



# RADLEY



## National Chamber Music Quartet Success

Congratulations to Radley's guitar and saxophone quartets, who have advanced to Sunday's U19 senior finals of the Pro Corda National Chamber Music competition, both placing in the top 40 school ensembles in the country. The four guitarists – Zubyn (V, G), Rex (V, H), Moses (6.2, E) and Joe (R, J) – reached the climactic stage of the U16 competition last year, while the saxophonists – Sam (V, L), Joss (6.1, A), Marco (6.2, H) and Ed (6.2, D) – are making their inaugural appearance at this stage of the contest. This is the first time two College chamber groups have reached the Pro Corda finals in the same year. Good luck to the eight musicians who travel this weekend to the tree-lined Surrey grounds of Woldingham School to try and claim their ultimate prize...

## Parent Information

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## TALKING HEADS



### PARENT WEBINAR SERIES

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## From Stress to Success: How Parents Can Help With Revision

We were delighted that the subject of this week's Talking Heads Parent Webinar resonated with so many of you, resulting in a record number of parents tuning in to hear William Wadsworth, memory psychologist and founder of Exam Study Expert speak to Jonathan Porter, Deputy Head (Academic).

William highlighted the importance of retrieval practice and spaced learning in revision and answered questions on the most effective ways in which parents can support their children. William's *Effective Revision Fundamentals* guide can be downloaded [here](#) and the recording of the webinar is available to watch [here](#).

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## All Parents

### Spear's Schools Index 2025

We're happy to announce that Radley has been named as one of the world's Top 100 Independent Schools in the Spear's Schools Index 2025. Established in 2020, the Spear's School Index has become recognised as a leading point of reference for international families, while also garnering recognition in a wide range of national and international media. According to the Index, Radley is also in the top 20 UK private schools, in part due to its focus on 'inspiring greatness and goodness'.

### Salamanca Music Tour Film

We are delighted to share with you [this video](#) of the Salamanca Music Tour made by Isaac (6.2, H). All the music on the soundtrack was recorded at the locations and Isaac managed the impressive feat of filming all the footage as well as performing in the orchestra. We hope you enjoy watching and congratulations again to Isaac on the planning, composition and editing of this film.

### Can you help?

We are looking for companies Fifts boys can visit on Thursday 3rd July. These visits help boys understand workplace environments, professional expectations, job roles and industry

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information before committing, please get in touch with us at [futures@radley.org.uk](mailto:futures@radley.org.uk) – we'd love to hear from you!

### **Christ Church Recital**

Owen (6.1, K) is giving an organ recital at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford on Sunday 16th March at 3pm. The recital is open to the public and Owen would be delighted to see some supporters.

### **Gala Concert: Sunday 23rd March, 7pm, Chapel**

The Gala Concert features highlights from the recent tour to Salamanca alongside the Choral Society and Chapel Choir performing Haydn's *Mass in Time of War*. Concert Band, Orchestra and Chamber Ensembles complete the programme. Tickets are available [here](#).

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## **Shell**

### **German Trip to Bavaria**

Next year's Fifths and Removes are invited to visit Bavaria from 17th – 22nd October 2025 (Michaelmas Leave-Away) with the German department. Boys will be surrounded by the language for five days, which has obvious benefits for confidence and motivation. Details of the itinerary and likely cost are included on [this form](#). Please register your interest by 24th March. Priority will go to boys taking GCSE German. **[info / action]**

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## Fifth

### Yr Wyddfa Adventurous Trip

We are pleased to share details of an opportunity for Sixth Formers to join an adventurous trip over the Michaelmas Weekend in September 2025 which will take in six different routes up and down the magnificent Yr Wyddfa in Snowdonia. We will have the exclusive use of Snowdon Ranger YHA which will make for a great weekend in a most wonderful setting. Other adventurous activities such as climbing or kayaking will be possible. Please read [this letter](#) for more information and register interest by completing [this form](#). **[info / action]**

### First GCSE Exams

Good luck to the Fifths who have their first GCSE exams this week.

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## 6.1

### UCAS Application Process

Mr Tom Deasy, Director of University Entrance, has spoken to the 6.1 about the UCAS application process. His slides can be accessed [here](#). Boys have been encouraged to: aim to be settled on a course/subject area by the end of the Easter holiday; continue to collect evidence for their Personal Statement (this will begin to be drafted in Form Masters' sessions early in the Summer Term); sign up to the mailing lists of any universities of interest in order to be able to book university open day visits in due course. Radley's open day visit policy is set out on slide 10 of the presentation.

Boys will continue to discuss their post-Radley plans with their Form Master in the remaining weeks of this term, and Tom looks forward to speaking to parents at the 6.1 Parents' Meeting on 24th April. Any parents with specific questions about their son's UCAS or university plans are welcome to get in touch directly: [tjd.deasy@radley.org.uk](mailto:tjd.deasy@radley.org.uk). **[info]**

### 6.1 Play

movie, we all know about Oppenheimer and his involvement in the creation of the atomic bomb but have you heard of the subsequent court case accusing Oppenheimer of being a Soviet spy? The 6.1 Play delves into this as Oppenheimer is tried against the state... **[info]**

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## **6.2**

### **UCAS Process: Next Steps**

Mr Tom Deasy, Director of University Entrance, has circulated a list of FAQs to the 6.2. These cover the next steps in the UCAS process and can be accessed [here](#). **[info]**

### **NEA Coursework Subjects**

Parents of students who are taking NEA (coursework) subjects should read [this document](#) on appeals relating to internal assessment decisions (centre assessed marks), which is also available in the [Parent Zone](#) of the College website. This outlines when pupils will receive their marks and the procedures for internal appeals. Please note that the Information for Candidates has recently been updated to include specific dates for A-Level Geography NEA. **[action]**

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News



## Schools Plate Winners

JC1 beat Kirkham Grammar School 32-17 in Tuesday's Continental Tyres U15 Plate Final, to secure Radley's second national trophy for rugby in as many years. The group have gone from strength to strength over the course of the last two terms and, after their narrow last-minute defeat in the opening round, the team overcame all subsequent opponents on an arduous route to the final. The boys, the coaches and the parents must be very proud of their efforts and the remarkable maturity the season has helped them develop since September. You can view the photos from the match [here](#).



## Chemistry Olympiad

Congratulations to the Radley chemists who took on this year's challenging UK Chemistry Olympiad exam and won seven gold awards. Barnaby (6.2, F), Josh (6.2, J), Sean (6.2, F), Owen (6.1, K), Adrian (6.2, G), David (6.1, L) and Kelvin (6.1, C) placed in the top 8.2% of contestants. Facing questions about carbon nanotubes, Ramon spectroscopy and Charli XCX's *BRAT* album (by way of astatine bromide, or AtBr) also earned Cayden (R, A) a bronze – a particularly remarkable achievement given his age.



## National Youth Theatre



## Aston Martin Visit

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day. In the morning, boys took part in a three hour practical workshop focusing on ensemble work and games; it was great fun! Individual auditions took place in the afternoon, where boys performed a prepared monologue to the NYT Associate. We can't wait to repeat the day!

then to the Silverstone Museum. Alden (R, H) said "it was a fascinating trip, and we all learned a lot. My highlights were hearing about the main process of building a Formula One car and holding Lance Stroll's old steering wheel. At the Silverstone Interactive Museum, it was very cool to see many historic cars and motorbikes, including Daniel Riccardo's 2014 Red Bull F1 Car and a real Aston Martin Vantage F1 Safety car." Thank you to Wilf (R, J) for this photograph.



## Inter-Social Badminton

Sunday's Inter-Social Badminton Competition saw pairs from every Social gather in the Sports Hall to compete in a doubles knockout tournament. Aiden (6.2) and Mac (6.2) from G Social were crowned the winners, having not dropped a single set (this being Aiden's fifth appearance in the annual contest), with B and H Socials coming second and third respectively. Radley's U18A Badminton friendly against Teddies on Saturday also saw success, with a 10-6 victory.



## STEM Symposium

Removes and 6.1s from Radley and Downe House gathered on Monday for the annual STEM Symposium and took on experiments reflecting a range of scientific fields. The students competed in cybersecurity challenges about ransomware and 'man-in-the-middle' attacks, analysed the mid-Jurassic ecology of Oxfordshire, and identified unknown substances using only the unknown substances, with what Head of Chemistry Mr Choroba described as 'excellent teamwork skills'.



## The Flying Scotsman

Last Saturday a group of five boys visited the Nene Valley Railway to see the world's most famous steam locomotive, the *Flying Scotsman* which was saved from scrapyard by an Old Radleian, Alan Pegler OBE (1934, D). The boys appreciated this magnificent craft of engineering and were proud of the strong bond the College has with the railways.

This visit marks the first of a series of exciting events here at Radley College to celebrate *Rail200*, the 200th anniversary of the birth of modern railways, with many more events to follow, including the establishment of the first railway society in College history. Thank you to Ryan (V, L) for sharing photos from the day which can be viewed [here](#).



## Laura Snowden Recital

We were fortunate to host internationally renowned classical guitarist, Laura Snowden, this week for a series of masterclasses. Laura worked with individual boys as well as the Radley Guitar Quartet, ahead of the Pro Corda Competition final this weekend, and supported our partnerships programme by leading an inspiring assembly at Radley Primary School before also leading their young guitarists in a workshop. Laura performed a beautiful, and well-attended, concert on Monday evening where donations raised upwards of £300 for the *Friends of Radley Primary School* who are fundraising for a new library to help instil a love of reading in future generations.

# 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 15th March



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Rowing vs St Pauls

Cross Country: English Schools Championships

### **Sunday 16th March**

Football vs The Keys (OR team)

Hockey vs The Galleons (OR team)

### **Tuesday 18th March**

Hockey vs Teddies

Rackets vs Winchester

Squash vs Harrow

Golf vs The Old Radleian Golf Society

Fencing: Public Schools' Fencing Championships

### **Thursday 20th March**

Basketball vs Stowe

Squash vs Summer Fields School

### **Friday 21st March**

Swimming vs Abingdon School

## Upcoming Events

### **6.1 Play: *The Hearing of J R Oppenheimer***

Friday 14th March, 7.45pm

*Theatre*

### **Gala Concert**

Sunday 23rd March, 7pm

*Chapel*

Tickets are available to book [here](#).

### **Term Ends**

Friday 28th March, 10.15am

# 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](#).



**U15 Schools Plate**



**6.1 Play**



**Hockey vs Teddies**



**Basketball vs Abingdon**

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