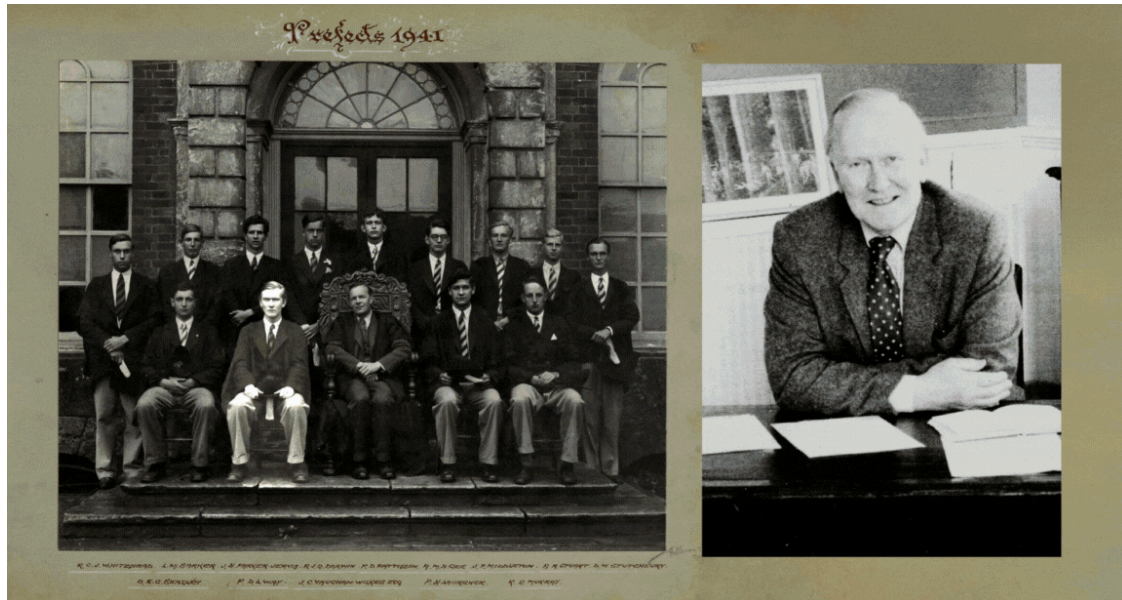




# RADLEY



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 John L Johnston Prize (Philosophy)

The Michael Crowley-Milling Prize (Physics)

The John X Merriman Prize (Politics)

The Henry Bazely Prize (Theology)

We have collated further information about the Old Radleians named above, which we hope inspires the boys to enter. Radley has a long history of academic excellence, but we hope the stories demonstrate Radley's true differentiator; intellectual might combined with good character and a strong sense of moral purpose. You can read their stories [here](#).

## Parent Information

### All Parents

#### 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](#).

#### Senior Book Group

On Tuesday 3rd December, Simon Mason, author of *A Killing in November* is visiting the College as a culmination of the Senior Book Group this term. This session will be held in the SLT between 8:30pm and 9:30pm. Simon will also be hosting a Creative Writing Workshop for selected boys in the afternoon.

#### Homeless Oxfordshire Collection

On the final day of term, Tuesday 10th December, Laszlo (R, C) is organising a collection of items for R&HOC (Radley and Homeless Oxfordshire Charities). This initiative was started by his older brothers during their time at Radley and he is continuing their important work. If you have any clothes, coats, blankets or toileteries that you can spare and are happy to donate, please bring them to Radley on the final day of term where R&HOC ambassadors

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### **Church of England Confirmation**

The list for the Confirmation service in March is almost full. Boys are welcome to talk to the Chaplain if they are especially keen to be confirmed in March. Otherwise, the next Confirmation will be on Sunday 16th November 2025.

### **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](#).

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## **Shell**

### **Serpentes Essay Prize**

Please can I draw your attention to the notice about the Serpentes Essay Prize 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]**

### **Mrs Rebecca Beattie**

Head of Shells

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## **Remove**

### **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award**

All Removes are now eligible to sign up to start their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. In previous years, we have typically had more than 90% of the Removes take part. A letter

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### Serpentes Essay Prize

Please take note of the message about the Serpentes Essay Prize 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]**

### 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]**

### Monday 13th January - Friday 17th January 2025

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 adhere to 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

### Mrs Jo De Ritter

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## 6.1

### Serpentes Essay Prize

Please take note of the Serpentes Essay Prize information shared 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 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]**

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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



### Polo Winners

Congratulations to Harry (V, J) and Harry (S, A) who won the 8 Goal Challenge Match at Rugby Polo Club on Monday. The competition, a new initiative at Rugby Polo Club, sees teams go head-to-head in a fierce but friendly four chukka match.

The boys are pictured with Mikey Henderson, one of the country’s most famous polo players.



### Music Behind the Scenes

Despite the disruption caused by the development of the new Music School, the Music Department has found shelter in other parts of the campus. The former Sub-Warden’s house has been

transformed to accomodate individual music lessons, with living rooms and bedrooms now housing pianos and music stands, and the garden has trendy practice pods for boys to hone their technique. Big Space, in Bursary Car Park, hosts large ensemble rehearsals and percussion lessons. Mr Gladstone has made a video tour, available [here](#).



### Sailing Success

Adam (S, B) came 4th in the GP3 Winter Sailing Championship at Weymouth last



### Real Tennis Champs

Congratulations to Felix (R, G) and Ned (R, A) who have secured more Real

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place out of 76 crews that have competed during the series this year.

Championships earlier this week. This is a remarkable achievement from the two boys and is testament to their hard work and dedication.

## 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 30th November**

Badminton vs The Oratory

Rugby vs Sherborne

### **Wednesday 4th December**

Tennis vs Oxford Sports

### **Thursday 5th December**

Real Tennis vs Canford

Squash vs Harrow

## Upcoming Events

### **Carol Services**

Saturday 7th December - Monday 9th December

*Chapel*

### **Christmas Concert**

Sunday 8th December

*Theatre*

### **End of Michaelmas Term**

Tuesday 10th December, 10:15am



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Friday 24th January, 12noon

*Theatre Foyer***Remove Parents' Meeting**

Sunday 2nd February, 11:30am

*Theatre Foyer***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](#).

**Remembrance Sunday****Advent Weekend**

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**Les Mis**



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