



Dear Parents,

The government's guidance *Keeping Children Safe in Education* was updated over the summer, with increased emphasis on schools' responsibility for filtering and monitoring pupils' access to the online world. The guidance reflects the DfE's *Filtering and Monitoring Standards* published in March. These new standards, together with the revisions to KCSIE guidance, have added an extra dimension to our review of the boys' access to electronic devices.

Having read the standards and guidance carefully, I am confident we are meeting our duty of care here at Radley but, as a parent, it has caused me to question whether the levels of filtering and monitoring we have in place at home are adequate. I am sure that parents will want to work with us in establishing a common standard and expectation around the boys' digital experience to ensure our young people can explore the digital world safely. I hope we can work towards even greater consistency in the boys' digital experience at home and at school.

Richard Grice, our Director of Digital Strategy, has recommended the following [resources](#) to help parents review their filtering and

In light of the above, and as part of ongoing debate in this crucial area, the Warden will write to all parents later in the term to outline our current thinking and policy on digital evolution and how this can be harnessed to best effect. The aim is to stimulate an effective conversation between boys, staff and parents over the coming months as we review policies and practice in this area.

Ben Holden

Sub-Warden

Parent Information

All Parents

Fixtures and Match Teas

With a new academic year upon us, we are looking forward to the many great sporting occasions to come. Here is a reminder regarding arrangements for match days.

We will make every effort to publish all teams on **SOCS** the evening before scheduled matches. Please bear with us, however, if injuries and late adjustments to selection mean that teams change. If you have any doubt as to which team your son might be in or where and when he is playing, please check with him. For home matches, there is a map of the Radley pitches outside Round Pavilion which should help you find your son's team, or ask any member of Radley staff to help direct you.

Everybody is welcome to support matches. Please do so in the right way, and show the warmth of Radley's hospitality to visiting parents, guests and match officials. Parents' match teas will be in the Round Pavilion. Boys may not attend this match tea in sports kit, so if you wish to see your son while he is in kit, please go to Coffee Shop.

You are welcome to bring dogs on to campus but please clear up after them using the bins provided, and keep dogs on the lead whilst on the pitches on match days; there is a footpath loop around Little Wood (at the far end of the pitches) should you wish to exercise them further. No dogs are allowed in the Round Pavilion. Radley is a no-smoking campus (even out on the pitches); all visitors should adhere to this. We hope that you will enjoy watching your sons play matches over the year. **[info]**

Introduction to Radley Video

promotional videos. Their 'coverage' of rugby fixtures starts on Saturday with a live-stream of the Colts 1 match on Bigside from 3pm. The stream will be available [here](#).

RCBC Woodgate Sculls

This event involving V, 6.1 and 6.2 boys, takes place on Saturday 16th September, 2pm at the Radley College Boathouse. Parents are welcome to watch from the bank. [\[info\]](#)

English Department Events

This term's poetry competition, *Reasons to be Cheerful*, is open to boys in all year groups. The deadline for submissions is Friday 13th October. Further details are available from English dons. [\[info\]](#)

Shells

Dear Shell Parents,

I am writing to invite you to the first parent consultation of the year on Friday 22nd September. You will receive your son's first report before then. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss how your son has settled into Radley, explain our reporting system and to answer any questions you may have. You will also hear from Mr Richard Grice, Director of Digital Strategy, and Ms Caroline Monaghan from the Radleian Society. Additionally, Mrs Lil Pullen, Head of Academic Support, will be available in the Theatre from 11:15-11:30am for a short briefing on our SEN support should you wish to attend. Your son will meet with his Form Master ahead of the consultation to discuss his report, so there is no need for him to join the meeting.

11:15am - Arrival (refreshments in the Theatre foyer, hosted by the Radleian Society) and SEN briefing by Mrs Lil Pullen

12:00pm - Presentations

12:40pm - Form Master meetings

1:15pm – Departure

I understand that it may not be possible for all parents to attend the meeting. If this is the case, please contact your son's Form Master as soon as possible to let them know. A directory of staff emails is available [here](#). They will then be able to add a comment to your son's report or address any questions you may have. For overseas families who may not be able to join us, we encourage your son's guardian to attend. [\[info\]](#)

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The Haddon Cup

The Haddon Cup will take place on Sunday 1st October. The competition is a long-standing Radley tradition, where Shell boys perform a ten-minute play, written and directed by 6.1 boys from their Social. Parents are welcome to attend, full details are available [here](#). [\[info\]](#)

independent performing arts course. [\[info\]](#)

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Removes

The Removes are looking forward to their first weekend of competitive sporting action, with home matches for the JC1-4 against Sherborne on Saturday afternoon. It will be great to see supporters on the touchline in warm weather - hopefully!

This weekend also marks the first partnership activity with Broadway Academy, one of our partner schools. A series of lectures - entitled *Future Ready* - has been arranged on character development and preparing boys for life beyond Radley. We look forward to welcoming Broadway students on Saturday and trust it will be a rewarding process for all involved.

In what is a bumper weekend, girls from Downe House will be visiting Radley on Sunday for an afternoon of cricket and rounders. This is part of the ongoing *Respect Project* between the schools and will be one of many events this year. [\[info\]](#)

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Help your son to start networking

Please read the instructions on how to join Radley Connect [here](#). All Sixth Form boys are eligible to join, but you are required to sign a parental [consent](#) form first. Radley Connect will give your son access to the Radley Business Network to start exploring universities, early career ideas, and look for work experience. [\[action\]](#)

Iceland Trip

A place has become available on the Geography department's trip to Iceland, 9th - 12th February 2024. The trip will visit some of Iceland's most famous sights along the South Shore, Golden Circle, walking on Solheimajokull glacier, as well as seeing lava being made live at the Lava Museum. It is not necessary to be studying Geography A-Level to join the trip, the place is on offer to anyone with an interest in Geography. The

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University Admissions Tests

Depending on your son's choice of university and course, he may need to take an admissions test as part of his application. We have collated information about tests and course requirements in the [Exam Information](#) section of the Parent Zone. The deadline for registration is 12noon on Tuesday 26th September. **[action]**

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Music Flood Week



Overview

Over the course of next week, we will be working alongside 14 local primary schools to launch this year's music partnership, aiming to bring music into every school, every day. Over the course of last year we worked with 1thousands of children in massed orchestral performances, singing, workshops, songwriting and more. This year is set to be even bigger.

What are the Radley boys doing?

Musicians from every year group will be heading out to local schools on Monday to lead inspiration assemblies across the local area, and then busking in playgrounds at home time. Others will be joining with visiting professional musicians to lead singing and samba workshops or helping at the celebration event in Abingdon Market Square on Friday.

Come and join us on Thursday at 8pm in the Theatre for a special performance by Oxford-based folk ensemble *Moonaroon*, who are in residence for the week. Free tickets can be reserved [here](#). Please spread the word - all are very welcome to attend and to join us for a glass of wine afterwards to learn more about Music Flood.

Market Place

If you'd like a flavour of the week, why not come along to Abingdon Market Place on Friday at 10.30am before picking up your sons. More than 800 children will be filling the Market Place with music: samba, folk music, singing, junk percussion and more.

For more information about Music Flood, please visit our [website](#).

News



Shell Tug of War

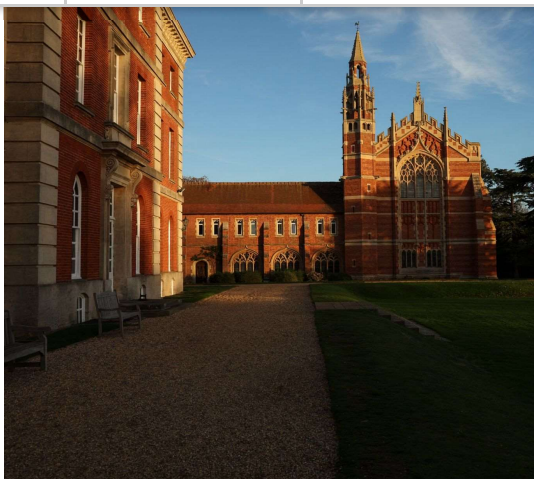
The annual Tug of War competition took place on Sunday with our new boys battling hard for the coveted inter-Social trophy. Congratulations to A Social who were worthy winners. Outstanding photos, which capture the spirit of the event, are available to view and download [here](#). A video recording is available [here](#).



Impact Report

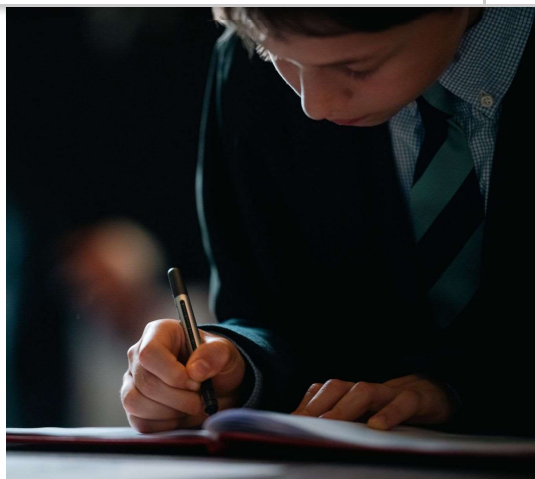
The Radley Foundation's Impact Report for 2023 will be hitting your doormat soon.

The report shows the tremendous difference donations to the Foundation have made over the last year, enriching the life of every Radleian. The digital version of the report is available [here](#).



Tatler Awards

We are proud to announce that Radley has been nominated as Best Public School by *Tatler* for the second consecutive year. The winner will be announced at a ceremony on Monday 25th September.



Code of Conduct

The Shells and new boys in the Removes and 6.1 year groups signed the Code of Conduct this week. These principles guide the boys through their time at the College, ensuring kindness, decency and respect are at the heart of Radley life. Photos are available [here](#).



Penalty Eliminator

Our Remove boys took part in a Penalty Eliminator Challenge this week. Five finalists will compete against an ex-Cameroon international footballer who will visit Radley next week as part of our ongoing partnership with the Commonwealth Education Trust. Keep an eye on social media to see the results!



Bobble Hats

Despite the unusually warm weather of the last two weeks, parents will be reassured to know that the weather never fails to turn for the start of the rugby season. With that in mind, we sell cosy and delightfully trendy bobble hats - perfect for supporting Radley from the sidelines. They are £20 and are available [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Music Flood Week

Monday 18th September - Friday 22nd September

Radley College and venues across Abingdon - see above

Michaelmas Weekend

Friday 22nd September, 12:40pm

Socials - boys should return by 9pm on Monday

The Haddon Cup

Sunday 1st October, 5pm

Theatre - parents welcome, no ticket required

James Peace - Effective Communication

Monday 2nd October, 5pm

Science Lecture Theatre [V, 6.1 and 6.2 boys only]

Leave-Away

Friday 13th October, 12:40pm

Socials

Leave-Away Ends

Sunday 29th October, 9pm

Socials

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.

Saturday 16th September

Rugby vs Sherborne, Eton and Cheltenham

Badminton vs Oratory

Rowing: Woodgate Sculls

Golf vs Abingdon

Rackets vs Marlborough

Real Tennis vs Oratory

Thursday 21st September

Badminton vs Bradfield

Basketball vs Abingdon

Golf vs Harrow and Stowe

Rackets vs Cheltenham

Rugby vs Bedford

Squash vs Oratory

Latest Photo Galleries

All our photography is available to download from [Flickr](#). We are grateful to our professional, boy and in-house photographers for their support.



Tug of War



Code of Conduct



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