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Dear Parents,

As I write, our Fifth and 6.2 boys are in the midst of their GCSE and A-Level exams. Despite the obvious challenges, they remain upbeat and positive overall. A good sign for August, we hope...! I wish them well for the next week of rest and revision: the latter is obviously crucial but so is the former. Balance is key.

Two events stick out over the last two weeks as evidence of Radley at its very best. The Milligan Cup is a firm favourite of mine, with boys from all year groups performing songs from the shows. The eleven who qualified for the final showcased talent, confidence, and good humour, and the genuine support from a large audience was equally special. I encourage you to watch the video recording on YouTube. You will be impressed, I guarantee.

The Coronation Weekend, only the fifth in Radley's history, was another great occasion. I often speak with great pride at the boys' singing in Chapel, but their rendition of God Save the King at our Coronation Evensong will long live in the memory. An historic occasion recognised properly.

This weekend - starting today - the Boat Club has eleven crews at Dorney Lake for the National Schools' Regatta. We enjoy testing ourselves against the best crews in the country and I am

sure the boys will rise to the occasion. I wish them well and look forward to seeing parents there across the three days.

I wish you a peaceful Leave-Away and look forward to seeing the boys again on Sunday 4th June.

John Moule

Warden

Parent Information

All Parents

Good Schools Guide Review

We are delighted with our latest review from the Good Schools' Guide, which concludes: "Radley is an absolute humdinger of a school". You can read the full review [here](#).

Youth Polo Celebration

Radley is fielding a team to play against Stowe at Oxford Polo's Centenary Polo Day on Saturday 24th June. The day will showcase youth polo and coaches will be on hand for anyone interested in learning to play. All funds raised will go to Thames Valley Air Ambulance. Tickets available [here](#).

Take2Sport - Second Hand Sports Equipment

Take2Sport, a 6.1 Entrepreneurship team, is creating a website and app for people to buy and sell second hand sports equipment. The boys are passionate about sport and recognise the rising costs of purchasing new equipment. If you have any unused or unwanted items, please consider engaging with Take2Sport. If you would like to buy equipment, please complete this [form](#). If you are looking to sell equipment, please complete this [form](#).

Organ Recital

Dr Tim Morris, Succentor, will give a recital in Chapel on Tuesday 6th June, 20:00. He will perform Mulet's *Esquisses Byzantines*, a set of pieces describing the Sacré-Coeur basilica

in Montmartre, Paris. All welcome.

Shells

- The Shell Show will be performed on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th June at 19:45 in the Theatre, lasting one hour. The piece, *Stronghold*, has been devised by the cast and is set in a dystopian future in England. The country is being ruled by a dictator, who controls all of the population's lives. Can they fight back? Free tickets, please just turn up. **[info]**

As we approach Leave Away, I would like to wish the Shells an enjoyable break. Next week is an opportunity for them to rest, recharge and spend quality time with family and friends. However, it is important to remind them that their exams will begin on 19th June and so it is crucial for them to start their exam preparation. They have already received guidance from their Form Masters on effective revision techniques and have started to develop a revision timetable for the holidays. Additionally, as discussed in recent meetings, a revision SharePoint has been provided, containing essential revision lists and important information. Please do ask them to show you.

It has been a long half term and they should not lock themselves away for the entire break. Please strike a balance between relaxation and focused revision, setting themselves up for success in their exams.

I wish them a restful break and a productive exam preparation period.

Mrs Rebecca Beattie

Head of Shells

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Removes

- On Friday 16th of June the Removes have a PSHE talk on Relationships and Sexual Health. The talk is being given by our Lead Nurse, Alex Gilley who has been delivering outstanding PSHE talks to Radleians since 2018. Her talk will cover consent, laws relating to sex, intimate relationships, sexting, pornography, STIs, contraception and

pregnancy. If you have any questions or would like further details about this RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) talk, please contact [Suzie-Louise Naylor](#). **[info]**

Mr Charlie McKegney

Head of Removes

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Fifths

- Final call for participants on the German and Art Sixth Form trip to Berlin in January 2024. There are a couple of places left. Please sign up [here](#). **[action]**

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Well done to the Fifths for all their hard work this term. It has been great to see boys working together in classrooms, sharing notes and getting outside to do some exercise during the breaks. Half of their exams are now complete and I hope the boys will use Leave-Away to reenergise. They must make sure to do regular, short bouts of revision with plenty of fresh air and exercise. I look forward to seeing them all ready to tackle the last few weeks of exams at the beginning of June. Good luck!

Mrs Joanna De Ritter

Head of Fifths

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6.1

- Final call for participants on the German and Art Sixth Form trip to Berlin in January 2024. There are a couple of places left. Please sign up [here](#). **[action]**

6.2

News



Fundraising Success

Thank you to those who donated to our Coronation Mufti Day in aid of The Prince's Trust, The Prince's Foundation and The Prince's Agricultural Trust. We raised £881.60. The second-hand uniform shop, organised by boys in A Social, raised an impressive £3,163.65.



Vocal Masterclass

A group of our leading actors and singers took part in a vocal masterclass with CeCe Sammy-Lightfoot last week. CeCe is a renowned vocal coach who has worked with singers, actors, presenters and even the odd politician!. Boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Design Private View

Congratulations to the boys who exhibited their Design Engineering projects at the private view in the workshop last night. Those in attendance were impressed by the ingenuity and creativity on show.



H Social Puppies

Chillie May gave birth to nine puppies last week. They are seamlessly fitting into H Social, sleeping and eating lots, and occasionally grunting. Mr May, H Social Tutor, makes no comment on their similarity to the boys...

Blenheim 7k

A group of boys from J Social ran the Blenheim 7k Fun Run last Sunday raising almost £2,500 for Oxfordshire Youth. Their JustGiving page is still open for donations [here.](#)



Prep School Tennis

The Radley Prep Schools' Tennis Tournament took place on Sunday. The U13 competition was won by Cothill (winners at U11 in 2022), and the U11 competition was won by Summer Fields. Pictured are the Cothill U13s alongside Woody Walker (6.1, C), Captain of Bigside, and George Cadbury Gosling (R, J), Junior Captain.



ARW XI - Cricket

Congratulations to the boys named in the ARW XI for their performances against Marlborough.
Those who have scored a 50 or taken three wickets are eligible for 'selection'.

Upcoming Events

Leave-Away

Friday 26th May, 12:40

Socials

National Schools' Regatta

Friday 26th - Sunday 28th May

Eton College BC - parents welcome - further information above

Leave-Away Ends

Sunday 4th June, 21:00

Socials - open from 19:00

Talking Heads - Chloe Combi: The Challenges of Social Media

Tuesday 20th June, 18:00

Online, sign-up link to follow

Fixtures & Travel Information

Friday 26th May

Rowing: National Schools Regatta (until 28th)

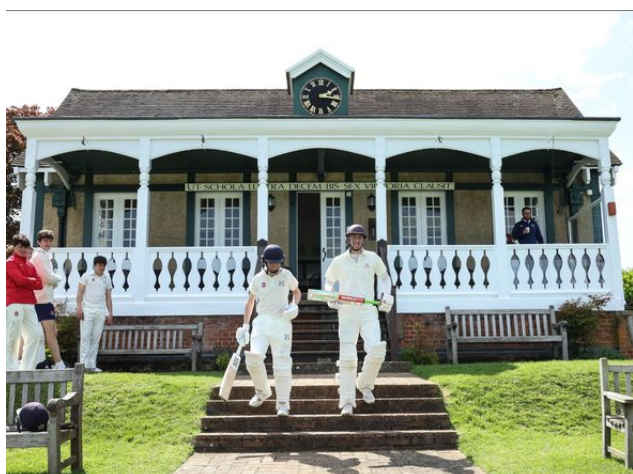
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