



RADLEY



The new Deputy Head (Academic), Mr Jonathan Porter, is delighted to share an article that is shaping academic thinking. These will appear periodically in Bulletin throughout the year, giving parents an insight into the academic direction of the College.

This week, he has been speaking to boys about the importance of reading and, rather than *occasional* reading, making reading a daily habit. He shares a link to a blog by Rob Henderson below, which argues '*similar to a gym routine, reading must be built right into your schedule and must become an unthinking custom.*' If we can help the boys to develop this habit, they will reap the rewards.

'In our busy and distracted society, deep reading is increasingly rare. Deep reading changes people.' The full blog is available [here](#).

Parent Information

All Parents

Digital Dependency Survey - Final Call

Thank you to everyone who has completed the digital dependency survey. If you have not yet done so, please spare 10 minutes to share your views - we are eager for all voices to be heard. The link will close at 9pm on Monday 4th December. Complete [now](#).

Talking Heads Parent Webinar - Keeping Safe at Parties

Our next *Talking Heads* webinar for parents will take place on **Tuesday 5th December** at 6pm. The topic is Keeping Safe at Parties, pertinent ahead of the Christmas season. Zoe Shuttleworth from It Happens Education will advise parents on how to speak to their sons (and daughters!) about socialising, managing risk and the temptations of alcohol and drugs. Register [here](#).

Radley Champagne

The Radley cellars are well stocked and we are able to offer bottles and cases of [Radley Champagne](#) for sale to parents on the last day of term. Orders can be collected from the Radley cellars (located beneath Mansion) between 9am and 11:30am on Tuesday 12th December. The price is £32 per bottle, which can be added to the bill. You are welcome to simply turn up, or you can pre-order to guarantee supply! Our makers - Juliette Pointillart and her husband Gregory Leveque - have, again this year, been recognised in the *Hachette Guide des Vins*. If the last day of term is not convenient, then it should be possible to arrange for complete half-cases of six bottles to be available for collection at other times. If you would like to pre-order or arrange a collection, please contact [Mr Garry Wiseman](#).

Radley and Homeless Oxford Charities

Following successful collections during the last academic year, Ambrose (6.2, C) is continuing to collect unwanted/old clothing (**not Radley uniform/kit**) which will be donated to Homeless Oxfordshire, The Gatehouse and Crisis Skylight. A team of R&HOC ambassadors will be waiting outside each Social at the end of term. A letter with further details is available [here](#).

Second Hand Uniform

If you have any second hand uniform, we would be grateful if you could bring it back to Radley at the start of the Lent Term. This will be added to our Second Hand Uniform Shop, which supports College charities. Further information will be circulated in due course.

Monday 11th December. All boys and staff are encouraged to don their most festive attire for the day, which is in aid of Oxfordshire Youth. Money raised will go towards Young People's Supported Accommodation. YPSA support vulnerable young people, including people at risk of homelessness, to engage with a life-changing offer of activities and youth support work. If your son is on a privi between now and the end of term, please ensure they bring a Christmas jumper back with them.

RCBC vs St Edward's

The Boat Club has a fixture on Saturday 2nd December against St Edward's on the Radley stretch. We will have three senior Vllls and one J16 Vlll taking part and the crews will race two 3,000 metre time trials. The first race will start at approximately 2:20pm from Sandford Lock and the crews will race downstream past the College boathouse. Parents are very welcome to come and watch.

Radley Rugby Gala Dinner

Tickets for the Radley Rugby Gala Dinner are selling fast! Please don't forget to register for the event in aid of the Argentina tour. The dinner will take place at Radley College on Friday 8th March 2024, 7:30pm until late. The dress code is black tie - all welcome. Book tickets [here](#).

Christmas Carol Services

Booking for the Christmas Carol Services is now open. These events are always a high point of the Radley year as we gather in Chapel to sing our favourite carols, to listen to our fantastic choir, and to hear the wonderful story of Jesus Christ's birth.

Saturday 9th December, 7:30pm - [book here](#)

Sunday 10th December, 6pm - [book here](#)

Shells

Shell exams started on Monday. Regardless of the outcomes, it is important that the boys give their all and finish the term well. Please encourage your son to work diligently and maintain focus, it will make a huge difference! Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Rebecca Beattie

Head of Shells

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Removes

teachers across the Commonwealth and invests a great deal of time in facilitating significant changes to the way schools operate. Some of the fundraising efforts included: swimming the length of the Channel (in the pool!), running the length of Andorra, swimming the height of Everest and cycling from Twickenham to Paris in the gym. Thank you to all parents and friends who donated. A grand total of £8,100 has been raised, which is a stellar effort. Thank you all.

Church of England Confirmation

The next Confirmation service (Church of England) will take place on Sunday 3rd March. Boys in the Removes are welcome to sign up on the list outside Chapel between now and the end of term. [\[info/action\]](#)

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

All Removes are now eligible to start their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. In previous years, we have had more than 90% of the boys in the year group sign up. A letter from [Dr Jim Champion](#) with further details can be found [here](#) and the registration link is available [here](#). [\[info/action\]](#)

Mr Alan Chandrachud

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Fifths

The Fifths will be creating a revision timetable for the Christmas holidays during their study skills session this week. It is based on the usual Radley timetable and should be a good balance of work and rest. Dons will be setting revision-based work for boys to complete during the break.

Church of England Confirmation

The next Confirmation service (Church of England) will take place on Sunday 3rd March. Boys in the Fifth Form are welcome to sign up on the list outside Chapel between now and the end of term. [\[info/action\]](#)

Mrs Joanna De Ritter

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The next Confirmation service (Church of England) will take place on Sunday 3rd March. Boys in the 6.1 year are welcome to sign up on the list outside Chapel between now and the end of term. [\[info/action\]](#)

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6.2

Church of England Confirmation

The next Confirmation service (Church of England) will take place on Sunday 3rd March. Boys in the 6.2 year are welcome to sign up on the list outside Chapel between now and the end of term. [\[info/action\]](#)

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News



This week is the ISC's Partnership Week, a celebration of the collaborative work done between independent and state schools across the country. Partnerships are central to life at Radley and as boys we see first hand the impact of the work being done with schools, local organisations and charities whether in the classroom, at the Countryside Centre or in the local community. To learn more about our partnerships programme, please read this [**short document**](#) which outlines our vision. Additionally, you might be interested in [**Voices**](#), our partnership impact report. Social media followers will have seen snippets of *Voices* shared across our channels this week.

JJ (6.2, G)

Pupil Lead on Partnerships



Maths Olympiad

It has been a successful year for Radley in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge. Our boys secured 28 gold, 20 silver and 41 bronze awards. Seven boys - Kelvin (V, C), James (6.1, J), Brayden (6.2, D), Ray (R, H), Kevin (V, C), Linhan (6.2, H) and Bernardo (6.2, H) - have qualified for the first round of the British Mathematical Olympiad, putting them amongst the top 800 candidates in the UK.



Chemistry Conference

Congratulations to Edward (V, B), Aaron (V, G), Wut (6.1, L) and Harkirat (6.1, L) who participated in the Oxfordshire Youth Chemistry Conference at Wychwood School last week. The boys listened to presentations by Oxford academics and gave poster presentations on scientific concepts to more than 50 delegates.



The Cricketer

We are proud to have been named as one of the top 100 cricketing schools in the country by *The Cricketer*. The short write-up pays tribute to our coaching team, facilities, alumni and 'exciting prospects'. The full article is available to read [here](#).



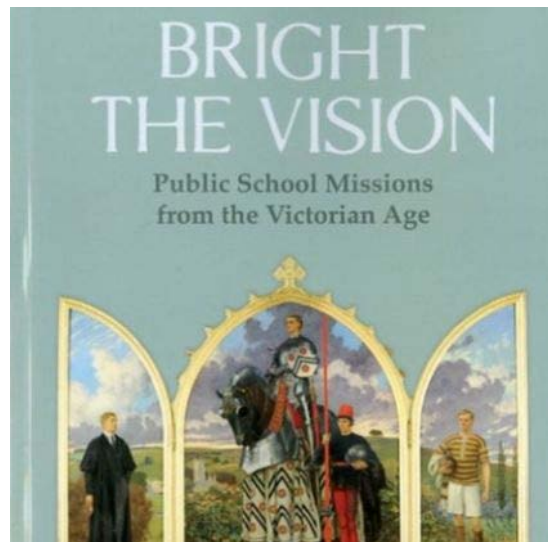
Art Partnership

Remove artists spent a rewarding day with Year 10 students from Broadway Academy. Working in the art photographic studio at Radley, the students created cyanotypes from fine line drawings inspired by a range of themes, including aquatic life, trees and still life.



Start-Up Webinar

As part of the Radleian Society's *Beyond Radley* webinar series, Charlie Lass (1994, A) and Rory Codrington (2006, E) spoke about the pressures of the start-up world. They discuss the rewards, the challenges



Bright the Vision

A new book about public school missions from the Victorian age has been released. It includes a contribution from HRH The Princess Royal. The story of Radley's first partnership with St Peter's London Docks,

recording is available [here](#).

can do so via [Amazon](#) or [email](#).

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 2nd December

Rugby vs Oundle

Rowing vs Teddies

Touch Rugby vs Magdalen College School

Cross Country: English Schools Cup

Thursday 7th December

Real Tennis vs Canford

Squash vs Harrow

Upcoming Events

Talking Heads Webinar - Keeping Safe at Parties

Tuesday 5th December, 6pm

Online - register [here](#)

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Christmas Concert

Steeplechase

Monday 11th December

Campus

End of Term

Tuesday 12th December, 10:15am

Socials

Remove and Fifth Parent Drinks

Thursday 16th May

East India Club

Shell Parent Drinks

Wednesday 5th June

East India Club

6.1 and 6.2 Parent Drinks

Wednesday 12th June

East India Club

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.



Author Visit



Radley vs Wellington



Remembrance Sunday

Lacrosse vs Downe

Fauré Requiem

Hudson String Prize



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