



RADLEY



Robotics: On Our Way to the World Championships!

After a busy Vex Robotics season (during which more boys competed in regional competitions than ever before), three Radley teams travelled to Telford International Centre last weekend for the National Championships. 'Icarus', 'Ibex' and 'Ringo' started strongly in the teamwork competition, wowing the judges over the two days of qualifications, with the 6.2-manned 'Icarus' reaching the final through an alliance with Gordonstoun School. Ultimately, Radley earned two invitations to the World Championships in Dallas – the third year in a row the College's engineers have reached such a prestigious stage in the competition.

Parent Information



From Stress to Success: How Parents Can Help With Revision

Our next Talking Heads Parent Webinar with William Wadsworth, memory psychologist and founder of Exam Study Expert, takes place on Monday evening, **10th March at 7pm**. William will be joining Jonathan Porter, Deputy Head (Academic) to share the research and tips which have seen him become a leader in this field. He will be giving advice on how to help ambitious students study smarter, not harder, to ace their exams with less work and less stress.

We hope the timing of the session, towards the end of term, will mean that parents are equipped with strategies to help their children develop good study habits and to make the most of revision time over the Easter break. Please register for the webinar [here](#).

All Parents

Made in Britain – Registration now open

Join our latest RadSoc business networking event in London, celebrating the ingenuity and resilience of British industry and the power of the 'British brand'. Radley parents are invited to connect with Old Radleians and current boys to network and share experiences. You can find out more and register [here](#).

Laura Snowden Classical Guitar Concert

Supported by the brilliant Radley Guitar Quartet, freshly returned from the music tour in Salamanca and the ProCorda semi-final competition, Laura Snowden will give a special recital on Monday 10th March at Radley Primary School in support of the *Friends of Radley Primary School* charity. Tickets are free but please book in advance [here](#).

I would like to remind you that Form Masters will be reaching out soon to schedule meetings to discuss your son's progress. These calls will take place between 17th and 27th March. Looking further ahead, please save Sunday 4th May in your diaries for the Shell Parents' meeting. I will be in touch closer to the time with more detailed information. **[info / action]**

Date Change

A note for your diaries from Mr Alan Chandrachud, Head of Removes: From September 2025, the Remove Parents' meeting (for current Shells) will take place at the start of the Michaelmas Term Leave-Away. This change (moving the meeting from the Lent Term) will enable us to meet Remove parents earlier in the boys' GCSE journey. Next year's date is Friday 17th October 2025, starting at noon. More information will be communicated in due course. Mr Chandrachud looks forward to meeting the current Shell parents over the coming months in anticipation of your son moving into the Remove year. **[info]**

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Remove

It was great to have such a successful evening of reeling at St Mary's Calne on Saturday. The boys conducted themselves in a typically courteous manner and are looking forward to another black tie function at Downe House on Saturday 10th May. Another date for the diary! **[info]**

Mr Alan Chandrachud

Head of Removes

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Fifth

DofE Gold

All boys are encouraged to undertake DofE Gold. This will not interfere with 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](#). Please note the deadline is Monday 10th March. **[action]**

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]**

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6.1

6.1 Play

The 6.1 Play, *The Hearing of J R Oppenheimer*, takes place on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th March at 7.45pm. Following the success of the recent blockbuster 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]**

PSHE and RSE

On Friday 14th March, Alex Gilley (Lead Nurse) will be speaking to 6.1s about relationships and sexual health. Alex will be talking to pupils about three keys areas:

- The law in relation to sex and sexual activity
- How to keep themselves and others safe
- How to access information and support

Our PSHE/RSE policy is published on the Radley website [here](#). If you would like to comment on any aspect of our PSHE or RSE provision, or if you have any questions, please contact Suzie-Louise Naylor: sln@radley.org.uk. **[info]**

Interview Coaching: Sign-up Required

Interviews can be daunting, so to help practice this life skill we are offering all 6.1s tailored interview coaching sessions with an experienced external provider. More information and the sign-up link are available [here](#). The deadline is Friday 14th March. **[action]**

Yr Wyddfa Adventurous Trip

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Mr Tim Lawson

Head of Sixth Form

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6.2

End of exams next term

As the boys' final exams loom into sight, I thought some direction on what happens after their exams next term would prove useful. Each 6.2 is free to leave the College once their final exam has been completed. They may still have co-curricular commitments after that date, and we hope they will be in a position to honour those commitments (your son will be clear on the logistics of this nearer the time). Boys who wish to remain on campus after their final exam should discuss this in advance with their Tutor. All 6.2s (and their parents) will then return to College on the morning of Gaudy (Saturday 5th July). Full details about Gaudy will follow next term. **[info]**

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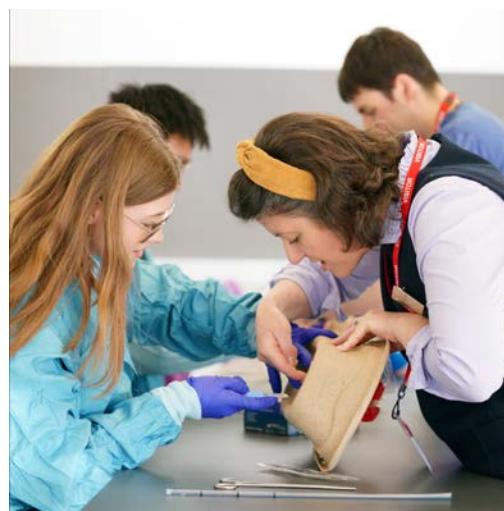
The Blue Room hosted Radley's top brass players for Tuesday evening's Gunn Cup competition, with their interpretations of Vintner, Vizutti and Strauss judged by guest adjudicator and internationally acclaimed baritone horn player, Mike Cavanagh. Sam (V, J), Isaac (V, D) and Albert (R, H) won the top three prizes for their respective performances of Schumann, Haydn and Schubert, as Theo (R, K) and Sam (R, J) received special commendations for their cornet and trumpet skills in the day's preceding Festival Class recitals. A recording of the event is available to watch [here](#).

Congratulations to JC1 rugby, who have reached the U15 Schools Plate Final after defeating Ravens Wood School 47-3 in the semi-final. The finals day is being held at Ealing Trailfinders RFC on Tuesday 11th March. Radley will line up against Kirkham Grammar School (kick-off at 1.30pm). Supporters are very welcome at the ground (Vallis Way, London W13 0DD) and, if you would like to support via livestream, the link will be shared as soon as it is received from the RFU. Everyone at Radley wishes the team, Mr Clogher and Mr Taylor, the very best of luck!



World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day, the Library organised the 2025 Departmental Book Fair, a lunchtime celebration of fiction and non-fiction during which boys could borrow books relating to their academic subjects. Students and dons chatted about the literature on offer around Covered Passage's well-stocked desks, representing departments from geology to classics to economics – temporarily distracting even from the sausage rolls and stir fry on offer in Hall! The day also saw the College's treasured Gold and Silver Books on display in the Library during Central Hour.



This Isn't Going to Hurt!

On Tuesday, 29 aspiring medical students from schools within the OX14 Learning Partnership gathered at Radley for this immersive and hands-on event. We were privileged to have a team of experienced healthcare professionals, including consultants, paramedics, registrars and GPs, leading interactive workshops. Students practised suturing, immobilising and plastering injuries and stepped into the role of a GP, diagnosing in simulated consultations. The practical workshops were complemented by a talk on the process of applying to study Medicine – participants agreed the day provided an



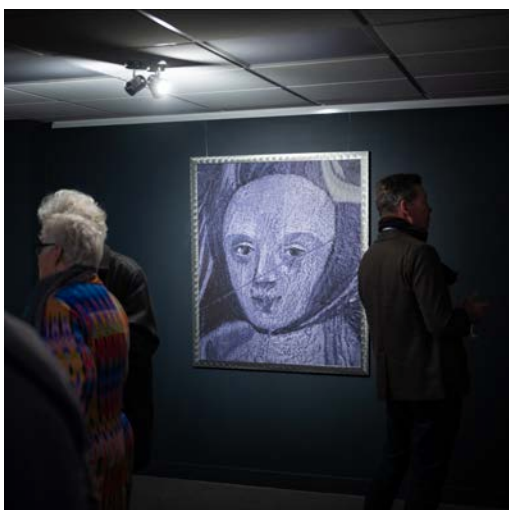
Polo Prowess

Radley's polo teams battled in the National Championships in Rugby last Sunday, facing off against some of the strongest school teams in the country. Mr Oliver Choroba, Master i/c Polo, said 'it was a glorious day and we put up an excellent fight in the face of strong opposition.' Angus (6.1, C) was selected as one of four top players to train and play at the Al Habtoor Polo Club in UAE in April, culminating with a test match for the Prestige & Village Youth Dubai Cup.



Running for the Cup

The Radley College Harriers cross-country team qualified for the National Cross-Country Cup Final for the first time in the College's history, finishing a very respectable 17th out of 30 qualifying schools from nine regions. James (R, K) was our first runner home in 53rd place. The team met Olympians and toured the world class facilities at Loughborough University on their journey north. Despite the initial event being postponed from 1st December, the boys did a wonderful job staying committed to the training and performing at the highest level.



Truth and Beauty



Golfers Swing to Win

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View in the Sewell Centre Gallery last week. *Truth & Beauty* by John Goto, an artist working in photographic and digital media to explore historical and cultural subjects. This exhibition combines work from two collections – *Lovers' Rock* and *Loss of Face* – connected by the theme of the enduring power of truth and beauty in the face of violence and hatred. The exhibition continues until the end of term and parents are welcome to visit at any time. Photographs of the Private View are available [here](#).

golfers, who played some great games in the Swifts School Golf Tour Strokeplay Tournament last Sunday and Monday. The College then faced Bradfield College in the ISGA Foresomes tournament the following day, among the tree-lined greens of Calcot Park Golf Club. Despite the non-stop schedule, the first pairing won their match, shooting -1 under. While Bradfield pulled ahead overall, Radley's players are more than ready to face their rivals again in the upcoming May friendlies.

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 8th March

Football vs Reading Blue Coat School

Hockey vs Eton

Rowing: Eton Head

Badminton vs Teddies

Sunday 9th March

Eton Rugby Sevens

British Keelboat League Championship

Tuesday 11th March

Rugby vs Kirkham Grammar School

Fives vs Marlborough College

Squash vs Abingdon School

Thursday 13th March

Hockey vs Rugby School

Fives vs Bloxham School

Upcoming Events

Talking Heads

Monday 10th March, 7pm

Teams Webinar. Register [here](#).

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Gala Concert

Sunday 23rd March, 7pm

Chapel

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](#).

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