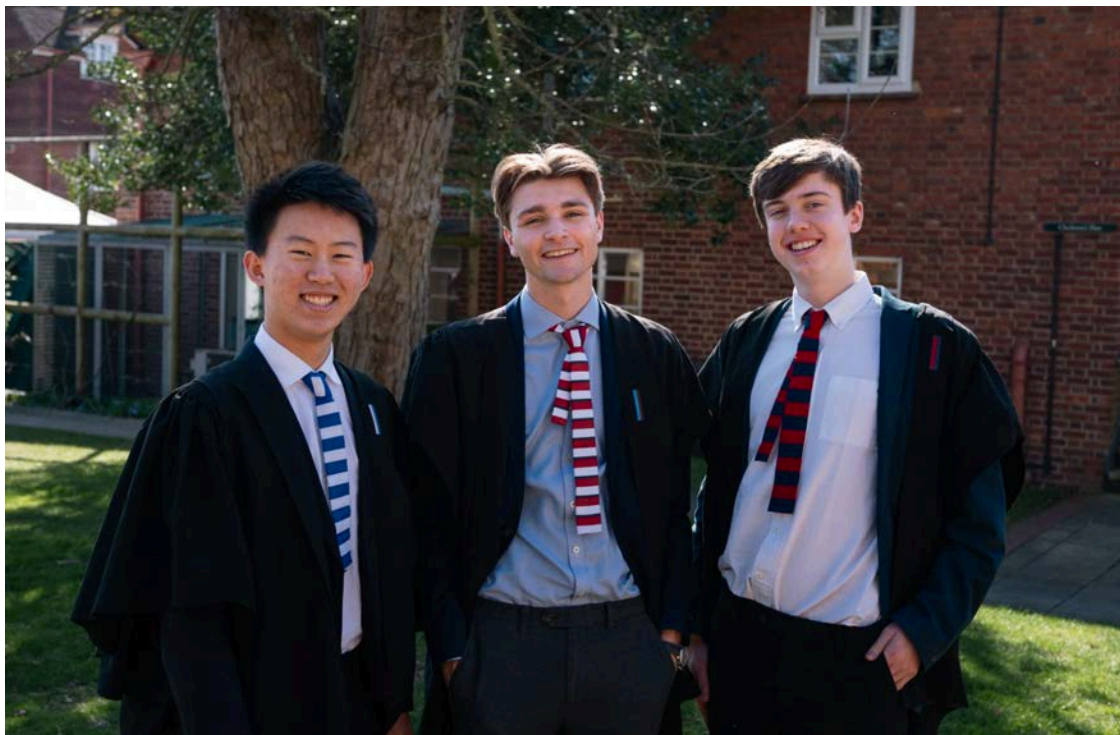




# RADLEY



## Up for Debate: Heading to the National Finals

The Radley debating team of DingDing (6.1, D), Blake (6.2, A) and Mikolaj (6.2, G) won the Regional Final of the English-Speaking Union Schools' Mace competition, proposing the motion 'This House Would ban the use of animal testing in scientific research'. The boys have now qualified for the National Finals Day at Dartmouth House in London on 30th April, where they will defend Radley's National championship title.



## Naboj Maths Team: Calculating Victory

Ray (V, H), Ethan (V, H), Sam (R, F), Cayden (R, A) and Kay (S, H) represented Radley College in the *Naboj*, a team-based mathematical competition hosted simultaneously in 16 countries across Europe and Africa. The group had to answer as many increasingly complex mathematical problems as possible in two hours. They performed brilliantly, coming first in the Junior (Year 11 and below) category out of all the teams in Oxfordshire. The team came fourth in the country and 54th in the world, out of more than 500 teams. An amazing achievement for what was Radley's first foray into team competitions since before COVID. Roll on next year!



Congratulations to all the boys who sat ABRSM exams last week. All boys received merits and distinctions, with two thirds of the boys achieving distinctions – a remarkable achievement. Particularly congratulations to Zubyn (V, G) who achieved Grade 8 distinction on the guitar, and Aaron (6.1, G) who achieved his Violin ABRSM diploma. These results are especially impressive given that the boys currently do not have a Music School building for their lessons and practice: an example of triumph against adversity!

## Parent Information

### All Parents

#### Information for Parents of Boys Taking Public Examinations This Summer

As your sons approach the final stages of their exam preparations next term, we wish them all the best in their efforts.

On rare occasions, circumstances may arise that impact your son's ability to prepare for the exam or affect his performance during the exam itself. Such circumstances might include the recent death of a family member, personal trauma, illness, or disruptions during the exam. In these cases, the school may apply for Special Consideration, which, while not significant, can help to ensure a fairer outcome. The maximum adjustment is 5%, reserved for the most exceptional situations, though adjustments typically range between 0% and 3%. It's important to note that only events occurring close to the exam (usually within the last four months) can be considered.

We urge you to inform us of any issues that may make your son eligible to apply for Special Consideration. While we will gather information through Tutors, please ensure nothing is overlooked by emailing the Head of Exams, Louise Vaan ([lkv.vaan@radley.org.uk](mailto:lkv.vaan@radley.org.uk)) directly and copying in your son's Tutor. This information should be with us in a timely fashion before the exam has taken place (except in cases where an incident happens during the exam, in which case, as soon as possible afterwards, and no later than one week after the exam). The email should include a brief description of the issue, the date it occurred, and any relevant evidence (for example, a medical report).

All cases will be reviewed by a committee, and in every instance where Special Consideration is applied for, the student will be notified.

### **Protective Sports Headbands: Rezon Halos**

Sport is a vital and integral part of Radley school life. However, whatever the sport and the level at which it is played, there are risks that the head can take an impact. This impact can cause rotational forces to the brain leading to a sub-concussion or concussion injury. With a sub-concussion injury there are frequently no symptoms, but multiple sub-concussion injuries can be dangerous. With this insight and in line with our existing concussion management protocols, we would like to highlight Rezon Halos. These are protective sports headbands (PPE accredited) that help to protect the brain from concussion and sub-concussion injuries. Halos have been shown to reduce concussion risk by 74% and rotational forces by up to 61% in head impacts. They are light-weight, waterproof, comfortable to wear, and can be worn with glasses. They retail at £89.99 and are available to purchase from the [Rezon website](#). We have secured a discount code: *Radley10*, which will get you a 10% discount. A full range of sizes are available with sizing guidance on the website (please go smaller than larger). We do ask that you choose the red colour only for school use.

While there are benefits to wearing a Rezon Halo, they do not completely mitigate the risk of concussion. They are, therefore, optional to purchase. The [Rezon website](#) gives more information.

### **The Stephen Rathbone Lecture 2025**

On Monday 24th March, boys will be hearing from Mr Robert Bassett Cross MC, who will give the second annual Stephen Rathbone Lecture, set up by the Warden after Stephen retired from his post as Academic Director in 2023. Mr Bassett Cross is the CEO and founder of Adarga, one of the UK's leading developers of artificial intelligence software, serving customers in National Security and Defence. The title of this year's lecture is 'Winning in the Age of AI - How technology is shaping the new world order'. Mr Bassett Cross is passionate about sharing his insights and views on the intersection between technology and security which will be vitally important for everyone in the audience, regardless of what path they take beyond Radley.

### **Mighty Orchestra**

On Monday, a group of Radley pupils and staff will be helping to lead the culmination of a colossal musical partnerships project. This has involved many of our musicians helping to lead cluster ensembles in local primary schools over the last few weeks and building on the last few years of massed orchestral projects. Our drama team will support the narrators in their preparations. Tickets have sold out, but there will be a film of the event to enjoy later.

The project involves more than 300 performers from over 30 schools. Many of these schools have started instrumental ensembles for the first time for this project. The heart of the

composed by Cayden (R, A) jointly with a pupil from Larkmead School.

### **Play4Youth Football Tournament**

On Sunday we are hosting *Play4Youth*, a celebration of young people with a football focus. From 1pm until 5pm there will be a 5-a-side football tournament, stall-based activities, a barbecue, and a draft to select a boys XI to take on a team of dons. The purpose of the event is inclusion (so all abilities are welcome). We also aim to raise money and awareness for Oxfordshire Youth under the banner of *Youth4Youth*. If you are around Radley on Sunday please come down and say hello. All of this will be happening around Round Pavilion and the athletics astroturf. If you are unable to join us, and wish to support from a distance, please follow [this link](#) for information on how you can donate.

On behalf of the Fifth Form charity partnership team (Jamie, Lex, Nathan, Austin and Mr Mason) and Oxfordshire Youth we hope to see many of you there.

### **Chapel: Sunday 23rd March**

All are welcome to our Passiontide Service on Sunday at 10am, including poetry readings reflecting on the passion of Christ and choral music by Sevier, Gibbons and Stainer.

### **Looking Back to Virtual Radley**

It is 5 years this week since the start of the first COVID-19 lockdown in the UK and the remarkable experience which was 'Virtual Radley'. The personal diary of that time by our Archivist, Clare Sargent, is available to read on the Archives blog [here](#).

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

On Sunday, we have a Gala concert in Chapel at 7pm, featuring music from our recent tour to Salamanca alongside Haydn's epic *Mass in Time of War*. The concert also features choral and orchestral music from Spain and Latin America, chamber music performed by some of Radley's most advanced ensembles, and James Curnow's atmospheric *Canticles for Concert Band*. Everyone is welcome, but please reserve a free ticket [here](#).

The Concert will be live-streamed on Sunday evening. The stream will be available in the usual place on our [website](#) and also on our You Tube Channel.

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## **Shell**

### **Shell Parents' Meeting: Sunday 4th May**

The Shell parents' meeting will take place on Sunday 4th May. Please read [this letter](#) which contains all the relevant details. **[action]**

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Next year's Removes and Fifths 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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## Remove

**Oxfordshire Cadet Competition**

On Sunday 4th May, Radley is hosting the inaugural Oxfordshire Cadet Competition. It will involve cadets from CCFs, Army cadet forces, Sea cadets and Air cadets and promises to be a great way for the boys to develop their teamwork and leadership with cadets from outside Radley, both male and female. Events will include: archery, first aid, command tasks (physical and cerebral), camouflage and concealment. In addition to this, there will be the opportunity to socialise with the other cadets over lunch, ice-cream and chocolate breaks. Please sign your son up if you would like him to participate using [this link](#). If you have any questions, please contact Paul Fernandez, CCF Contingent Commander:

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## Fifth



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their GCSE preparations. You can read a letter [here](#) about it from the DofE Award manager. The sign-up form mentioned in the letter is available [here](#). The deadline has now passed, but a few spaces remain. **[action]**

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## 6.1

**6.1 Parents' Meeting: Thursday 24th April**

The 6.1 parents' meeting will take place on the first day of next term. Please read [this letter](#) which contains all the relevant details. **[action]**

**For 6.1 CCF NCOs ONLY: Oxfordshire Cadet Competition**

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## 6.2

**NEA Coursework Subjects**

A reminder that 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

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## News



### Gary Willcox of Jo Loves

Last night, Radley had the pleasure of hosting Gary Willcox for a Q&A. Gary is a co-founder and former CEO of Jo Malone, and currently the CEO of Jo Loves. In the talk, hosted by Louis (6.2, D), Gary spoke about his upbringing, the art of building a successful business, what it was like building and selling Jo Malone to Estée Lauder, as well as his and Jo's latest venture, Jo Loves.



### Battle of the Bands

Seven groups of Radley boys took to the Theatre stage last night for Battle of the Bands, adjudicated by Grammy-nominated conductor and composer Tom Richards. Congratulations to 50/50 who were awarded first place and the Creative Award for best original song. Rex (V, H) was awarded Standout Performer and 5ft 9 the Best Newcomer Award. A video of the evening will be available soon.





## 6.1 Play

Last week saw two evening performances of the 6.1 Play, *The Hearing of J R Oppenheimer*, a retelling of the 1954 court case investigating the communist past of 'the father of the atom bomb', and the US government's subsequent fears of him being a Soviet spy. 36 boys took part, including three musicians and three members of the backstage crew. Hundreds of lines were learnt and the dedication of the cast was outstanding.



## Pro Corda Quartets

On Sunday, two of Radley's chamber ensembles competed in the Pro Corda National Chamber Music Festival Final, held this year at Woldingham School. The quality of the music making was outstanding and the competition very



## Chemistry Challenge

The national Junior Chemistry Challenge saw Radley success last Wednesday – 17 Gold awards were awarded to Removes and Vs (reflecting the top 15.5% of all UK contestants), in what Head of Chemistry Dr Choroba called 'a very good haul indeed! Right up there with the best'. Special congratulations to Kaden (V, K) for topping the leaderboard of College competitors, and Cayden (R, A) for being the highest scoring Remove.



## Cross Country Counties

On Saturday, George (S, F) and James (R, K) made their county debut for Oxfordshire at the English Schools Cross-Country Championships in Ardingly, West Sussex. George (111th) contributed to a 10th place team finish for Oxfordshire and

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and Joe (R, J) who have been in the final two years running, and the saxophone quartet Sam (V, L), Joss (6.1, A), Marco (6.2, H) and Ed (6.2, D) presented and performed their pieces exceptionally well, and received very high praise from the adjudicators. To be in this final is an incredible achievement, well done boys!

valuable experience at National competition to build on next year. They become Radley's 8th and 9th Oxfordshire representatives at the Championship since 2022 – an impressive feat qualifying from over 50 local schools at the trials to make the team.



## Recital at Christ Church

On Sunday, Owen (6.1, K) gave a recital of Bach, Mendelssohn and Vierne at Oxford's Christ Church Cathedral. The recital was well attended, with visitors to the popular tourist destination joining the audience after hearing Owen rehearsing before the event. Owen's invitation was in part due to Radley's recent success in providing current and future organ scholars at both Oxford and Cambridge. It follows the installation of the magnificent new Nicholson organ as part of the extension to Chapel completed in 2021.



## OR Hockey and Football

It was a pleasure to welcome Old Radleians back to the College last weekend for a day of sport, facing the College's 1st teams. The Keys (OR Football) played Radley's 1st XI, coming away with a 2-1 victory after a close match. The Galleons (OR Hockey) played against Radley's 1st XI and later a team of dons, winning their matches 3-2 and 5-1 respectively. A brilliant effort from everyone involved and thank you to Scott Woodcock, IT Services Manager, for taking photos on the day – you can view these [here](#).



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## OR Golf Day

The annual boys vs ORs golf day took place on Tuesday at Sunningdale, the teams being thankfully met with beautiful weather at the Berkshire golf club. Led by Harry (6.2, A) and Albert (6.2, E), the boys took an impressive victory, winning the first and third matches whilst drawing the second. Despite the loss, the ORs were happy about the golfing talent rising through the ranks – the proof was clearly in the putting.



## Biodiversity Planting

Boys were out in the spring sunshine this week, creating a 'Nature Patch' near K Social. The team, assisted by Head of Biology Mr Noone, and Mr Herbert and Mrs Fagan from the Countryside Centre, managed to plant 420 hedge plants donated by the Woodland Trust in under three hours. The new lines of hedging will create over 200m of additional natural habitat and will be ready for the next stage of conservation development in around half a decade. You can read more [here](#).



## Birthday Bagpipes

Two Removes, Beetle (D) and Xander (E), recently played the bagpipes for the 90th birthday of Joyce, a resident of Radley village. We hear their performance



## Playwriting Competition

Students from Larkmead School and Radley College faced the finals of the OX14 Learning Partnership's Playwriting Competition, for which they had to write a

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meanwhile were rewarded for their kindness with chocolates and cards. This lovely surprise is a small example of the way in which boys engage with the local community and the power of music to bring joy.

on Sunday night was also attended by visiting adjudicator and prolific theatre director Michael Gyngell, who chose the work of Arthur (V, H) and Arthur (R, L) as the joint winners.

## 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 22nd March**

Football vs Abingdon School

Hockey vs Bradfield College

Rowing: Head of the River

Badminton vs The Oratory School

### **Sunday 23rd March**

Real Tennis vs Warwick School

### **Tuesday 25th March**

Football vs MCS

Rowing: Schools' Head

Rugby Sevens Competition

### **Wednesday 26th March**

Rowing: Junior Scullery Head

Rugby Sevens Competition

Tennis vs Abingdon School

### **Thursday 27th March**

Football vs MCS

Rugby Sevens Competition

Golf vs Harrow

Real Tennis vs Canford School

# Upcoming Events

**Gala Concert**

Sunday 23rd March, 7pm

*Chapel*

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

**Term Ends**

Friday 28th March, 10.15am

*Socials*

**6.1 Parents' Meeting**

Thursday 24th April, 2pm

*Theatre*

**Term Begins**

Thursday 24th April, 7.30pm

*Socials*

**Shell Parents' Meeting**

Sunday 4th May

*Theatre*

# 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](#).

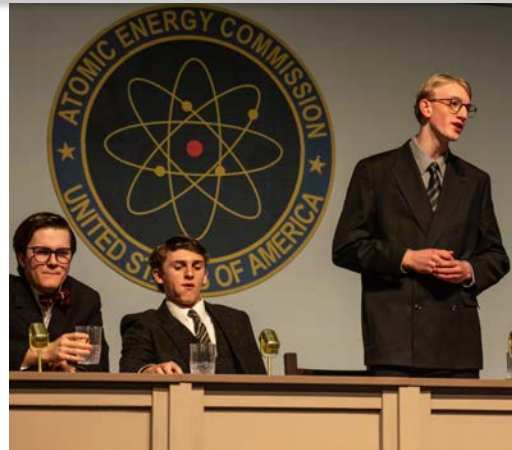
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