



RADLEY



The hot ticket on campus last week was the highly anticipated College Musical, *Les Misérables*. All four shows were sold out but we had people queuing up at the door hoping for a last minute cancellation!

The company included more than 80 students who brought the story of Jean Valjean and the Paris Uprising to life beautifully. Many tears were shed as the audience were taken on an emotional and powerful journey of injustice and loss.

Congratulations to the cast, band and crew for a performance that will long live in the memory. The production was directed by Ms Victoria Buse (Director of Drama) and Sam Gladstone (Precentor, Director of Music). The production manager was Matt Barker, set construction and artwork was by Jon Goodall and costume design was by Lianne Oakley-Rowland.

Video Order

Radley Video's recording of *Les Misérables* is available to purchase on a USB drive. This is a professional-quality recording with footage from seven cameras presented in an elegant souvenir case. It also includes a 'Making of' film which documents the rehearsal process. A preview is available [here](#). At just £18, this is the perfect Christmas present for Radley



Parent Information

All Parents

Serpentes Essay Prize

The 2025 edition of the Serpentes Essay Prize is now open for entries. This competition was created for boys, by boys, and offers Radleians the opportunity to write about the topics they are passionate about and showcase their talents to the College community. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for all subjects and an open prize. The Serpentes Prize will be awarded for the best overall entry. A selection of entries will be published in *Serpentes*, Radley's academic journal, later in the academic year. The competition is open to all boys, so please do encourage your son to apply. The prizes, which are all named after Old Radleians, are:

The Sean Henry Prize (Art/History of Art)

The Frederic Whitworth-Jones Prize (Biology)

The Charles Howard Prize (Chemistry)

The Geoffrey Adams Prize (Classics)

The James Collingwood Tinling Prize (Design Engineering)

The Sutton Vane Prize (Drama)

The William Wickham King Prize (Earth Sciences)

The Andrew Hughes-Hallett Prize (Economics)

The Boyd Alexander Prize (Geography)

The Owen Prize (History)

The Arthur Austen-Leigh Prize (Law)

The Peter Way Prize (Literature)

The Michael Glenny Prize (Modern Languages)

The Augustus Woodward Prize (Music)

The Open Prize (Open Choice)

The John L Johnston Prize (Philosophy)

The Michael Crowley-Milling Prize (Physics)

Radley Champagne

The Radley cellars are well stocked and we are able to offer bottles and cases of Radley Champagne for sale to parents on the last day of term. Radley Champagne can be collected from the Radley cellars (beneath Mansion) between 9am and 11.30am on Tuesday 10th December. The price is £32 per bottle which can be added to the bill. Anyone wishing to purchase can either just turn up on the day, or pre-order to guarantee supply. The makers - Juliette Pointillart and her husband Gregory Leveque - have been recognised in the *Hachette Guide des Vins* again this year. If the last day of term is not convenient, then it should be possible to arrange for complete half-cases of six bottles to be available for collection at other times. If you would like to pre-order, or collect at a different time, please contact Mr Garry Wiseman via [email](#).

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The Second Hand Uniform Shop continues to be popular with parents. It is stocked with plenty of shirts, trousers, blazers, gowns, shoes and sports kit. If you have any unwanted or unused Radley attire that you would be willing to donate, please wash it, label it with 'Second Hand Uniform' and drop it off in the entrance of Mansion at the end of term (or into the Admissions Office at other times). If you wish to book an appointment to view and purchase second hand uniform over Hilary Weekend, please get in touch via [email](#).

School Uniform – Winter Months

Please could parents continue to support us in ensuring boys adhere to regulation uniform throughout the winter months. Jumpers must be V-necked, plain, grey or navy blue (not round-necked or zipped). Only Sixth Form boys may wear overcoats, which should be of a sober cut and pattern, and not in lieu of gowns in lessons. A full overview of uniform regulations can be found in the [School Rules](#).

Unnamed Clothing

We would be grateful for parents' support in ensuring that clothing is named at the beginning of each term. This applies to home clothes, uniform and sports kit. We have an excessive amount of unnamed clothing which the boys are not claiming (despite pleas from PHMs!). If parents know of any clothing that isn't named, please be in touch with your son's PHM who will ensure it is named before it goes to laundry. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Jumper Day

The College will hold its annual Christmas Jumper Day on Monday 9th December. Please can boys ensure that they bring their Christmas jumpers back with them after Advent Weekend. All money raised will be donated to Oxfordshire Youth's Young Persons Supported Accommodation.

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Boys in the Remove year and above are welcome to sign up on the list outside Chapel or parents can get in touch with the Chaplain directly via [email](#). Almost half the spaces have been taken already so please do get in touch before the end of term.

Movember Fundraising

A number of 6.2 boys are growing moustaches in support of the Movember campaign, which funds men's health projects around the world. If you wish to support this year's fundraising effort, you can do so [here](#).

Whole School Photo

We take a whole school photograph every five years to ensure all Radleians have a memento of their time at the College. The most recent, which was taken in September, is now available to purchase from Gillman & Soame. There are several packages which start at £31.50, available [here](#).

Shell

Serpentes Essay Prize

Please can I draw your attention to the notice about the Serpentes Essay Prize in the 'All Parents' section above. This competition is open to all Radleians and it would be wonderful to see some Shell boys entering and, hopefully, winning some prizes. Please do speak to your son and encourage him to take part. **[action]**

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Remove

Serpentes Essay Prize

Please take note of the message about the Serpentes Essay Prize in the 'All Parents' section above. Please encourage your son to apply. Many of last year's prize-winners were Removes and I hope the boys will put on a good show this year. Thank you in advance for supporting this excellent academic initiative. **[action]**

Commonwealth Education Trust Fundraising

As you know, each Remove form conducted a fundraising task in aid of the Commonwealth

friends. I will share the impact report from CET with boys and parents upon receiving it. Needless to say, this contribution will have a transformative impact on the education of countless teachers and students across the Commonwealth. Thank you. **[info]**

CCF and Adventure Opportunities

We have three optional opportunities for Remove boys, detailed below. If they wish to take part, please register using the online forms below. **[action]**

- **CCF Climbing Excursion** to Milton Keynes Big Rock Climbing Centre on Sunday 12th January 2025. This is a full day out for a cost of £15. Please register your son **here**.

- **Summer Adventurous Training Camp** in the Brecon Beacons from Saturday 5th July 2025 to Thursday 10th July 2025. The itinerary is being finalised, but likely activities include indoor climbing/abseiling, mountain biking, a walk over the main peaks, gorge walking and caving. The cost is £195. Please register your son **here**.

- **CCF Inter-Social Shooting Competition** on Sunday 19th January. This competition is for eight shooters from each Social, including NCOs. This means that not all boys will be able to take part, but those interested in shooting should register their interest with their NCO shooting captain and ensure they are at the College on the day of the competition.

Mr Alan Chandrachud

Head of Removes

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Fifth

Serpentes Essay Prize

Please take note of the Serpentes Essay Prize information shared above. There are plenty of categories and it would be lovely to see Fifth Form boys winning some of the prizes! This provides an ideal opportunity for boys to add some academic bite to their university applications, especially those considering applying to Oxbridge and/or the USA. Thank you for your support. **[action]**

Spanish IGCSE - Exam Clash

On Friday 23rd May 2025, there is a clash with the timings of Spanish Listening and Writing, and English Language IGCSE exams. Therefore, we will have to adjust the timings of these exams. So that parents can plan for Leave-Away, please be advised that the revised end

Mock Exam Timetable

The Mock Exam Timetable is now available [here](#). **[info]**

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6.1

Serpentes Essay Prize

Please take note of the Serpentes Essay Prize information shared in the 'All Parents' section above. There are plenty of categories and I hope to see 6.1 boys winning some of the prizes. This provides an ideal opportunity for boys to add some academic bite to their university applications, especially those considering applying to Oxbridge and/or the USA. Thank you for supporting this excellent initiative. **[action]**

Work Experience

We are encouraging our Sixth Form boys to gain valuable work experience this summer and we need your help. If you can offer shadowing opportunities, traditional work experience placements or a paid summer job in hospitality, for example, we would love to hear from you. Your support can make a real difference to their futures. If you are able to help, please complete this [form](#) or get in touch with our Futures Team via [email](#). **[action]**

Mr Tim Lawson

Head of Sixth Form

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6.2

Serpentes Essay Prize

Please take note of the Serpentes Essay Prize information shared in the 'All Parents' section above. There are plenty of categories and I hope the 6.2 boys will take the opportunity to showcase academic leadership by entering and winning plenty of prizes. Thank you for supporting this excellent academic initiative. **[action]**

Work Experience

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Mock Exam Timetable

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Carol Service Booking

Booking for the Christmas Carol Services is now open. These events are always a high point of the Radley year as we gather in Chapel to sing our favourite carols, to listen to our fantastic choir, and hear the wonderful story of Jesus Christ's birth. Due to the popularity and complexity of these events, please read the information before making your booking. Early booking is encouraged to avoid disappointment.

Saturday 7th December, 7:30pm – [book here](#)

Sunday 8th December, 6pm – [book here](#)

Tickets for the Christmas Concert on Sunday 8th December can be booked [here](#).

News



Malcolm Robinson Fund

Congratulations to Fintan (6.1, L) and Alex (6.1, H) who secured this year's Malcolm Robinson Memorial Fund Scholarship to study a pre-College history course at William and Mary College in the Summer. The standard was most impressive and all entrants should be proud of their efforts.



Inter-Social Squash

Congratulations to C Social who retained the Inter-Social Squash trophy on Sunday. The team comprised of Evan (V), Laszlo (R), Harvey (6.1), Seb (S) and Boris (6.2). This was C Social's fifth consecutive victory in this competition and they didn't concede a single game. L Social came second with K in third and G in fourth.



Polo Success

Radley's 'A' team competed in the upper intermediate division on Sunday's Schools and Universities Polo Association tournament. Angus (6.1, C), Bertie (S, C)



Inter-Social Debating

In the Inter-Social Senior Debating Competition - The Morgan Cup - D Social defeated H Social opposing the motion 'This House believes in the wisdom of the

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and beating teams from Cheltenham and Felsted. They were only narrowly beaten by Rugby School in the final with a very encouraging performance.

The victors were Benedict (6.1, D), Tom (V, D) and DingDing (6.1, D).



Andrea's Skydive

CCF - Now & Then

Congratulations to Andrea Cattell, a member of our Housekeeping team, who did a skydive in aid of Pancreatic Cancer UK at the weekend. Andrea wanted to raise money for the charity after her friend and colleague, Sarah Barrett (B Social cleaner) sadly passed away earlier this year. She has raised almost £1,500, with donations still welcome [here](#).

Clare Sargeant, College Archivist, welcomed ORs and members of the College community to discuss the history of the Combined Cadet Force. From its beginnings at the turn of the 20th century, the Officer Training Corps (later CCF) has become central to Radley life. The video presentation and conversation are available [here](#).



ESU Debating

Rugby vs Oakham

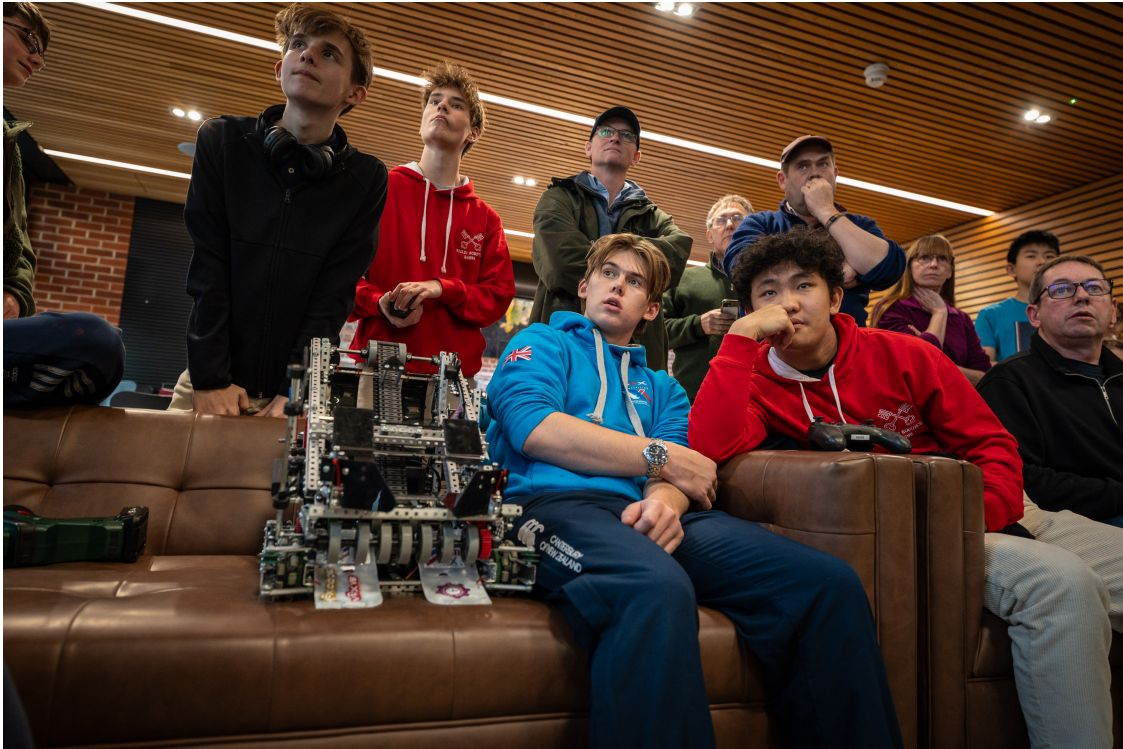
In defence of our national debating title,

We added a new fixture to our rugby

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through the first round of the English-Speaking Union's Schools Mace debating competition. They debated as the Opposition against St Helen and St Katharine on the motion 'This House supports the implementation of a four-day school week' and will compete in the Regional Final in the new year.

exciting and closely-contested fixtures across all year groups and we are grateful to Oakham for their competitiveness, sportsmanship and hospitality. Some photographs are available [here](#).



Robotics Rumble

On Sunday, Coffee Shop hosted the Radley Robot Rumble, our first home regional tournament for the Vex V5 Robotics competition. Four Radley teams and 11 other top teams from the south of the country competed in hope of Nationals qualification and other trophies. We were fortunate to welcome Nick Sykes, CEO of RACE (UKAEA) and other judges to lend their expertise. It was also wonderful to have three recent ORs, alumni of the first robotics teams at Radley, helping out with the refereeing.

The 6.2 team, "Icarus", found themselves in the semi-finals, but ultimately fell to a very strong alliance. The other teams, competing in their first tournament, also acquitted themselves superbly. In all, it was a fantastic season opening. The teams will go on to other regional tournaments seeking qualification throughout the winter and our second home event - the Radley Robot Ruckus - takes place on Sunday 9th February.

The Robotics community depends on many volunteers and has great impact in fostering interest in STEM careers. If you have mechanical or software engineering experience and

for sponsorship, please do get in touch with Mr Alastair Vaan via [email](#).

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.

Tuesday 26th November

Lacrosse vs St Helen & St Katharine

Real Tennis vs The Oratory

Thursday 28th November

Badminton vs The Oratory

Fencing vs Abingdon

Real Tennis vs Queen's Club

Tennis vs Bradfield

Upcoming Events

Advent Weekend Ends

Monday 25th November, 9pm

Socials

Carol Service

Saturday 7th December - Monday 9th December

Chapel - details above

Christmas Concert

Sunday 8th December

Theatre

End of Michaelmas Term

Latest Photo Galleries

We are grateful to all our professional, staff and boy photographers who work hard to capture the true essence of Radley. As ever, all photographs are available to download from [Flickr](#).



Rugby vs Oakham



Art with Downe House



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