



# RADLEY



## Salamanca Music Tour

73 Radley musicians, including boys from all Socials and year groups (and 15 choristers) spent five days over half term in Salamanca, Spain. We have never had such large or enthusiastic audiences - the Sunday night concert in Salamanca Cathedral, with the Cathedral full to bursting and a long standing ovation was a real highlight. The choir, orchestra and concert band were on stunning form but just as impressive were the two performances in international schools on the Monday, where our rock and jazz bands took centre stage. Alongside another concert to a packed Cathedral in Ciudad Rodrigo and Mass on the Sunday back in Salamanca, we enjoyed meals out, time to explore the city, dancing with the locals in the Plaza Mayor and entertainment from our irrepressible guide Sergio. Throughout the whole tour, the level of musicianship was really staggering, but the tour was defined by the teamwork and camaraderie of a vintage group of musicians.

Thank you to Isaac (6.2, H) for these wonderful photos - the full album can be viewed [here](#).

# Parent Information

## TALKING HEADS



### PARENT WEBINAR SERIES

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

A reminder about our next Talking Heads Parent Webinar: William Wadsworth, memory psychologist and founder of Exam Study Expert, 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 on **Monday 10th March at 7pm** – 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](#).

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## All Parents

### Private View: John Goto Exhibition *Truth & Beauty*

The next exhibition at the Sewell Centre Gallery, *Truth & Beauty* by artist and photographer John Goto, opens this evening. Everyone is welcome to the private view from 6-8pm. More information [here](#).

### Gunn Cup

The final of the College's solo brass competition takes place on Tuesday 4th March, adjudicated by Mike Cavanagh, Head of Woodwind, Brass and Percussion at The Purcell School. Classes run throughout the afternoon and evening, do come along to support and listen to some brilliant music. More details [here](#).

- Festival Class 1: 4pm – 4.45pm
- Festival Class 2: 4.50pm – 5.35pm

### **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 Friends of Radley Primary School Charity. More details [here](#).

### **Gillman & Soame: Team Photos**

We have received a reminder from Gillman & Soame that sports team photographs taken in the Michaelmas Term are still online and available to order with delivery direct to your home address. Please use [this link](#), and your email address when prompted, to view and order on the Gillman & Soame website. If you have any queries, please contact Gillman & Soame directly: [enquiries@gillmanandsoame.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@gillmanandsoame.co.uk).

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## **Shell**

### **GCSE Subject Choices**

I am pleased to inform you that Shells have now made their GCSE subject choices. On Friday, they will have a final session with their Form Master to ensure that everything is in order. Please be reassured that these choices are not set in stone and can be adjusted throughout the year. Many pupils often make changes to their options after the end-of-year exams once they've had more time to experience the subjects. Any changes to their choices should be discussed and arranged through their Form Master.

Additionally, at the end of this term, instead of a written report, you will receive a phone call from your son's Form Master. This call will provide an overview of your son's progress and achievements, as well as an opportunity to discuss any questions or concerns you may have. These calls will take place between 17th and 27th March. Your son's Form Master will be in touch before then to arrange a suitable time. As you can imagine, finding time during the day for these calls can be challenging, so I would greatly appreciate your flexibility. The call is expected to last approximately 5-10 minutes.

Thank you for your continued support. [\[info\]](#)

### **Summer Adventurous Training Camp**

This camp will take place from Saturday 5th July to Thursday 10th July 2025 in the Brecon Beacons. Activities are likely to include indoor climbing/abseiling, outdoor climbing/abseiling,

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Wednesday 5th March. **[action]**

### **Shell and Remove Parents' Summer Drinks Party**

A date for your diary: the Radleian Society is hosting the Shell and Remove Parents' Summer Drinks Party at The Fable, EC1A 2BN on Tuesday 3rd June, 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

Please register for the event [here](#). **[action]**

### **Outstanding HPV Vaccinations**

A reminder to complete the consent form for the NHS Immunisation service, which is visiting Radley on Wednesday 12th March to complete any outstanding HPV vaccinations for Shells and Removes. Please read [this letter](#) for details. **[info / action]**

### **Mrs Rebecca Beattie**

Head of Shells

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### **Mr Alan Chandrachud**

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## **Fifth**

### **Respect Project: Fifths' Conversation Evening at Downe House**

### **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]**

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### **Outstanding NHS Immunisations**

A reminder to complete the consent form(s) for the NHS Immunisation service, which is visiting Radley on Wednesday 12th March to complete outstanding Childhood Immunisations, including HPV, Tetanus, Meningitis ACW+Y and MMR. Please read [this letter](#) for details. **[info / action]**

### **Mrs Jo De Ritter**

Head of Fifths

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## **6.1**

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### **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 Tuesday 4th March. **[action]**

### **Mr Tim Lawson**

Head of Sixth Form

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## News



### This House Believes ...

Thursday evening's debate at the Radley Union concerned the quality of Joe Biden's administration. Eddie (R, D) and Will (6.1, E) proposed that the presidency had indeed been a success, while Jack (6.1, A), Ben (6.1, B) and Freddie (6.1, J) (in his Union debut) argued that Americans now felt worse off after the past four years, ultimately swinging the Coffee Shop vote their way. Thank you to Oliver (6.2, H) for taking photos on the night – these can be viewed [here](#).



### French Slapstick Theatre

We were delighted to welcome Onatti Theatre Company to Radley on Tuesday to perform *Prendre Sa Revanche*, a French play about two shady antiques dealers and their disgruntled customers! Radley boys from Shells and Removes were joined by guests from Europa School, Didcot Girls' School, Downe House and Bartholomew School for the performance, and there was no shortage of volunteers when it came to audience participation!



### Polo News

Huge congratulations to Harry (S, A) and Harry (V, J) who, over Leave-Away, won the sub final at the eight goal Buenos Aires Cup in Emsworth, before winning the February Open Challenge at the same venue the following weekend! The two boys played alongside the internationally renowned Michael Henderson, who won the European polo title for Ireland and qualified with the New Zealand team for the World Cup. Harry from A Social saw an additional victory in the top division of Pony Club polo at Wiltshire's Tedworth Park. The Radley team has also been in action against Eton and Stowe, posting some great results following close and exciting fixtures.



### Kelvin's Double Success

The Second Round of the British Mathematical Olympiad, a 3 ½ hour trial of triangle and chessboard based challenges, saw Kelvin (6.1, C) earn a stellar 36 out of 40, a score which comfortably makes him one of the overall top ten entrants. Kelvin's efforts also took him to the 16th Romanian Master of Mathematics, an international competition in Bucharest in which he and six others represented the UK. The UK team reached a respectable 13th place out of 21 teams in the two-day competition, with six questions to solve over nine hours. Kelvin also enjoyed a tour of Bucharest and the opportunity to get to know other top mathematicians from Europe and Asia.



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We are delighted that the College's Gold and Silver Books feature in the latest issue of *Country Life* in an article about the historical treasures that reside in British Independent Schools. Clare Sargent, Radley College Archivist, explained that the "jewel-like" Gold and Silver books "became central to school life, designed to record and promote exceptional academic work and actions." You can read the full article [here](#).

The first ten Fifths to achieve their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award gathered on Wednesday evening to celebrate with pool, darts and pizza in the JCR. More Fifths will complete their Award when they ask for their fourth and final assessor's report to be submitted. Shown in the photo are Mustafa (E), Archie (C), Evy (C), Jonah (C), Freddie (H), Billy (L), Hugo (C), James (L), Sam (J), Ethan (J).



## Broadway Academy Visit

Broadway Academy's Year 9 pupils visited Radley College for a French language immersion day this week. They participated in translation workshops with Oxford University students from Queen's College, engaged in a Q&A session on language benefits with Head of MFL & German, Mr Oliver Astley, and enjoyed the performance by the Onatti Theatre Company. This visit aimed to promote French studies at GCSE, building on previous successful trips, with one pupil calling it "the best trip I have ever been on".



## Shakespeare Shorts

Round One of the OX14 Learning Partnership's *Shakespeare Shorts* competition took place in the Drama Studio this week. Shells performed a series of monologue and duologues from a wide range of Shakespeare's plays, including; *Twelfth Night*, *Macbeth*, *Coriolanus* and *Henry IV Part 1*. It was a very entertaining and dramatic afternoon. The Warden adjudicated Round One, and has chosen three performances for the final, which takes place at the Unicorn Theatre in Abingdon later this month. You can watch Round One [here](#).



# 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 1st March**

Football vs The Oratory School

Hockey vs Bloxham and Marlborough

Rowing: Abingdon vs Radley Head

Rowing: Reading University Head

Cross Country: National Cup

## **Sunday 2nd March**

Eton Rugby Sevens

Oakham Rugby Sevens

Polo: Senior Schools Arena Championships

Squash vs The King's School, Canterbury

Golf: SWIFTS Strokeplay Tournament

Real Tennis: National Schools Doubles (U14)

Squash: Roehampton Invitational Division 1

## **Monday 3rd March**

Golf: SWIFTS Strokeplay Tournament

## **Tuesday 4th March**

Golf vs Bradfield College

Real Tennis vs The Oratory School

## **Thursday 6th March**

Hockey vs Lord Wandsworth

Cross Country: South East Schools Championship

Fives vs Winchester College

Rackets vs Harrow

Real Tennis vs The Oratory School

Squash vs Wellington and Marlborough

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## Upcoming Events

### **Private View: John Goto Exhibition *Truth & Beauty***

Friday 28th February, 6pm

*Sewell Centre Gallery*

### **Gunn Cup**

Tuesday 4th March, 8pm

*Blue Room, Mansion*

### **Talking Heads**

Monday 10th March, 7pm

*Teams Webinar. Register [here](#).*

### **Laura Snowden Classical Guitar**

Monday 10th March, 8pm

*Radley Primary School Hall*

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

Thursday 13th March, 7.45pm

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Friday 14th March, 7.45pm

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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



**Salamanca Music Tour**



**Radley Union Debate**



**Declamations Reprise**



**Inter-Social Ergo**



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