



RADLEY



We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable break. You can read the Warden's End of Term letter [here](#) and we're delighted to share plenty more news and information in this issue of Bulletin. Happy Easter!

Parent Information

All Parents

Gaudy: Saturday 5th July 2025

Following the success of last year's changes to Gaudy (notwithstanding the rain) we are pleased to confirm that the format this summer will be similar with a few improvements, and, of course, sunshine.

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invitation will be sent to 6.2 families and full details communicated in Bulletin next term.

Gaudy will start for all other year groups with Inter-Social Sports and Exhibitions from 9.30am and Shell, Removes, Fifths and 6.1 families are encouraged to picnic around the boundary of Bigside as usual following Tutors' Drinks and Speeches at 12.30pm. Further details about the schedule for the day will be published in Bulletin.

Prescriptions in Holidays

If your son requires a repeat prescription over the Easter Holidays, you can request this from Long Furlong Medical Centre by completing their online form through the 'appointments' button, followed by the '[contact us online](#)' button. This will take you to their request form, which opens at 8am Monday – Friday and only accepts a certain number of entries in a day. This means it is important to place your request as close to 8am as possible. Please remember to include the name and address of the local pharmacy that you would like the electronic prescription sent to.

Alternatively, we would encourage you to download the NHS app on your son's phone and activate an account under his email and phone number. 13–15-year-olds will need to contact Long Furlong Medical Centre to request log-in credentials to be able to access repeat prescription requests, but once this is done, you will be able to order repeat prescriptions over all the holidays, and request that they are sent to a local pharmacy.

For safety reasons, Long Furlong Medical Centre will NOT accept telephone or email requests for prescriptions anymore

Also, a reminder that GPs are unable to prescribe 'over the counter' medications. If your son suffers with Hay Fever, please do send him back to school next term with a supply of his usual antihistamine tablets, eye drops and nasal sprays, along with sun cream, ready for the Summer Term.

Concussion Study

Radley College pupils have been invited to take part in a Concussion Research Study, looking at whether there are visible markers on scans to show potential long term issues. The study will involve two appointments at the John Radcliffe Hospital, both taking around two hours. The first appointment soon after the head injury occurs, the second, six months later, will involve questionnaires and an advanced MRI scan. They are looking for pupils who have been diagnosed with concussion, but also control subjects who have not, which may be of interest to those considering studying medicine to add to their CV.

If your son is interested in being a control, please do contact Izabelle directly (contact details can be found on [this poster](#)). The Health Centre may be in touch with parents of those pupils

Second Hand Uniform

Our popular Second Hand Uniform Shop is stocked with plenty of shirts, trousers, blazers, gowns, shoes and sports kit. But with a new cohort of boys starting to shop for uniform we are always looking for more stock. If you have any unwanted or unused Radley attire that you would be willing to donate, please wash it, remove any name tags, label bags with 'Second Hand Uniform' and drop items off in the entrance of Mansion at the beginning of next term (or into the Admissions Office at other times). Many thanks for your support. All funds raised go to support The Radley Keys Award.

Upcoming videos

Do keep an eye on our [YouTube channel](#) over the break where full versions of recent events, including the 6.1 Play, Live Lounge, Battle of the Bands, Gala Concert and The Mighty Orchestra will be published. You can find preview clips of the latter two concerts below.

2025 Independent Schools Ski Championships

Boys in the Shells, Removes, Fifths and 6.1s have been invited to register their interest in the 2025 Independent Schools Ski Championships, which will take place from 12th to 18th December in Pas de la Casa, Andorra. This is specifically a racing event, and competitors will spend their time on the slopes either in race training with an instructor, or participating in slalom, giant slalom and parallel slalom races. It is therefore only suitable for experienced skiers, although race experience is not required.

The total cost of the trip is expected to be £2100 per pupil (dependent on numbers), and the deadline to register interest is Sunday 27th April. The sign-up form has been sent to boys in these year groups and further details are in the email which was sent to pupils on 20th March (this can be viewed [here](#)). If you have any questions, please contact Mr Anthony Hibbs (ajh.hibbs@radley.org.uk).

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TALKING HEADS



PARENT WEBINAR SERIES

Share your suggestions for future topics and speakers

We have been delighted by the response from parents to our Talking Heads series and we are keen to hear your views on the topics and speakers you would like us to cover in the future. Please send your suggestions to us by emailing communications@radley.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from you and to continuing this important dialogue.

Shell

I would like to take a moment to wish you and the Shells a restful and enjoyable break. It's well-deserved after the hard work put in this term. While this is a time for rest and spending quality time with family, I would recommend some light work or reading over the break. I'd also like to remind you of [my letter](#) from last week regarding the upcoming parents' meetings on 4th May. **[info]**

Shell Vaccinations: 30th April 2025

A reminder that the NHS Immunisation team will be visiting Radley on 30th April to deliver the final Td/IPV Vaccine (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Inactivated Polio) and Meningococcal ACWY vaccine of the UK Childhood Immunisation Programme. Please complete the consent form [here](#) using unique school code **OX123300**. The GP Surgery to select is Long Furlong Medical Centre. Please read [this letter](#) which contains all the information required, including the contact details for the immunisation team, who you can contact with any questions. **[action]**

Mrs Rebecca Beattie

Head of Shells

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Remove

I hope the Removes have a very happy and restful Easter break.

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PMF@radley.org.uk. Please register your son by Monday 31st March. (NB: There is no cost/charge for this event. Unfortunately boys who are in Big Band are unable to attend.)

[info / action]

Mr Alan Chandrachud

Head of Removes

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Fifth

I hope the Fifths have a lovely Easter holiday, with a good balance of rest and revision. They all coped very well with their language oral exams. The first written paper is on the first day back and with 60% of papers happening before Leave-Away, it is very important to get enough revision done during this break. As a reminder, you can find the GCSE exam timetable [here](#). **[action]**

Work Experience

We strongly encourage all boys to gain work experience over the summer. It's a great way to build confidence, develop soft skills and explore career interests. Please read our Work Experience guide [here](#). **[info / action]**

Mrs Jo De Ritter

Head of Fifths

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6.1

6.1 Parents' Meeting: Thursday 24th April

For 6.1 CCF NCOs ONLY: Oxfordshire Cadet Competition

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Mr Tim Lawson

Head of Sixth Form

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6.2

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News



Farewell Jon

Today we say a very fond farewell to a legend of Radley, IT Systems Manager Jon Buzzard. Jon joined as a Physics Technician at the age of 17 in 1981 and it's thanks in no small part to him that we have been pioneers over the years of networked computers, electronic bulletin boards and a hybrid Apple/PC network long before other schools. You can read more about Jon [here](#) and watch a moving tribute by his colleagues, past and present [here](#). The shorter highlights of the film can be viewed [here](#).



SHORR Success

RCBC raced at the Schools' Head of the River Race this week, with all age groups putting in strong performances. The 3rd VIII topped their category with a time of 18 minutes and 5 seconds. The following day at Eton College Rowing Centre, Radley's J14A octuple won their division at the 2025 Oarsport Junior Sculling Head, with a time of 13 minutes and 9 seconds. Congratulations to all Radley rowers who took to the water – here's to more fantastic results after the Easter break!

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Rathbone Lecture

The Theatre was packed on Monday evening for the second annual Stephen Rathbone Lecture, as Mr Robert Bassett Cross MC, CEO of Adarga (one of the UK's leading developers of artificial intelligence software), discussed the intersection between technology and security in the 'Age of AI'. Boys were enthused and interested, asking excellent questions after the seminar concerning

AI's future role in education, its environmental impact and required skillset, and the appropriate balance between its regulation and creative freedom.



Rutherford Appleton Laboratory Visit



Gala Concert

On Sunday evening, over 200 members of the Radley community performed in an incredible concert in Chapel. At the centre of the programme was a thrilling performance of Haydn's *Mass in Time of War* with the Chapel Choir and Choristers joined by the orchestra and the Choral Society. The concert also featured highlights from the recent tour to Salamanca, including chamber music, choral music and a memorable rendition of Curnow's *Canticles* by the Concert Band. A clip from the concert is available [here](#). The full recording will be available on our [YouTube channel](#) soon.



Mighty Orchestra

Oxford Town Hall was alive with the sound of music on Monday, as 162 primary

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Innovation Campus, to spend a day learning about applications of particle physics. They attended a workshop on analysing live data from CMS, and visited 'Diamond Light Source', the UK's national synchrotron (electron accelerator). The boys enjoyed their trip immensely, with one commenting: "I enjoyed actually being able to enter the core of the electron accelerator, seeing the electron gun and hearing how each of the parts work – it made me feel more curious, and eager to research and explore."

performers from Radley College, Larkmead School, John Mason School and the Thames Vale Youth Orchestra (TVYO) to form the 'Mighty Orchestra'. The Music Flood Partnership unites 25 Oxfordshire schools in ensuring that as many children as possible have access to a high-quality musical education - the lead-up to Monday saw special workshops in primary schools across the Abingdon area, supported in part by students and teachers from Radley. You can see a clip from the concert [here](#). Keep an eye on our [YouTube channel](#) as the video of the full concert is coming soon.



Spens Trophy

Congratulations to C Social who won this year's Inter-Social General Knowledge Competition (Spens Trophy) in an exciting final against F Social. Both Socials reached the final with strong displays in varied topics. Questions in the final continued to stretch their cognitive dexterity such as 'Who painted *The Rake's Progress*?' and 'Who, jilted on the morning of her wedding, continued to wear her bridal attire and preserved the wedding feast until she died of burns?' The final score was C 270 – 180 F.



Play4Youth

Sunday afternoon's Play4Youth charity football event was a huge success, raising money for Oxfordshire Youth under the banner of Youth4Youth. There was a fantastic atmosphere at the five-a-side football tournament, while the students vs dons XI match finale on Bigside saw a 5-4 staff victory on a penalty shoot-out. Thanks for the organisation, barbecue and carnival games go to the Fifth Form charity partnership team (Jamie (F), Lex (L), Nathan (D) and Austin (A)) who were behind this wonderful event!



Rosslyn Park 7s

The Midgets and Colts 7s both progressed to the second day of their respective competitions at Rosslyn Park 7s, with both squads narrowly missing out on the quarter-final stages. The Senior 7s performed well in a tough group in the U18 Cup, with their second-day chances ended by a narrow defeat to a touring American team. Congratulations all!



History of Art Trip

As part of their recent Art History trip to Oxford, Radley's 6.1s came face to face with the Ashmolean's world-class collection of drawings by Raphael and Michelangelo. These included framed self-portraits, chalk sketches, and rough studies for some of the most famous oil paintings in the world. Armed with magnifying glasses, the boys had a great opportunity to study these important pieces of art face to face.



Shakespeare Shorts

Last Friday, the final of Shells' Shakespeare Shorts took place in the Unicorn Theatre, Abingdon, with contestants from five OX14 schools. Henry (L), Thomas (J), Adam (B) and



Collaborative Pianists

Last Thursday's lunchtime concert featured a programme of solos which were all accompanied on the piano by boys. These boys had rehearsed as duos throughout the term, and demonstrated

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his performance of the iconic 'is this a dagger?' soliloquy from *Macbeth*. Commendations were also awarded to students from Fitzharrys and St Helen & St Katharine Schools. Photos from the evening can be viewed [here](#).



Anniversary Concert

Last weekend a small group of Radleians visited St George's Church, Hannover Square, London for its 300th Anniversary Celebration to hear a concert of works by composer George Frederick Handel, who lived just around the corner in Brook Street and worshipped there. Boys heard an organ concerto, an *Ode to Queen Anne* (last used at Prince Harry's wedding) and the magnificent *Dettingen Te Deum*, written to celebrate the last time one of our kings rode into battle (George II).

Dickens, Accompanist in Residence. Jerry (S, E) and Yimo (S, K) reprised their performance in Wednesday's Scholars' Concert, which finished the musical term on a high note. You can watch Yimo and Leo's (S, J) performance [here](#).



Famelab Academy

Zachary (S, L) represented Radley in this year's Famelab Academy Oxfordshire Finals at Abingdon School (part of the ATOM Festival of Science and Technology), which showcases students' abilities to communicate scientific concepts in just three minutes. Facing off against six other schools, Zachary gave an excellent talk on entropy, only narrowly missing out as the competition's runner-up with his use of a Sterling engine to demonstrate the inevitable 'heat death' the universe faces.

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

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)**Tuesday 22nd April**

Cricket vs Charterhouse

Thursday 24th April

Cricket vs MCC

Upcoming Events

6.1 Parents' Meeting

Thursday 24th April, 2pm

*Theatre***Term Begins**

Thursday 24th April, 7.30pm

*Socials***Shell Parents' Meeting**

Sunday 4th May, 11am

*Theatre***Bands Concert**

Sunday 4th May, 7pm

*Theatre**Free tickets can be booked [here](#).***Wharton Piano Prize**

Sunday 11th May, 6.30pm

*Blue Room, Mansion**Free tickets can be booked [here](#).***Milligan Cup Final**

Sunday 18th May, 7pm

*Theatre***Orchestral and Concerto Concert**

Sunday 29th June, 6pm

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

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](#).



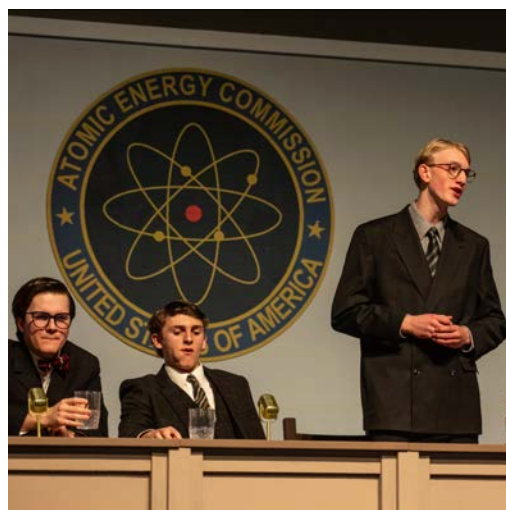
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6.1 Play

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Preview: Gala Concert



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