



RADLEY

Parent Information

All Parents

Talking Heads

Please join us for our next Talking Heads webinar on 4th February 2025 at 6.30pm. We are delighted that Zoe Shuttleworth from It Happens Education will be joining us to discuss vaping and other emerging popular nicotine alternatives, such as nicotine pouches. The webinar will explore prevalence data, the evidence we have around risks and harms and the current laws around nicotine products. Please register [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 9th March, 2pm – 4.30pm, with tea and cake in Mansion
- Sunday 16th March, 11.30am – 3pm, with lunch in Mansion
- Sunday 23rd March, 3.30pm – 5pm, with supper in Chapel

Performance: Sunday 23rd March, 7pm, Chapel

Shell

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Pavilion for the year's second Shell Business Game, concocting and pitching everything from rave-themed watches to 'wonder bubbles'. In the end, B Social emerged victorious, but all the teams showed what it takes to take on the world of business. Well done! [\[info\]](#)

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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. [\[info/action\]](#)

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Fifth

A-Level Options

The fifths have now been sent the A-Level options form. Please discuss their choices with them over the Exeat. The A-Level options booklet can be found [here](#). [\[action\]](#)

Career Webinar – Navigating Your Child's Future Job Market

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Gap Year Advice Webinar

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6.2

University Entrance 2025: January to A-Level Results Day

For those unable to attend today’s Parents’ meeting, the key points from Mr Tom Deasy’s talk on *The Road Ahead for University Applications* are available for you to read [here](#). **[info]**

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News



Music Scholars' Concert

Tuesday's Scholars' Recital, a solo and chamber concert from Radley's many musical talents, filled the Blue Room in Mansion with everything from Schumann, Schubert and Chopin, to the more modern melodies of Andrew York and Thelonious Monk. The guitar and clarinet quartets bookended an hour of piano, violin, French horn, harpsichord and vocal delights.



OUFC Coaching Session

The Senior 1st XI and Colts 1st XI enjoyed a fantastic coaching session from Craig Short (ex-Blackburn Rovers and Everton Premier League footballer and current assistant head coach at Oxford United) on Tuesday afternoon. We hope that this could lead to more links with the local Championship club.



Urban Landscapes



OX14 Oxbridge Club

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Sunday's art workshop: "We were extremely fortunate to have Jeanette Barnes join us in the art department for a workshop on drawing urban landscapes. I really admire her work for the level of detail that goes into her pieces, and it was special to learn some of the key techniques and ideas that she uses to achieve it. The group started off working with charcoal and progressed to creating a series of monotypes." Read more [here](#).

Oxbridge Club provides a valuable platform for students from six schools to exchange insights, discuss application strategies, and learn from one another's experiences. The most recent session for our 6.1s focused on what makes a good (and bad) Personal Statement and included guidance on how students might go about building a body of work which will in turn feed into the construction of their own Personal Statement this summer.



Photo Competition

We were delighted to announce the results of the Christmas Photography Competition this week. Submissions were invited on the themes of 'People' and 'Above and Below' and with a large number of excellent entries, the judges (Mr Hibbs, Mr Sills, Dr Tufnell and Charlie (6.1, K)) had their work cut out choosing the winners. Congratulations to first prize winner Hugo (V, L) for his photograph (above) 'Madarch'. Read more [here](#).



Top Shots

88 boys, in teams representing every Social, fired a total of 1320 rounds at the Inter-Social .22 Shooting Competition last Sunday - hoping to be awarded the fabled Pooley Sword for the best team, or a 'miniature' (a small sword inscribed with their name) for individual efforts. With a total of 1653 points, A Social eventually came out on top, with A Social's Alex (6.2) winning the individual competition with a score of 238.



Golf Success

Radley's first golf game of 2025 was against Dean Close in the ISGA Matchplay played at Burford Golf Club. The tight treelined fairways meant a challenging course but Radley had a strong team out and had been continuing to play and tune their swings in the simulator in preparation. The boys played really well, with a clean sweep of matches taking us through to the national finals to be played at Slaley Hall in April.



Inspiring Playwrites

Last Friday, Radley launched the 'Playwriting Competition' in partnership with schools in the OX14 Learning Partnership. Participants took part in a workshop where they went through a series of exercises considering structure, narrative, dialogue and characters, as well as where to look for inspiration for ideas when writing their scripts. We can't wait to read their 10 minute plays!

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 25th January

Rowing: Quintin Head

Tuesday 28th January

Rackets vs Cheltenham College

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Cross Country: Oxfordshire Schools Championships

Real Tennis vs Canford School

Water Polo vs Stowe

Upcoming Events

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

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](#).

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Hockey & Football fixtures Sat 18 Jan



Art Workshop



Inter-Social Shooting



**Sport fixtures
Thur 23 Jan**

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