gardiner's *Evening Hymn (Te Lucis)*.

Please fill in [this form](#) to sign up to join the Choral Society for this performance.

Rehearsals will be held on the following dates:

- Sunday 9 March 2pm-4.30pm, with tea and cake in Mansion
- Sunday 16 March 11.30am-3pm, with lunch in Mansion
- Sunday 23 March 3.30pm-5pm, with supper in Chapel

Performance: Sunday 23 March 7pm, Chapel

Calling Potential Choristers!

That exciting time of year has come around again where we begin recruiting new Choristers! This year our focus is on recruiting those who are currently in Year 2, but we do have spaces in Years 4 and 5, so boys in these years should consider coming along if they are interested. Details of our upcoming invitation services and 'Be a Chorister' evenings can be found [here](#).

Shell

Shell Business Game

Over the weekend, Shells tapped into their burgeoning boardroom skills at the inter-Social Business Game. Teams gathered at the Round Pavilion to design and then pitch wares to sell at a hypothetical 'Family Festival' – ranging from sustainable hoodies to a child tracking system. In the end, G Social's ideas won out, but a big well done to all the teams / Think tanks!

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Remove

Remove Play

The Remove Play, *Treasure Island*, takes place on Friday 31st January at 7.45pm and Sunday 2nd February at 3pm, after the Remove Parents' meeting. Tickets are free and there is no need to book; please just turn up and enjoy some swashbuckling pirate antics! The performance is around 2 hours including a short interval. **[info/action]**

Parents' Meeting

A reminder of the letter, available [here](#), which contains important information about the Remove Parents' meeting on Sunday 2nd February 2025. **[info/action]**

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Fifth

Parents' Meeting

Please read the letter, available [here](#), which contains important information about the Fifth Parents' meeting on Friday 14th February 2025. **[info/action]**

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6.1

US Universities: Briefing webinars for parents of 6.1 boys - Monday 20th January

Last term, around 30 boys participated in our SAT course and many went on to complete the test in December. To provide further details about how the US university application process

sessions. Do feel free to join, even if your son has not (yet) expressed an interest in studying in the US.

To register for the webinar from 1330-1415 UK time, please click [here](#)

To register for the webinar from 1900-1945 UK time, please click [here](#)

Please email Mr Malcolm Brown for further information. **[info/action]**

Mr Tim Lawson

Head of Sixth Form

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6.2

Parents' Meeting

Please refer to Mr Porter's letter, available [here](#), which contains important information about the 6.2 Parents' meeting on Friday 24th January 2025. **[info/action]**

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News



Oxford Offers for 12 Radleians

Offers from the University of Oxford duly landed in inboxes on 14th January, with 12 Radleians seeing success – having applied for a diverse array of subjects (including Biochemistry, Languages, Physics and French & Philosophy) at a wide range of colleges (including Balliol, Lincoln, Pembroke and Corpus Christi).

A huge congratulations to 6.2s: Johnny (H), Christian (D), Harkirat (L), Wut (L), Luke (K), Wallace (E), Kyle (K), Ludo (H), Theodore (F) and Barnaby (F) for this stellar achievement. Good luck also to the nine boys now awaiting Cambridge offers (due on 30th January).



Jonno Secures Gloucester Contract

Jonno Balding has secured his future at Gloucester Rugby, after signing a contract with the club for the next three years. Gloucester Rugby, as part of the contract, will support Jonno through his undergraduate degree at Bristol University, allowing him to complete his university education alongside representing the club.

Everyone at Radley is immensely proud of Jonno and how hard he has worked – and the sacrifices he has made – to make the most of his Radley education as well as to pursue his dream of playing professional rugby. Jonno's contract is indicative of the excellent relationship Radley has with Gloucester Rugby, which continues to support fully the boys' education in tandem with their sporting aspirations.

Jonno's Gloucester contract follows his inclusion in England's U18 squad for the 2024 International Series in South Africa, an experience he found extremely motivating. Jonno follows in the footsteps of a number of Radleians who have gone on to successful careers in professional rugby, including Toby Thame, Tom West and Will Stuart.



Education Policy

In a recent *Spectator* article, Deputy Head (Academic) Jonathan Porter reflected on his experiences over the past two decades of teaching and how New Labour and the recent Conservative governments changed educational practice. He also wrote about his hopes and concerns over education's future under Sir Keir Starmer's cabinet, and his belief in the excellence of British schooling. A version of the article can be found [here](#).



Music Project Latest

The £9 million Music School building project has progressed well over the Christmas break. The steel frame and ground floor structure are near completion. Focus has now shifted to the upper floors, brickwork and roof carpentry over the new 350-seat Silk Hall concert venue. The design team and contractor are now placing orders for the doors, electronics and acoustic panelling, well ahead of their planned installation in half a year. You can keep up with the Estates Bursar's Blog on the [College website](#).



All the Fun of the Fair

Shells and 6.1s joined their friends from Downe House last weekend at the Berkshire school's annual Funfair. The seasonal weather's bite was surely



Power of Partnerships

There was a strong start for everyone involved in partnerships this week. On Wednesday afternoon alone, 44 6.1s, 124 Fifths and 26 dons visited care homes,

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paired, naturally, with lashings of hot chocolate, candyfloss and popcorn.

1000 children and covering subjects including art, robotics, phonics, maths, French and PE. Many thanks to everyone who has been involved – same again next week!

Fixtures & Travel Information

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 Music School, parking is restricted at home fixtures.

Saturday 18th January

Hockey vs Tonbridge and Bloxham

Football vs Wellington

Rowing BASHER Head

Badminton vs The Oratory School

Fives: West of England Schools' Championship

Beagling fixture

Sunday 19th January

CCF Inter-Social Shooting Competition

Padel fixture

Tuesday 21st January

Hockey vs Warwick School

Rackets vs Tonbridge

Squash vs Winchester

Fives vs ORs

Golf vs Dean Close

Beagling fixture

Thursday 23rd January

Football vs Teddies

Hockey vs Rugby and Winchester

Badminton vs Teddies

Fives vs Malvern College

Upcoming Events

Music Scholars' Recital

Tuesday 21st January, 8pm

Blue Room, Mansion

Free tickets can be booked [here](#).

6.2 Parents' Meeting

Friday 24th January, 12noon

Theatre Foyer

Hilary Weekend

Friday 24th January, 12:40pm

Socials

Hilary Weekend Ends

Monday 27th January, 9pm

Socials

Remove Parents' Meeting

Sunday 2nd February, 11:30am

Theatre Foyer

Chamber Music Concert

Sunday 9th February

Blue Room, Mansion

Free tickets can be booked [here](#).

Fifth Form Parents' Meeting

Friday 14th February, 11:30am

Theatre Foyer

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