



RADLEY



Our November sell-out production of *Les Misérables* has been nominated for 'best musical' at the National School Theatre Awards, with a number of cast members up for individual commendations. Radley will be attending the official black-tie prize-giving ceremony on 25th June in London's Gillian Lynne Theatre. A huge congratulations to all who brought this show to life, both onstage and behind the scenes!



Radley has enjoyed rugby successes all around this week, with JC1 Rugby winning their U15 away match against Cranleigh on Thursday. Their 10-0 victory takes them to the semi-finals of the U15 Schools Plate. Congratulations also to Oscar (6.2, E), who was selected on the bench for Gloucester Rugby's Premiership Cup game against Hartpury College this evening – an impressive feat both historically (the first time a current Radleian has been chosen for a Premiership team's 1st XV) and personally (Oscar having recently recovered from shoulder surgery).

Parent Information

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TALKING HEADS



PARENT WEBINAR SERIES

We were delighted to be joined by parents on Tuesday evening to hear from Zoe Shuttleworth, Director of It Happens Education on the subject of *Vaping and Nicotine Alternatives*. Zoe's informative and eye-opening talk covered emerging popular nicotine alternatives, such as nicotine pouches and snus, with a focus on addiction in young people.

You can watch the recording of Zoe's talk [here](#) and access her slides from the evening [here](#).

All Parents

Declamations

Monday night saw more than 170 boys declaim in the semi-finals of the competition. Of these, the final six for each year group will compete on the podium in the Finals on Monday morning.

Parents are very welcome to attend the Reprise in Coffee Shop on Wednesday 12th February from 7.45pm, when the boys placed first, second and third for each year (including the overall Victor Ludorum, winner of the Elizabeth Madgen prize), and a few other select boys, will perform their pieces for the final time. The evening will also be filmed and we will share this in due course.

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.

Touch Typing Courses

We are sometimes asked by parents about touch typing courses for their sons. If this is something you are interested in, Mrs Pullen recommends holiday courses for children and teens run by Naomi Martin. You can find more information [here](#).

Shell

GCSE / IGCSE Options

On Monday, the Shells attended a presentation by the Deputy Head (Academic) outlining the GCSE choices process. In the afternoon, they had a follow-up session with their Form Master to explore the various options available. On return from Leave-Away, the Shells will be sent a link to the GCSE/IGCSE options form. Please discuss their choices with them over Leave-Away. The options booklet can be found [here](#).

It is important to say that, while we make every effort to create a blocking system that allows for as many permutations as possible, some subject combinations are impossible. This is primarily due to the importance we place on, as far as possible, setting by ability, which we believe to be in the best interests of your son's academic progress. Boys must choose one subject from each of the five blocks; regrettably, the blocks cannot change. Please see the Notes page in the booklet for more information. **[action]**

PSHE and RSE

On Friday Karl Hopwood (<http://www.esafetyltd.co.uk/>) spoke to Shells about staying safe online. He covered a range of topics including:

- sextortion scams
- the risks associated with AI generated images and videos
- the importance of only accepting friend requests from people you know
- how to report harmful online content
- how to remove indecent images

Please do talk to your son about these topics. The NSPCC have a fantastic [website](#) which provides information about these topics. If you would like to comment on any aspect of our PSHE or RSE provision, or if you have any questions, please contact [Mrs Naylor](#). **[info]**

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Remove

Upcoming Events

particular attention to the weekend of March 1st and 2nd which sees a Reeling event with St Mary's Calne on the Saturday, as well as the inter-social dodgeball on the Sunday afternoon. Two excellent functions!

- Saturday 1st March - Reeling with St Mary's Calne (sign ups going out this week)
- Sunday 2nd March - Inter-Social Dodgeball
- Sunday 9th March - Inter-Social Badminton
- Weekend of 15th and 16th March - CCF Field Exercise / DofE Bronze
- Saturday 22nd March - CoCoas with Downe House (selected Socials)

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- the risks associated with AI generated images and videos
- the risks associated with sharing inappropriate images and videos
- the importance of only accepting friend requests from people you know
- how to report harmful online content
- how to remove indecent images
- how to be an 'upstander' online

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Fifth

Parents' Meeting

see the [parents' meeting letter](#) for further information and do remember to let your son's Form Master know if you are unable to attend. **[info/action]**

Degree Apprenticeships

Next week is National Apprenticeship Week and each year the number of boys exploring degree apprenticeships as an alternative to university is growing. No longer the domain of trades, these programmes span industries from finance and banking to engineering, science and more. Has your son mentioned them? You can read a quick overview [here](#), or a deeper dive [here](#). **[info]**

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6.1

PSHE and RSE

On Friday Karl Hopwood (<http://www.esafetyltd.co.uk/>) spoke to 6.1 about how many universities and employers are using online screening checks and therefore the importance of having a positive digital footprint. Karl covered a range of topics including:

- the benefits of having a LinkedIn profile
- how to curate positive online content
- how to check security settings and the importance of deactivating old accounts

Please do talk to your son about these topics. All boys can ask our [Futures team](#) for help in creating a LinkedIn profile. If you would like to comment on any aspect of our PSHE or RSE provision, or if you have any questions, please contact [Mrs Naylor](#). **[info]**

GCSE Certificates

All 6.1 boys who took GCSEs at Radley this summer should collect their certificates from Coffee Shop on Friday 14th February, between 10.45am and 1pm. Anyone needing to collect certificates early may do so; please email [Mrs Vaan](#) so the certificates can be ready for you. **[action]**

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News



Maths Challenge

The UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge saw a fantastic performance from



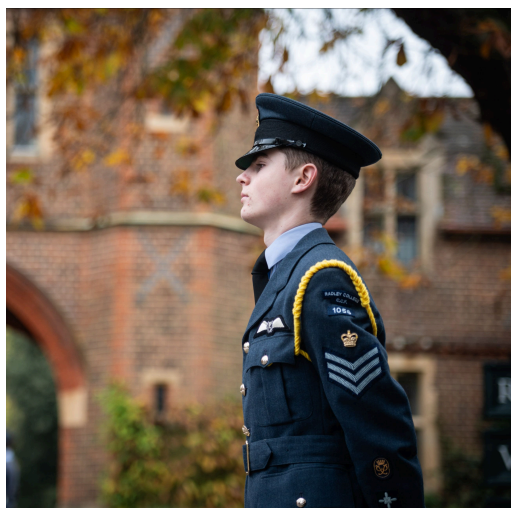
Treasure Island

The Remove play, *Treasure Island*, went down a storm last week with two

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truth-telling dolphins, fence-painting efficiency and counting cats' ears (among other topics), earning between them 59 Gold awards (the highest number since Radley records began), 35 Silvers and 45 Bronzes. Ray (V, H), Kaden (V, K) and Cayden (R, A) even managed to score a perfect 135 points in the hour-long paper.

of when we hear the word 'pirates'; from treasure maps and parrots to the swashbuckling villains you love to hate! The performances were received warmly by staff, parents and students alike. Radley Video is currently working hard to edit the recording of the play but in the meantime, photos can be viewed [here](#).



CCF Trophy Competition

The CCF RAF section NCOs took part in the Royal Air Squadron Trophy regional competition on Sunday 2nd February at Blandford Camp. Competing against eleven other CCF teams from across the region they were awarded third place in shooting, and put in their best performance ever in the tricky drill competition. Well done!



Chemistry Race

A team of Radleian sixth formers faced a heat of the national Chemistry Race last Saturday at Rugby School. The two-hour competition saw the five boys 'racing' back and forth from the question marker's desk, only unlocking more chemistry puzzles to conquer when they had correctly solved the previous batch. Displaying their "ion" will, Radley came 14th out of the 80 competing schools, with a grand total of 117 points.



Gargoyles & Grotesques

A group of Shells toured the National Gallery and Westminster Abbey on Tuesday for a busy day of art in the nation's capital. Boys observed culturally significant pieces like da Vinci's *The Virgin of the Rocks* and the coronation chair, with a formal welcome during the Abbey's three o'clock prayers being a particularly special moment. The day's final activity - sketching the carvings of the hallowed cloisters and galleries – aligned with the curriculum's current theme of 'Gargoyles and Grotesques'. Photos of the day can be found [here](#).



LawSoc Lecture

Radley LawSoc attended the annual High Sheriff of Oxfordshire's Law Lecture on Tuesday afternoon, at the Oxford



An InspirED Future

Boys in the Removes joined 170 pupils from our Abingdon partner schools at the InspirED conference on Tuesday. The event exemplified Seneca's wisdom: 'Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity'. The conference aimed at empowering all pupils to shape their futures confidently. By developing skills in areas related to the planet, prosperity, progress and positioning, pupils were challenged to prepare themselves to seize future opportunities and make a positive impact beyond the event.



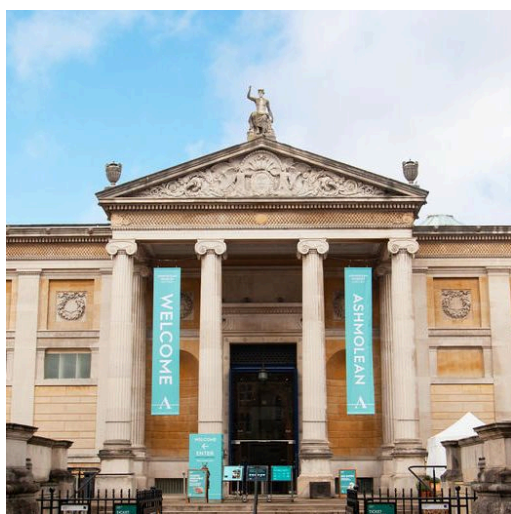
British Museum Trip

On Tuesday, the Classics department took 65 Shells to the British Museum. The trip provided a great opportunity to bring

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back over a millennium and, for the past 20 years, has been associated with yearly lectures connecting the city's academic and legal circles. Boys this year listened to Sir Ernest Ryder, Master of Pembroke College and Lord Justice of Appeal, discuss 'Human experience, the rule of law and legal systems'.

Parthenon sculptures, examined Greek vases, and learned more about daily life in Greece and Rome. They also visited the Enlightenment Gallery where they gained insight into how these artefacts have influenced modern understanding of the ancient world. It was an engaging and informative day which encouraged boys to think more deeply about the legacy of Ancient Greece and Rome.



Oxford Explorations

This week Remove geographers enjoyed a field trip to Oxford as part of preparation for their IGCSE exam. The boys spent the day investigating environmental quality and land use along an urban transect, gaining valuable hands-on experience outside the classroom. It was a successful and productive day, with all the boys collecting essential data that will now be analysed in our upcoming lessons. After a morning of focused fieldwork, the students had the chance to explore the centre of Oxford, enjoying some well-earned downtime.



La Chandeleur

On Sunday evening, around 25 boys joined the Modern Languages department to celebrate La Chandeleur (Candlemas) with tasty treats, French board games and a French playlist chosen by 6.2 students (with a few classics thrown in by their dons!). Maeva, the French Assistante, explained to the boys that La Chandeleur is a day when French families gather together to enjoy each other's company, to catch up on their news and most importantly to fill up on delicious crêpes, which is exactly what they all did!

Fixtures & Travel Information

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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 8th February

Football vs Marlborough and Pangbourne

Hockey vs Abingdon, Marlborough and Teddies

Rowing: Shiplake / Teddies

Fives vs Old Radleians

Sunday 9th February

Real Tennis: National Schools' Doubles

Tuesday 11th February

Cross Country: Radley Relays

Fives vs Old Radleians

Rackets vs St Paul's

Squash vs Teddies

Swimming vs Eton and Marlborough

Thursday 13th February

Football vs Harrow

Hockey vs Eton

Polo vs Eton

Fives vs Christ's Hospital

Basketball vs MCS

Upcoming Events

Chamber Music Concert

Sunday 9th February, noon

Blue Room, Mansion

Free tickets can be booked [here](#).

Radley Then & Now

Tuesday 11th February, 6pm

Zoom - register [here](#).

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Friday 14th February, 11.30am

*Theatre Foyer***Leave-Away**

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](#).



Treasure Island



Shell Art Trip

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