



# RADLEY



We launched Bulletin in January 2023 following requests to streamline communication to parents. Following a year of operation, we were delighted to receive such positive feedback in the recent digital survey. All past editions of Bulletin are available [here](#). Photographs taken by our professional, staff and boy photographers are always available for download from [Flickr](#). Links to our social media accounts are available in the footer of Bulletin.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Radley Communications Team.

## Parent Information

### All Parents

#### Holiday Work

As well as ensuring that the boys enjoy a well-deserved rest over the holidays, we are keen to get the most out of the 40% of the year when they are not physically present at

perceived as 'too demanding' or 'not demanding enough'. We also hope that it will help boys to revisit previously taught content and strengthen their memories as they move through two-year linear courses. The boys will know what work they have to do and we thank you for your support.

### **Christmas Carol Services**

Radley Video will live-stream the two Christmas Carol Services from Chapel on Saturday 9th December at 7:30pm and Sunday 10th December at 6pm. The link is available [here](#). A small number of tickets are still available, please use the booking links in the 'Upcoming Events' section below if you wish to attend. The Christmas Concert will be filmed for release, but will not be streamed live.

### **Talking Heads Webinar - Keeping Safe at Parties**

Zoe Shuttleworth gave an excellent presentation to an engaged group of parents on Tuesday evening. A recording of the session is available [here](#). Zoe kindly shared a document with more information about the topics she covered, available [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.

### **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

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## Shells

It only seems like yesterday that I welcomed the Shells on their first day, yet here we are nearing the end of their first term. The upcoming break is an opportunity for them to rest and spend quality time with family and friends. It is a long break, so I advise them to follow the feedback given by their Dons in their report and address any areas for improvement. I would also like them to read as much as possible. To encourage this habit, we have set up an inter-Social reading competition in our form groups. Your son will need you to sign his reading log before returning in January, so please ask him about the competition. I wish you all a joyful Christmas and I look forward to welcoming the Shells back in the new year.

### Provisional GCSE Choices

Next term, boys will be asked to make their provisional option choices for GCSE subjects. A letter from Mr Jonathan Porter, Deputy Head (Academic), which outlines the Radley process is available [here](#). [\[info\]](#)

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## Removes

### 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](#). [\[info/action\]](#)

### Parents' Meeting - Sunday 28th January

The Deputy Head (Academic), Mr Jonathan Porter, has written a letter to Remove parents about the upcoming parents' meeting which takes place on Sunday 28th January. The letter is available [here](#). [\[info\]](#)

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Head of Removes

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## Fifths

Boys taking part in the Morrisby scheme should have now completed their assessments - please ask your son to show you the data. Parents may wish to start a discussion about A-Level options over the Christmas break and these results could feed into this discussion. Boys will have a 40-minute conversation with a careers advisor after Phase 1 of the

work and rest. I hope you all have an enjoyable holiday, after what has been a busy term. Happy Christmas!

### **A-Level Options & Parents' Meeting - Friday 9th February**

The Deputy Head (Academic), Mr Jonathan Porter, has written a letter to Fifth parents about A-Level options and the upcoming parents' meeting, which takes place on Friday 9th February. The letter is available [here](#) and an accompanying video is available [here](#). **[info/action]**

### **Work Experience**

We encourage our boys to get some work experience in the summer holidays and now is a good time to start securing places. You can use [Radley Connect](#) to find opportunities from people in the Radley community and approach them on behalf of your son. If you are able to offer an opportunity to a boy, please register for Radley Connect and share more details. **[info]**

### **Mrs Joanna De Ritter**

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## **6.1**

### **Primary School Partnership**

In January, we are launching a new partnership programme with Radley Primary School that focuses on developing phonics for their Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 children. More than 20 6.1 boys from C, H and G Socials have volunteered to support the programme, which will require them to give 20 minutes of support each week. The boys will be trained in teaching phonics by the Deputy Head of Radley Primary. We are delighted to connect with the local primary school in this way, building on other primary school partnerships already in place - D Social (Orchard Meadow), L Social (St Swithun's), and K Social (Thomas Reade). Our boys are gaining so much from their work, and one headteacher summed up the benefits for the children we work alongside: "It has been delightful to have the boys with us this term. Their quiet 'professionalism' is so welcome. Our children thoroughly enjoy time with them and feel that they have 'missed out' if not chosen to read. Having male role-models is particularly important for our boys in particular. I hope that the boys know that their efforts are very much appreciated". **[info]**

### **Mr Tim Lawson**

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## **6.2**

The Deputy Head (Academic), Mr Jonathan Porter, has written a letter to 6.2 parents about the upcoming parents' meeting which takes place on Friday 19th January. The letter is available [here](#). [\[info\]](#)

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## News



### UKMT Camp

Congratulations to Kelvin (V, C) who has been selected to attend the UKMT BMO Mathematics Training Camp in Hungary following his outstanding performance in the first round of the British Mathematical Olympiad. We believe this is the first time a Radleian has ever been invited to such an event - an exceptional academic achievement.



### Fauré Requiem

We welcomed a musical group of ORs back to Radley on Sunday to sing Fauré's *Requiem in D Minor* with our boys and members of the Choral Society in Chapel. A whole community event, the evening concluded with a curry in Shop – the perfect opportunity to share experiences and reminisce. A video of the performance is available [here](#).



## Vex Regionals

Three teams travelled to Cranleigh for the first Vex Robotics regional qualifier on Saturday. The two 6.1 teams both reached the final, with the team driven by Frederick (6.1, F) and Uzair (6.1, H) winning overall. This secures qualification for the National Championships in March. The field was strong and all teams improved their engineering over the day. A superb start to the Robotics season.



## Boys in the Boat

The London premiere of *The Boys in the Boat* took place this week. The film tells the story of the University of Washington's rowing team's preparations for the 1936 Olympic Games and is directed by George Clooney. The cast learned to row at Radley, using our ergo room and rowing tank to hone technique before taking to the river. A short video documenting their training journey (and showcasing our outstanding facilities!) is available [here](#).



## JC1 Cup Victory

well supported by a large cohort of Radley rugby players, keen to cheer on the JCs in their ongoing campaign. In a tense encounter, both teams fought tooth and nail to secure the victory. In the end, Radley capitalised on their opportunities, scoring two tries and a penalty kick to Cheltenham's one converted try. The final score was 15-7 to Radley. The quarter-finals are due to take place during the week commencing Monday 5th February 2024. Photos from the match are available [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.

### **Saturday 9th December**

Rugby vs Marlborough

Rugby vs The Oratory

### **Sunday 10th December**

Squash: Surrey Invitational

## Upcoming Events

### **Christmas Carol Service**

Saturday 9th December, 7:30pm

*Chapel - free tickets available [here](#)*

### **Christmas Carol Service**

Sunday 10th December, 6pm

*Chapel - free tickets available [here](#)*

### **Christmas Concert**

Sunday 10th December, 6pm

*Silk Hall - free tickets available [here](#)*

### **Steeplechase**

Monday 11th December

*Campus*

Tuesday 12th December, 10:15am

*Socials*

### **Start of Lent Term**

Thursday 4th January

*Socials*

### **Hilary Weekend**

Friday 19th January

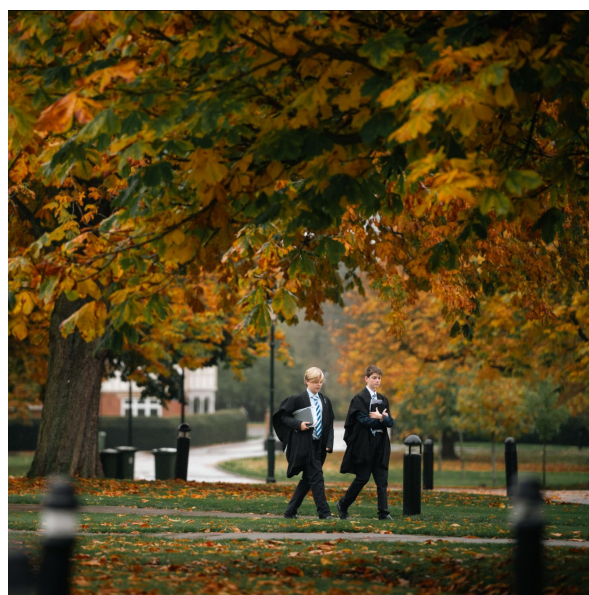
*Socials*

## 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.



**JC1 vs Cheltenham**



**November - Campus**

## Latest Videos





## Fauré Requiem



## Rachmaninov 150



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