



RADLEY



From the Warden

The Warden has produced a short video highlighting the outstanding achievements of our boys in recent weeks, particularly those who have been successful at a national level. At Radley, we care about achievements large and small, but it would be remiss of us not to recognise the extraordinary efforts of Kim (6.2, K), our robotics teams, guitar quartet, debating trio and the JC1 rugby players. Congratulations to them all.



Academic Initiatives

Jonathan Porter, Deputy Head (Academic) has launched a range of new academic initiatives that are being well-received by boys. As evidenced by the photograph above, Shop has become a hive of academic activity for Sixth Form boys during supervised study sessions. It was intended for dons to refer boys but many have opted to attend of their own free will, highlighting their commitment to revision and hard work! We have also refined our approach to subject clinics for boys in the Fifth Form. This will reduce the opportunity for clashes between academic and co-curricular activities and help to ensure boys can attend multiple clinics. We will continue to monitor the success of these initiatives and feedback when and where appropriate. Please do encourage your sons to make the most of the support on offer to them.

Parent Information

All Parents

Poulenc *Gloria* and Concerto Concert

Sunday 17th March is a bumper day of music. Chapel Choir and the Choral Society will join forces to sing Poulenc's *Gloria* in Silk Hall at 6pm. Described by the composer as 'angels sticking out their tongues', this is not to be missed. Free tickets can be reserved [here](#).

Following drinks, nibbles and jazz in the Theatre Foyer, Silk Hall will play host to Dvořák's *Symphony No. 8*, Bruckner's *Christus factus est* and concertos by Mozart, Bartók, Nielsen, Saint-Saëns and Ravel at 7:30pm. Free tickets for the second half can be reserved [here](#).

High Sheriff's Rackets Event - Two Team Places Left!

As part of our ongoing partnership, the College is supporting Active Oxfordshire in hosting a Six

part and help to raise vital funds for Active Oxfordshire or if want to know more about the event, please contact Nicole Kalinowska via [email](#).

OX14 Shakespeare Shorts Competition

The Grand Final of the Shakespeare Shorts Competition will take place on Friday 22nd March, 8pm in Silk Hall. The evening will consist of monologues and duologues from Shakespeare's plays performed by Year 9 actors from three schools in the OX14 Learning Partnership. The adjudicator is Jake Fairbrother, an actor with a wealth of experience performing at The Globe and in the West End. Please do join us, no tickets are required.

USA Golf Trip - October 2024

Following the success of last year's golf event The Huddle Cup in the USA, which Radley won, we have an opportunity to revisit Hilton Head Island to play some great golf in some fantastic weather. We are looking to take a group of 12 players and the trip is open to boys from all year groups and abilities. The cost is £2,980 which includes all flights, transfers, golf club carriage, breakfast and dinner. The trip will leave on Saturday 24th October and return on Saturday 2nd November (the second week of Leave-Away). Further information is available [here](#). If you are interested in going or would like more information, please contact Mr Richard Grice via [email](#).

AI Event - Last chance to register

More than [100 boys, parents and ORs](#) are attending the AI in Action event at Savills on Thursday 21st March. Please come and network with boys and young ORs about the impact of AI on your industry and how you think companies and individuals need to adapt. [Register now](#) to secure a place.

Policy Updates

We wish to remind parents that all our policies are updated periodically. In the case of the Safeguarding Policy, this happens before the start of Michaelmas Term and as guidance necessitates. We will endeavour to alert parents to significant changes at the time of the revision. The Safeguarding Policy has an 'update list' to make it easier for parents to see where recent amendments have been made. All Radley College policies are available [here](#).

Shell

I would like to draw your attention to the Parents' Meeting scheduled for next term, Friday 3rd May. This is an opportunity to meet your son's teaching dons, discuss his progress and consider GCSE options. You will also hear from me, Mr Jonathan Porter (Deputy Head, Academic) and some of our Sixth Form boys. The official start time for the meeting is 12:30pm,

arrangements will be made if a guardian is unable to attend. [\[info\]](#)

Mrs Rebecca Beattie

Head of Shells

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Remove

It was wonderful to see such fantastic parental support at the JC1 National Cup Final at the StoneX Stadium on Tuesday. On behalf of boys and dons, thank you for your support at every stage of the team's journey this season. What a superb day for the year group as a whole!

On the food front, could I remind parents to include a range of healthy snacks for your son's tuck box, alongside the more typical inclusions. Thank you.

Mr Alan Chandrachud

Head of Removes

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Fifth

Many Fifth linguists will be starting their iGCSE oral examinations this weekend. I wish them all the very best of luck.

Mrs Jo De Ritter

Head of Fifths

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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. [\[info\]](#)

Mr Tim Lawson

6.2

Mr Tim Lawson

Head of Sixth Form

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News



Debating National Finals

Congratulations to Myles (6.2, D), Toby (6.2, D), Nazrin (6.2, L) and Mustafa (6.2, A) who debated in the National Final of the Oxford Union Schools' Debating Competition last Saturday. This follows the success of Blake (6.2, A), Mustafa (6.2, A) and Brayden (6.2, D) who won the Regional Final of the English Speaking Union School's Mace Debating Competition and have earned a place in the National Final. They will travel to Dartmouth House on Thursday 18th April in search of the trophy.



Dr Xand in Conversation

In the latest edition of *Talking Heads*, our parent webinar series, we welcomed Dr Xand van Tulleken, who presents *Operation Ouch!* on CBBC. Dr Xand spoke to Alex Gilley (Lead Nurse, Radley College Health Centre) about men's health. Their conversation covered vaccinations, supplements, sleep and mental health. Alex also asked him for his favourite patient stories and asked whether he would ever appear on *Strictly Come Dancing...* The conversation is available [here](#).



SUPA Polo

Our polo teams performed admirably in this term's SUPA Arena Tournament. Our 'A' team won the intermediate category very comfortably, beating Monkton Combe, Harrow and Stowe. Impressively, the team only conceded one goal. Sanad (S, B) played in a mixed team (with players from Cheltenham and Shrewsbury) and won all of his matches, and our 'B' team performed well against very tough opposition.



Family Real Tennis

Congratulations to Woody (6.2, C) and his father, Sam, who won the Radley College Family Real Tennis Tournament last weekend. They beat Hugo (V, J) and his father, Dom, in a hotly-contested final.



Young Organists' Prize

Congratulations to Kim (6.2, K) who won the School Organists' Association Young Organists' Competition on Sunday. The Advanced Class took place at Merton College, Oxford, and was adjudicated by Professor Edward Higginbottom, organist emeritus of New College. In a competition of a very high standard, Edward awarded the prize to Kim for his performance on the day and his evident potential for the future.



Uzair in Parliament

Uzair (6.1, H) spoke to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Religious Education about faith and school partnerships earlier this week. He was particularly pleased to join friends from



AJC at Twickenham

Alongside his role as Head of Removes and C Social Sub-Tutor, Alan Chandrachud is an experienced and highly-coveted rugby referee. Alan proudly officiated in the U18 National Cup Final between Harrow and Kirkham Grammar School at Twickenham on Thursday. Our congratulations to him.



Science Symposium

16 boys visited Downe House on Tuesday to take part in the Respect Project Science Symposium. They competed in mixed teams and completed a number of challenges in Computer Science, Maths, Biology and Chemistry. Thanks to Downe House for hosting.



6.1 Play

The cast and crew of the 6.1 play gave an excellent performance of *Our Country's Good* by Timberlake Wertenbaker in the Theatre last night. The plot follows a group of Royal Marines and convicts in an Australian penal colony and explores



Duke of Edinburgh/CCF

Boys battled treacherous conditions on the Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition and CCF Field Weekend. Awful rain prevented them from camping out (not a decision taken lightly by the staff team!) but they showed remarkable resilience and

final showing in the Theatre this evening at 7:45pm, no tickets required.



Forest Exhibition

Children from 20 local schools have decorated trees to create an uplifting and inspiring forest. The exhibition hopes to highlight the shared beauty of trees and our collective responsibility in maintaining them for a sustainable future. We look forward to welcoming Dr Lauren Baker of Harcourt Arboretum, University of Oxford, to speak on Saturday 16th March at 11am. The exhibition will be open in the Barker Gym from 10am to 3pm. Photos of the exhibition are available [here](#).



CWGC Project

Nick (6.1, F), Seemon (6.1, E), and Andrej (6.1, E) have been working on a project with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission at the military cemetery in Oxford. They photographed each of the 739 graves of the fallen from the First and Second World Wars and uploaded them to a central database, which will be made available to the public. Relatives and researchers can now virtually 'visit' the gravestones, which are geo-tagged to their precise locations in the cemetery.



Polaris in Dallas

Congratulations to L Social who won the annual inter-Social chess competition last night. The final was a great spectacle, with the boys from L narrowly beating their friends from K Social.

National Final, Team Polaris have been invited to compete in the World Finals in Dallas, Texas next month. This is a remarkable feat for a team of Remove boys.



JC1 are National Champions

Congratulations to our JC1 rugby team who beat Northampton School for Boys 24-12 in the final of the Continental Tyres National Schools Cup at the StoneX Stadium on Tuesday. The boys made College history, winning our first national title for rugby. Mr Nick Wood, H Social Tutor and Master in Charge of Rugby, expressed his pride in the manner of the victory: "The way in which they got there and how they conducted themselves throughout makes this achievement all the more valuable and important. Under pressure for long periods in most of the games en route to the final, the boys were more than equal to the task. They always believed the way to win was to play the brand of Radley rugby they have spent two years learning. They epitomised the values and character of the 'gentlemen warriors' the College takes pride in creating." The full match report is available [here](#) and professional photographs are available [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Poulenc Gloria - Choral Society

Sunday 17th March, 6pm

Concerto, Chamber and Orchestral Concert

Sunday 17th March, 7:30pm

Silk Hall - [book free tickets](#)

AI in Action: Real-World Applications

Thursday 21st March, 6:30pm

Savills W1 - [register now](#)

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 March

Cross Country: English Schools Championships

Football vs Reading Blue Coat

Hockey vs Bradfield

Monday 18th March

Rugby 7s: Rosslyn Park

Tuesday 19th March

Golf vs Dean Close

Rugby 7s: Rosslyn Park

Wednesday 20th March

Rugby 7s: Rosslyn Park

Rowing: Schools' Head of the River

Thursday 21st March

Badminton vs The Oratory

Squash vs Abingdon

Tennis vs Bradfield

Latest Videos



Countryside Centre Film

At the heart of our partnerships programme is a determination to enact positive change for those we work with and in our boys. Our partnership programmes are developed to support the needs of schools and charities: widening inclusion, providing greater opportunity, raising aspirations, and increasing attainment. The Countryside Centre is unique to Radley College and is now home to a programme of partnership activities. In this short and uplifting film, we shine a light on this innovative work. From children who are finding mainstream education difficult to adults who have suffered traumatic brain injuries, the Countryside Centre is genuinely making a difference to the lives of local people. Thanks to Max Horsey and Radley Video for this wonderful film.



Guitar Prize



Warden on Success

Latest Photo Galleries



6.1 Play



JC1 National Final



D of E Weekend



Vex Robotics Nationals



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