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Oxbridge Success

We are delighted to congratulate 6.2s Joshua (J) and Steven (C), who have both received offers to study linguistics at the University of Cambridge. The pair join the 12 Radleians whose Oxford offers arrived two weeks ago.

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Parent Information

All Parents

Thank You from R&HOC

Laszlo (R, C) and Wilfrid (R, L) would like to extend their thanks to everyone who donated items at the end of last term to R&HOC (Radley & Homeless Oxfordshire Charities) which were distributed to five charities in the county. You can read their letter <u>here</u>.

Talking Heads

A final reminder about next week's Talking Heads webinar which will take place on Tuesday 4th February 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.

Seeking a London Venue for Made in Britain Networking Event

RadSoc is on the lookout for the perfect venue for our upcoming Business Networking event – celebrating British manufacturing, entrepreneurship, and British brands. The venue should be within 30 minutes of London Paddington, have capacity for up to 120 people and include

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thanks!

Radley Then & Now: The 1960s

Join Radley Archivist, Clare Sargent, alongside other members of the community on Tuesday 11th February, 6-7pm (online, via Zoom) as we discuss this fascinating decade in the College's history. Share your own memories and help us build a rich oral history. Register here and email your stories to us at radsoc@radley.org.uk.

Shell

GCSE Choices Process

As we approach the GCSE choices process for Shells next month, we want to ensure that both you and your son have all the necessary information to make informed decisions.

On Monday, the Deputy Head (Academic) will speak to the Shells about the process and how to make their choices. In the afternoon, their Form Master will follow up with them to ensure they understand the process and begin discussing preliminary options.

In next week's Bulletin, you will receive the GCSE options booklet along with a letter from the Deputy Head (Academic) outlining the process in detail. Please note that choices do not need to be made until 26th February, and there will be opportunities to make changes later in the year.

This timeline allows you and your son to discuss the different options over the half term break. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out. **[info/action]**

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Head of Shells

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Remove

Parents' Meeting

We are looking forward to the Remove Parents' meeting on Sunday, as well as the Remove Play in the afternoon. As mentioned previously, feel free to take your son out for lunch

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Meeting Format:

10:45 Arrival and Coffee in the Theatre Foyer (hosted by the Radleian Society)

11:30 Warden's Introduction

11:45 Addresses by the Deputy Head (Academic) and Head of Year

12:00 – 13:30 Consultations with dons (parents only)

15:00 Remove Play: Treasure Island

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InspirED Conference

30 Radley Removes will join more than 100 Year 10 students from six local schools on Tuesday 4th February for an InspirED conference – a collaborative initiative of the OX14 Learning Partnership. Hosted by Fitzharrys School, and led by Radley Remove parent Philip Guest, the conference aims to inspire and motivate students to navigate an ever-changing world, through innovative workshops and guest speaker sessions. You can see the programme here. [info]

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Fifth

Parents' Meeting

A reminder of the letter, available <u>here</u>, which contains important information about the Fifth Parents' meeting on Friday 14th February 2025. **[info/action]**

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Gap Year Advice Webinar

A reminder about this upcoming webinar, co-hosted by Abingdon School and St Helen and St Katharine, which will give advice on how to make a gap year meaningful and rewarding. A

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place on Tuesday 11th February, 7pm – 8.15pm. You can sign up here. [info]

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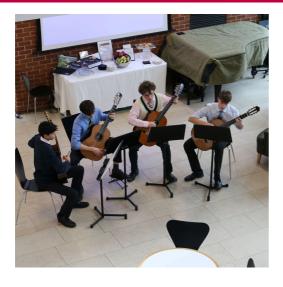
6.2 Parents' Meeting

It was wonderful to see many of you at last week's Parents' meeting. You can access the recording of the presentations <u>here</u> and the key points from Mr Tom Deasy's talk on The Road Ahead for University Applications are available for you to read <u>here</u>. **[info]**

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News



Chamber Music Festival

Radley hosted the qualifying round of the Pro Corda National Chamber Music Competition for the first time, with eight of the College's music groups competing.



Good Luck Will!

Good luck to Will Stuart (2009, D), tighthead prop for the England national rugby team, who face Ireland this Saturday in the Six Nations. Harry Crump,

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who wowed audiences the following day in a lunchtime Coffee Shop concert. While no results have been announced, College Precentor Sam Gladstone commented that "it has been amazing to see the growth and flourishing of chamber music at Radley – it is a wonderful way for boys to grow in musical independence".

sportsman and a brilliant artist, who relished boarding school life. Legend has it that he holds a record for the number of burgers to be consumed on a Wednesday evening." Read more in the article 'Where Did England's Top Rugby Players Go To School' in Which School Advisor. Will is pictured above meeting our Colts team at Radley in September.





Brazilian Exchange

The 2024-2025 Brazil exchange concludes on Saturday, as Victor and Tomas of St Paul's School, São Paulo, bid us farewell. The programme also saw Sam (R, C) and Seb (R, E) visit Brazil last term. Victor and Tomas's personal experiences have given Radley lessons a whole new dimension, with Head of Geography, Effie Hiram, observing that their time in College "transformed São Paulo from just another 'case study' into a vivid, tangible reality. The Radley boys gained a deeper understanding of the city as a living, breathing place". Read more here.

Radley Treasures

Look out for a Country Life article about Radley College's fabled Gold and Silver Books. Clare Sargent, Radley College Archivist, notes that they were "designed to record and promote very good academic work or actions. The Gold Book contained hand-written copies of very fine work, copied out by the boy himself. This gave the school the name which is still in use for a top academic prize – a Copy.

The Silver Book recorded actions whereby individuals had distinguished themselves and so the second (silver) level of award are called Distinctions".

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Planting 38,000 Trees

An ongoing Radley conservation initiative will see 38,000 native trees being planted on College land over the next three years, transforming areas of limited ecological value. The first phase, wrapping up shortly, aims to connect Bagley Wood, Radley Big Wood and Radley Little Wood to form a single biodiverse forest. "We're thickening our wildlife corridors, such as hedgerows and the like, so that we can increase biodiversity. It's also going to be underplanted with species-rich wildflower and grass," elaborates David Anderson, Estates Bursar.

Photographer Talk

Eddie Keogh, official photographer for the England football team for Getty Images and the England rugby team for O2, spoke to the Photography Society last week about his career and experiences with the England football squad during their 2024 World Cup campaign. Charlie (6.1, K), Secretary of the Photography Society, who organised the talk said "it was great to see the collection of photographs Eddie took while with the England team during the tournament. He also offered valuable advice to those interested in pursuing a career in photography." Read more here.

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 1st February

Football vs Tonbridge Hockey vs Bloxham and MCS

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Beagling fixture

Sunday 2nd February

Dean Close Rugby Sevens

Tuesday 4th February

Squash vs Winchester and Bloxham Beagling fixture

Thursday 6th February

Badminton vs Stowe
Rackets vs Clifton College
Fencing vs Abingdon School
Rugby vs Cranleigh School

Upcoming Events

Remove Play: Treasure Island

Friday 31st January, 7:45pm

Theatre

Remove Parents' Meeting

Sunday 2nd February, 11:30am

Theatre Foyer

Remove Play: Treasure Island

Sunday 2nd February, 3pm

Theatre

Chamber Music Concert

Sunday 9th February, noon

Blue Room, Mansion

Free tickets can be booked here.

Fifth Form Parents' Meeting

Friday 14th February, 11:30am

Theatre Foyer

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Friday 14th February, 12:40pm *Socials*

Leave-Away Ends

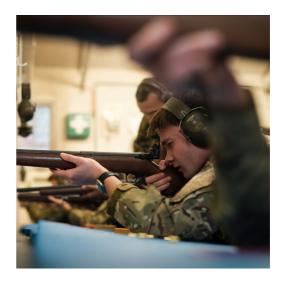
Sunday 23rd February, 9pm Socials

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.



Sport Fixtures: Thur 23 Jan



Inter-Social Shooting

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Art Workshop

Hockey & Football Fixtures: Sat 18 Jan

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