



RADLEY



The new Deputy Head (Academic), Mr Jonathan Porter, has been keen to reinvigorate discussion about what constitutes good teaching. And sometimes the best advice doesn't come from where we expect it. This half-term, he and the Heads of Department are looking at a teaching manual produced by the US Navy. Why? Because, as the introduction to the manual notes, the military, like medicine and engineering, combines theory with constant experimental validation. In the military, the success of the mission and the safety of the soldiers depends on the very best teaching. In [this booklet](#), you can read about the most recent research into learning science and, more importantly, how this should influence the practice of both teachers and students.

Parent Information

All Parents

Please note that Lent Term 2025 will now start on Tuesday 7th January, 7:30pm (not Monday 6th January). This is a change to the printed calendar and the information previously shared on the website.

Rowing - Saturday 24th February

The Boat Club was due to host a number of crews from Eton on our stretch of river tomorrow but unfortunately the boathouse has flooded again. Radley crews will now go to Dorney Lake for time-trial racing against Eton. We will be taking three senior crews, three J16 crews and three J15 crews to compete, as well as five J15 octuples who will do some training on the lake. The race format will be one 3800m head race and then another 1900m head race after a short break.

Palimpsest - Friday 23rd February, 6pm

Please do join us for the Private View of *Palimpsest* - an exhibition of textiles and ceramic sculptures by Susan Moxley - in the Sewell Centre Gallery, tonight (Friday 23rd February) at 6pm. Parents are very welcome.

Shell

PSHE and RSE

On Friday 1st March, [Karl Hopwood](#) (e-safety expert) will speak to Shells about Digital Competency. He will cover a range of issues including online security, online relationships, cyber-bullying, and sharing pictures and videos. Our PSHE and RSE Policy is published on the [website](#). If you would like to comment on any aspect of our PSHE or RSE provision, or if you have any questions, please contact [Suzie-Louise Naylor](#). [\[info\]](#)

Shell Parents' Summer Drinks Party

The Radleian Society is hosting the Shell Parents' Summer Drinks Party at The East India Club, SW1 on Wednesday 5th June, 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Please register for the event [here](#). [\[action\]](#)

Mrs Rebecca Beattie

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Remove

On Friday 1st March, [Karl Hopwood](#) (e-safety expert) will speak to Removes about Digital Competency. He will cover a range of issues including online security, online relationships, violent content, and scams and sextortion. Our PSHE and RSE Policy is published on the [website](#). If you would like to comment on any aspect of our PSHE or RSE provision, or if you have any questions, please contact [Suzie-Louise Naylor](#). [\[info\]](#)

Remove Parents' Summer Drinks Party

The Radleian Society is hosting the Remove and Fifth Parents' Summer Drinks Party at The East India Club, SW1 on Thursday 16th May, 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Please register for the event [here](#). [\[action\]](#)

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Fifth

Key Dates

26th February - Mock exams (Phase 2) begin

8th March - Mock exams (Phase 2) end

17th March - Language oral examinations begin

26th March - End of Term (a full report with mock exam results will be sent at this point)

24th April - First written GCSE paper

3rd June - Study leave begins

30th June - All boys return for Life Skills Week

Appeals - Internal Assessment Decisions (Non-Examined Assessment)

Certain GCSE, IGCSE, GCE and other qualifications contain components of non-examination assessments (coursework) which are internally assessed by Radley College and internally standardised. Mrs Jo Bailey, Head of Exams, has shared the marking and review process for these units [here](#). [\[info\]](#)

Fifth Parents' Summer Drinks Party

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Mrs Jo De Ritter

6.1

6.1 Parent Meeting - Date for the Diary

The 6.1 Parent Meeting will take place on the first day of the Summer Term, Thursday 18th April, 3pm. Parents will be sent full details in due course. [\[info\]](#)

PSHE and RSE

On Friday 1st March, [Karl Hopwood](#) (e-safety expert) will speak to 6.1s about Digital Competency. He will cover a range of issues including online security, scams and sextortion, and the importance of generating a positive digital footprint. Our PSHE and RSE Policy is published on the [website](#). If you would like to comment on any aspect of our PSHE or RSE provision, or if you have any questions, please contact [Suzie-Louise Naylor](#). [\[info\]](#)

Interview Coaching Sessions

We offer all 6.1 boys tailored interview coaching sessions with an experienced external provider to help them to prepare for life after Radley. A letter containing further information, an outline of the additional costs and a link to register for the programme is available [here](#). The deadline is Monday 4th March. [\[action\]](#)

University Application Process

Mr Tom Deasy, Director of University Entrance, has written a letter outlining Radley's approach to university entrance and the support on offer. The letter is available [here](#). [\[info\]](#)

Sixth Form Parents' Summer Drinks Party

The Radleian Society is hosting the Sixth Form Parents' Summer Drinks Party at The East India Club, SW1 on Wednesday 12th June, 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Please register for the event [here](#). [\[action\]](#)

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Appeals - Internal Assessment Decisions (Non-Examined Assessment)

Certain GCSE, IGCSE, GCE and other qualifications contain components of non-examination

these units [here](#). [\[info\]](#)

Sixth Form Parents' Summer Drinks Party

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News



Rathbone Lecture

The College welcomed Danny Kruger MP on Thursday evening to give the inaugural Rathbone Lecture. Steve Rathbone retired as Academic Director in July 2023 and the Warden announced this annual event to honour his long service. Danny's lecture 'The New Conservatism - how the Tories should fight the 2024 election' was enjoyed by a full Theatre, evidenced by the boys' intelligent and challenging questions.



The Gunn Cup

Congratulations to Bernardo (6.2, H) who won The Gunn Cup for Woodwind earlier this week. His performance of Prokofiev's *Flute Sonata* was chosen by the adjudicator, Sarah James, for its sparkling musicality. Marco (6.1, H) came second and Geoffrey (6.2, D) came third. In the three Festival classes, the winners were Didrik (S, F), Sam (R, L) and Freddie (6.2, D). A video recording will follow.



JC1 Cup Semi-Final

Many congratulations to JC1 rugby team which, for the second time in three years, has progressed to the semi-final of the U15 Continental Tyres Schools Cup after defeating Hampton School in the quarter-finals. The semi-finals are being held at Aylesbury RFC on Sunday 3rd March. We will play against Millfield, kicking off at 3.45pm. Support is very welcome.



Florence Art Trip

Remove artists have just returned from a trip to Italy, where they savoured the wonderful art and architecture of Florence. The days comprised of gallery visits, practical art-making classes and other cultural delights. Studying the work of



French Play

Shell and Remove French linguists enjoyed a performance of *Le Cours d'Art* on Thursday evening. Friends from St Helen and St Katharine joined them for an entertaining evening of French comedy and culture. The play was 'perfectly pitched' so boys could get a sense of the story and further their understanding of the French language.



Geology Lectures

We welcomed Professor Mike Kendall and Professor Paula Koelemeijer from Oxford University's Department of Earth Sciences on Tuesday. They gave lectures on new developments in their fields of expertise and shared some insight into the possibilities of

boys an academic and artistic edge as they work on their GCSE coursework inspired by the theme 'Historical Origins'.



Shakespeare Shorts

On Tuesday, Shells performed to the Warden in the first round of the OX14 Shakespeare Shorts competition. The boys gave outstanding performances of monologues and duologues, with excellent command of character and context. Congratulations to Ned (S, A), Paddy (S, B), Laszlo (S, C), Gosha (S, D) and Rupert (S, B) who made it through to the final.

suggestion of installing a state-of-the-art seismometer at Radley. Watch this space!



Meet the Megalosaurus

Junior biologists visited the Oxford Natural History Museum to mark the 200th anniversary of the first formal naming of a dinosaur. The boys had the opportunity to see the original specimens (normally kept firmly under lock and key!) and engage with documentary material from the time. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the occasion and were a credit to the College.

Upcoming Events

Private View: Susan Moxley - *Palimpsest*

Friday 23rd February, 6pm

Sewell Centre Gallery - all welcome

Chamber Music Concert

Sunday 25th February, 11:30am

Blue Room, Mansion - [book tickets](#)

F1 Society with Aston Martin

Investment Society with Simon Pillar

Monday 26th February, 8:30pm

Science Lecture Theatre - boys only

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 24th February

Football vs Cheltenham

Football vs Marlborough

Hockey vs Eton

Rowing: Eton Dorney (details above)

Sunday 25th February

Real Tennis: National Schools Doubles

Tuesday 27th February

Basketball vs Magdalen College School

Wednesday 28th February

Tennis vs Oxford Sports

Thursday 29th February

Cross Country vs Marlborough

Golf vs Haberdashers' Monmouth

Rackets vs Harrow

Squash: Marlborough and Wellington Triangular

Latest Photo Galleries



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Hockey and Football



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