



RADLEY



Dear Parents,

In his start of term [letter](#), the Warden outlined some changes to our reporting and assessment structures. These changes were made to improve our understanding of the boys' progress and to ensure we can best support them to achieve their full academic potential. Equally, we want to ensure that staff time is used effectively and that parents are not being sent reports for reports' sake. Now these changes have started to bed in, I thought it would be pertinent to share the information again.

Every parent will receive two full reports from all teaching dons, two Tutor letters, a parents' meeting and two formal touch points with Form Masters. The Form Master phone call is a new initiative which we hope provides a useful opportunity to discuss expectations and agree shared objectives. As ever, staff are available at any point to answer any questions or concerns, but we hope this revised approach will give a clear sense of what to expect and when, to ensure we provide meaningful and timely feedback that is beneficial to all.

A diagram highlighting the approach is available [here](#).

Parent Meeting dates are published in the paper and online versions of the calendar.

Jonathan Porter

Deputy Head (Academic)



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](#).

All questions about the Christmas Carol Services should be directed to [Sue Colmer](#).

Booking Notes

-Maximum of three places per family, not including your son(s).

-Boys attend a compulsory service on the evening of Monday 9th December, therefore you may wish to ask him if he would like to attend twice.

-The service on Saturday 7th December is primarily for parents of boys in the Shell, Remove and Fifth Form (and parents of Sixth Form boys who are unable to come to the Sunday service). It is also for Radley staff and the local community. After the service, drinks and mince pies will be served in Hall.

-The service on Sunday 8th December is mainly for parents and close family of boys in the Sixth Form. After the service there is supper in Hall, followed by the Christmas Concert in the Theatre at 8pm. Parents with sons involved in the concert may come to this service, regardless of their son's year group.

some of our organ students, and the Sunday carol service will be preceded by 15 minutes of music performed by our brass and string ensembles. We recommend arriving early to enjoy these performances.

-The Coffee Shop in Clocktower Court will be open before both services.

-If your son is in the choir, either service is available to you. If your son is in the concert which is after the service on Sunday, please feel free to book tickets for Sunday.

-There is ample parking around College in the usual places.

-Dress is jacket and tie, boys in suits.

-Please cancel your booking if you are no longer able to attend, as this will free up seats for other families.

Parent Information

All Parents

Remembrance Sunday

Radley Video will stream the Remembrance Sunday Service from Chapel on Sunday 10th November at 10:45am. This will be followed by the Guard of Honour and wreath-laying at Memorial Arch. The link is available [here](#).

Talking Heads Webinar with Dr Maryhan Baker

We welcome Dr Maryhan Baker to our *Talking Heads* webinar series on Tuesday 12th November at 6:30pm. Dr Maryhan is a world-renowned parenting expert and psychologist whose *How Not to Screw Up Your Kids* podcast has been named one of the top five parenting podcasts by *The Guardian*. Consistently charting in the Top 10 Parenting Podcasts, Dr Maryhan is the voice of wisdom for parents worldwide. In this session, Dr Maryhan will talk to Mr Ed James, Deputy Head (Pastoral), about the role anxiety plays in the life of teenage boys and will consider how parents can support their sons through challenges. As ever, there will be a Q&A session following the presentation. Please register for the session [here](#).

Work Experience

presentations titled, "What one trait makes you a unique candidate?"

Reflecting on his day at Radley, Tom said: "One thing that really struck me as I listened to these Sixth Form boys speak was the value of work experience, not just in what they had learned, but in the exposure it gave them to the real world beyond education, adding depth to their stories. Spending a few days or weeks in the workplace is more than just a CV booster; it provides a glimpse of life after school, allowing young people to speak with broader experience outside the classroom. Work experience shows initiative, broadens horizons and networks, and gives a candidate real-world examples to improve their interview answers."

Please do encourage your son to seek work experience or a paid summer job during the holidays, as it will help set him apart in an increasingly competitive job market.

Tom Way will lead a webinar (date TBC) about the importance of work experience and the realities of the working world. Further details to follow.

Exeter University Supper

If you have an Old Radleian in your family who is currently studying at Exeter, please encourage them to sign up for the RadSoc Exeter University Supper on Tuesday 26th November, 7:30pm at The Stand Off, EX4 6AB. The registration link is available [here](#).

Shell

Shell Exams

Exams begin on Tuesday 26th November. I know that the first set of exams in a new school can feel daunting, but our goal is to make sure the boys feel prepared and confident. From next week, Shells will have access to a SharePoint revision page with all their revision lists and resources. Form Masters will also be running sessions on revision strategies over the coming weeks to help them prepare. Thank you for your continued support. **[info]**

Flu Vaccination

NHS immunisation nurses will be at Radley on Wednesday 13th November. If you haven't already completed the online consent form, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you. **[info/action]**

Mrs Rebecca Beattie

Head of Shells

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Remove

Barcelona Trip

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

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Mr Alan Chandrachud

Head of Removes

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Fifth

Psychometric Profiling and Futures Advice

To support your son's A-Level choices and to aid future career planning, we offer all boys in the Fifth Form a psychometric profiling assessment. This provides a detailed report on your son's abilities, passions and personality traits. The programme includes two one-to-one meetings – one in the Fifth Form and another in the 6.1 year – with a professional careers adviser. The cost is £183 including VAT. If you do not want your son to take part, please complete [this form](#) by Monday 18th November. Further information is available in this [letter](#). [\[info/action\]](#)

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Mrs Jo De Ritter

Head of Fifths

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News



DC Politics Trip

Over Leave-Away, Sixth Form politicians visited Washington, D.C. to learn more about the American political system in support of their A-Level course. Just weeks before the presidential election, this was a particularly memorable trip as boys were able to take the temperature of politicians and voters across the capital (and the Capitol!). The boys represented the College with distinction.



Gallery News

The Sewell Centre Gallery is looking forward to the next exhibition, *Towards the Light* by Emma Davis and Vivien Shelton on Friday 15th November. In their newsletter, they reflect on recent events and preview their upcoming exhibitions. The newsletter is available to read [here](#).



Partnerships Week

This week is ISC School Partnerships Week. Our social media followers will have seen daily insights into the various



Nicky Henderson Talk

We welcomed the six-time Champion Trainer, Nicky Henderson OBE, to speak to the Tattersalls Society on Monday. It

Our unique and innovative Countryside Centre programmes have been featured on page 34 of the ISC's partnership booklet, which is available to read [here](#).

horse racing. The boys were very grateful to Nicky for giving up so much of his time.



What I Wish I Knew

RCB Drinks

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 boys should cherish their time at Radley. The interview is available to watch [here](#).

The Radley College Beagles held a country sports drinks evening and a horn blowing competition in London during Leave-Away in memory of Mike Linnell, who was treasurer to the Beagles for 54 years. 21 current and former Masters attended, and prizes were won by Will Stubbs (2016, C) and Ed Fagan (1999, B), who was the winner of the trophy the last time we held such a competition in 2003.



Thinking Supper

Art with Downe House

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for a Thinking Supper. They discussed the reactivity series of metals and electrochemical cells. The winning group managed to combine eight cells in series to produce combined voltage of 8V.

girls from Downe House for a graffiti-inspired workshop yesterday. They designed their own 'tag' before turning them into abstract pieces and creating blocks for collagraph printing. Thanks to Downe House for hosting.

Upcoming Events

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 9th November

Badminton vs Teddies
Rugby vs Abingdon
Rugby vs Bloxham
Rugby vs Harrow
Rugby vs Lord Wandsworth
Squash vs Abingdon

Tuesday 12th November

Fencing vs Teddies
Lacrosse vs Downe House
Rackets vs Rugby
Real Tennis vs The Oratory

Thursday 14th November

Cross Country at Harrow
Real Tennis vs Canford
Squash vs Winchester

Upcoming Events

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Sunday 10th November, 10:45am

Chapel & Memorial Arch

College Musical: *Les Misérables*

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

Theatre – sold out

Carol Service

Saturday 7th December - Monday 9th December

Chapel - details above

Christmas Concert

Sunday 8th December

Theatre

End of Michaelmas Term

Tuesday 10th December, 10:15am

Socials

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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Squash vs Eton



Rugby Training



Partsong



Campus and Shop



Cocoa

We hope to take photos of Cocoa in all the Socials at some point this academic year. So far, we have made it to B, C, F and K. Photos are available on [Flickr](#).

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