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## Town and Gown

Sunday's Town and Gown 10km running event in Oxford had an outstanding Radley turn-out, with a record-breaking 52 boys participating, and over 35 members of staff in attendance. Together, the College raised a total of over £2,500 for Muscular Dystrophy UK, with all entry fees going directly to the charity. The students also showed great camaraderie and support to one another (especially members of E Social, who were seen encouraging a peer throughout the course) with several members of the public openly remarking on the team's spirit and kindness.

## Parent Information

### All Parents

#### National Schools' Rowing Regatta

- Friday 23rd May: J14 parents and guests. Tea and coffee will be served in the Radley marquee from 8.30am - 10.30am. Lunch will then be served from 12.30pm - 2.30pm.
- Saturday 24th May: J15, J16 and Senior parents and guests. Tea and coffee will be served in the Radley marquee from 8.30am - 10.30am. Lunch will then be served from 12.30pm - 2.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you all then.

Further information on the National Schools' Regatta can be found [here](#) including race timetables, parking, the live stream and results.

### **Parents' Prayer Meeting, Friday 23rd May**

Next Friday at 11am there will be an opportunity for parents to gather to pray together before picking up their sons for Leave-Away. All are most welcome. The meeting will be at 2 Cottage Orchard which is near the Sports Centre, to the left of the SLT as you face it from the main entrance. For further information please contact the [Chaplain](#).

### **Gaudy Picnic Wine Goblets**

As part of their Entrepreneurship Project, a group of 6.1s have come up with an innovative idea to help make Gaudy even more enjoyable for all. The use of wine glasses around Bigside (where Gaudy picnics are held) is not recommended so our entrepreneurs have designed an alternative that also provides some Radley memorabilia. The special Gaudy 2025 reusable plastic wine goblets are now on sale with 100% of profits going to Cancer Research UK.

Orders need to be placed by Friday 23rd May via [this link](#). Please note there are limited numbers available so please place your order early to avoid disappointment. If you already placed an order using the link from last week's Bulletin, you will need to reorder as there was unfortunately an issue with the previous form.

Emails will be sent with collection details when the goblets are available. They can also be collected on the day of Gaudy. Payment can be made by card at pick-up.

### **Second Hand Uniform Shop**

The Second Hand Uniform Shop continues to be popular with parents and the incoming Shells and Sixth Form for 2025 are looking for shirts, trousers, blazers, gowns, shoes and sports kit. If you have any unwanted or unused Radley attire that you would be willing to donate, please wash it, label it with 'Second Hand Uniform' and drop it off in the entrance of Mansion (or into the Admissions Office at other times). If you wish to book an appointment to



### **Fit, Fuelled and Focused: A Parental Guide to Fitness and Nutrition for Teenagers**

Our next Talking Heads Parent Webinar features Ali James, Head of Physical Therapies for the Senior Men's team at Aston Villa Football Club. On Monday evening, 19th May at 7pm, Ali will be joining Radley's Director of Sport, James Gaunt to share the research and tips which have seen him become a leader in this field.

Ali has a more than a decade of experience in leadership positions in High Performance Sport, having been the Head of Medical Services for Wasps Rugby from 2012 up until his move to Aston Villa in 2022. Ali also consulted for the England Senior Men's Rugby team during 2017 and 2019. In addition to his Physiotherapy Degree, Ali has gone on to complete his MSc in the Science and Medicine of Athletic Performance at The University of Oxford, post graduate qualifications in Manual Therapy as well as ongoing post-graduate certifications in Strength and Conditioning.

It promises to be an interesting and informative session, offering expert advice on sports fitness and nutrition for teenage boys. There will be also be Q&A session for parents towards the end. Please register for the webinar [here](#).

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## Shell

Shells to begin their preparation early.

One of the key points discussed was the importance of delivering a consistent message between school and home, especially over the upcoming half term. To help with this, here's a summary of the main strategies we covered:

- Create a positive workspace at home – quiet, organised, and free from distractions.
- Manage devices effectively – consider using tools such as:
  - Screen time restrictions on phones
  - Focus Mode on iPads.
- Encourage collaborative learning – a study buddy can be hugely helpful.
- Try a range of revision techniques – variety can boost memory and engagement.
- Support them with their revision schedule – it should be realistic.

On Monday, all Shells will attend a Revision Strategy Talk, where we'll help them begin planning their revision. We are not expecting students to lock themselves away for the entire holiday but a structured approach to light revision over half term will help reduce stress and boost confidence when they return. Lessons and activities will continue as normal in the lead-up to the exams, so getting ahead with revision is strongly advised.

Finally, all resources, including a revision timetable template, guidance, and revision lists will be available on the Shell Revision SharePoint, which students will gain access to on Monday.

Thank you for your continued support. **[info]**

### **Classics trip to Italy, March 2026**

For current Shells who will be taking a Classical subject in the Removes, please see [this letter](#) for information and the application form for the Classics Trip to Italy in March 2026 at the start of the Remove Easter Holidays.

### **International exchange with St Paul's School, São Paulo, Brazil**

We are pleased to announce the continuation of our international exchange programme for current Shells in partnership with St Paul's School, São Paulo, Brazil. [A full report on last year's exchange is available for your reference.](#)

### **Programme Overview**

- Two Radley pupils will be selected to participate. The visit will take place during October Leave-Away 2025. The selected pupils will attend lessons and stay with host families, providing them with a meaningful immersion into Brazilian culture and daily life. The Radley boys will travel to São Paulo alongside girls from Downe House.

exeat weekend when accommodation will be provided by the families of the two Radley boys.

### Key Benefits

- Experience life at a leading international school in one of the world's most dynamic cities.
- Build friendships across continents and broaden understanding of different cultures.
- Develop independence, resilience, and adaptability through immersion in new environments.
- Participate in a wide range of academic and extracurricular activities, and explore major cultural and tourist attractions.

### Expectations for Candidates and Families

- Pupils should demonstrate a positive, open-minded attitude and a willingness to engage with new cultures and communities.
- Families must be prepared to host an exchange partner and plan cultural experiences during the Exeat weekend.
- Parents are responsible for the travel costs of their sons and for making transportation arrangements for both the outbound and return legs of the exchange.

### Application Process

- The opportunity was presented to your sons at the end of last week, and they may have already discussed it with you. To register your son's interest, please complete the [application form](#) or [email](#) by Friday 23rd May.
- Given the anticipated strong interest in this global learning experience, an interview and selection process will be conducted to determine which pupils will participate.

We look forward to supporting the pupils as they broaden their horizons. **[action]**

### National Schools' Rowing Regatta

J14 will be taking three octuples to race at National Schools Regatta. Racing will start on Friday 23rd May at around 9.30am in a 1000m time trial format followed by 1000m side-by-side finals later in the day. Tea and coffee will be served for J14 parents and guests in the Radley marquee from 8.30am - 10.30am. Lunch will then be served from 12.30pm - 2.30pm. **[info]**

### Shell and Remove Parents' Summer Drinks Party

The Radleian Society is hosting the Shell and Remove Parents' Summer Drinks Party at The Fable, EC1A 2BN on Tuesday 3rd June, 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Please register for the event [here](#). **[action]**

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## Remove

### Separate or Combined Science in the Fifth form

Please read the letter [here](#) which provides details about which of the two science courses – either Separate or Combined Science – your son is likely to follow in the Fifth form. For some this has already been finalised and for others this decision will be made at the end of the Removes exam as set out in this letter. **[action]**

### Hear Eunice and Rajab's Story

On Saturday, Removes are invited to join an inspiring session with two remarkable individuals, Rajab and Eunice, who have overcome significant challenges – including being orphaned and growing up in poverty – to become a doctor and a social worker. Despite the odds, they have persevered with determination and resilience. Boys will hear their powerful stories and learn about the incredible work they now do with the Nasio Trust in Kenya, transforming lives and giving back to their communities. **[info]**

### National Schools' Rowing Regatta

J15 racing will start on Saturday 24th May from 9.30am onwards. All crews will race in time trials to determine which final they make. Finals will take place in the afternoon. The top six from time trials will contest the medals. Tea and coffee will be served in the Radley marquee from 8.30am - 10.30am. Lunch will then be served from 12.30pm - 2.30pm. **[info]**

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## Fifth

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### **Fifth, 6.1 and 6.2 Summer Drinks Party**

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## **6.1**

### **National Schools' Rowing Regatta**

J18 racing will start on Saturday 24th May from 9.30am onwards. All crews will race in time trials to determine which final they make. Finals will take place in the afternoon. The top six from time trials will contest the medals. Tea and coffee will be served in the Radley marquee from 8.30am - 10.30am. Lunch will then be served from 12.30pm - 2.30pm. Racing will conclude on Saturday apart from the semi-finals and final for 1st VIII which take place on Sunday. [\[info\]](#)

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## **6.2**

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Sunday. [\[info\]](#)

### **Gaudy: Saturday 5th July 2025**

As communicated in last term's Bulletin, the Warden is inviting 6.2s and their parents to a buffet luncheon catered by Radley in the Bigside Marquee following Tutors' Drinks and Speeches. The day will begin at 10am for 6.2 families with the Leavers' Breakfast in Hall and end with the Leavers' Champagne Toast, Farewell to Dons and 6.2 College prizes from 4.30pm. Further details will be communicated in Bulletin over the course of the term.

To help manage numbers please sign up for the Leavers' Breakfast and Buffet Luncheon by completing this [reply form](#) by Friday 23rd May. **[action]**

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## News



### **Wharton Piano Prize**

Audiences were treated to Shostakovich, Chopin, Sheeran (Ed) and more last Sunday afternoon and evening, as the



### **Diplomacy in the Classroom**

On Sunday, Leigh Turner, CMG (former British ambassador to Ukraine and



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in Mansion. The competition, adjudicated by acclaimed concert pianist Luis Parés, was finally won by Kyle (6.2, K), who performed a stunning rendition of *La Cathédrale Engloutie* by Debussy. Parés later commented that there had been “incredible playing from everyone... what an enjoyable afternoon it’s been! So much talent and so much dedication to the craft.”



## From Classroom to Pitch

Congratulations to Alan Chandrachud, Head of Removes, who has been appointed to referee his first RFU Championship game this Saturday. He will be in the middle for Chinnor vs London Scottish. Alan's whistling success is an important asset for Radley RUFC; we are fortunate to be able to draw upon his experience and to have one of our dons performing at the highest levels of English rugby.

Radley's History Society on the geopolitical history and context behind the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Turner shared stories from his newly published memoir, *Lessons in Diplomacy*, drawn from his 42-year career in the UK civil service – speaking about the value of language-learning, forging interpersonal relations, thinking long-term, and much more.



## British Museum Trip

Following their Easter holiday excursion to the ancient sites of Athens, Thebes and Olympia, the 6.1 Classicists (along with a phalanx of Shells) visited the British Museum this Tuesday to continue their studies of Ancient Greece. The departmental outing day saw boys get up close to Greek armour, Roman portraits, and the ever-controversial Parthenon marbles, while climbing the stairwells of the Great Court (Europe's largest covered square).

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## A Grand Performance

On Monday, Nicole Wilson (Professor at the Royal Academy of Music) led an afternoon of string masterclasses, with violinists and violists of all abilities working in small groups to explore technique, musical communication and repertoire. At the same time, Rachel Mahon (Canadian concert organist and Director of Music at Coventry Cathedral) led organ masterclasses in Chapel, giving a special evening recital before presenting an inspirational event on Tuesday alongside Tim Keasley as part of the Royal College of Organists' 'Play the Organ' year.



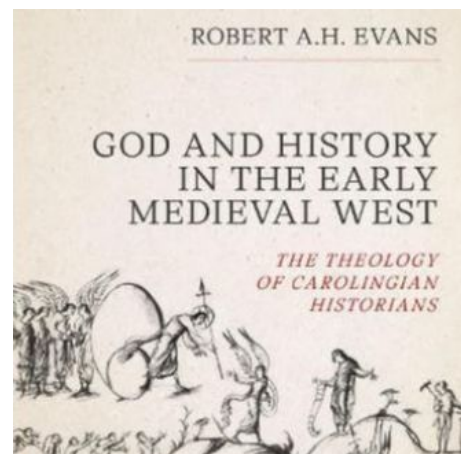
## Grayson Perry Exhibition

6.1 artists and art historians attended *Grayson Perry: Delusions of Grandeur* at The Wallace Collection, London. They explored over 40 new works by Sir Grayson Perry (spanning ceramics, tapestries, and works on paper), thoughtfully exhibited alongside historic masterpieces that influenced the artist's vision for this significant show. The visit also included a tour of the Matt Carey Williams Gallery, where OR Fergus Wiltshire (2011) gave an engaging talk on the work of Lauren Brown and an introduction to the contemporary art market.



## Sports Round Up

Radley's cricket matches against Bloxham and Bradfield produced a line-up of stellar victories, with particular [congratulations](#) to the U14B team for their



## Book Publication

Bob Evans, Radley's Senior Chaplain and teacher of history and theology, has written a new book *God and History in the Early Medieval West: The Theology of*

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Tournament (with boys facing opponents Magdalen College School, King's College School and Whitgift School), polo games versus Eton and Cheltenham (as part of the Copenhagen Cup at Guards) and two rowing regattas (the Bedford Amateur Regatta on the river Great Ouse, and the Caversham 1st VIII Regatta at Reading Rowing Club).

this August. The work discusses “how historians in early medieval societies thought about God and what this meant for themselves and their audiences”. Evans commented, “OUP are one of the best academic publishers in the world (especially for history) and rarely publish work by those who are not full-time academics, so as you can appreciate, I'm quite chuffed!”



## Summer Social Activities

Summer term weekends have hosted many Social social activities – the D Social Family Golf Day featured forty players in a pleasant afternoon of putting and pizza, all to raise money for Asha UK (which provides medical care in Indian slums). G Social hosted a hog roast garden party, complete with a marquee and a Summer Concert in a packed-out Coffee Shop.



## Celebrating Gold at Buckingham Palace

William (D, 2023) and George (J, 2023) were treated to a festival-style party in the Gardens of Buckingham Palace on Friday to celebrate achieving their gold DofE award. The event was hosted by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh with some 6,000 people in attendance.





## A Day at Aston Villa FC

Radley College Shells and Broadway Academy pupils collaborated with the Aston Villa Foundation to explore football careers accessible to all. The day included insightful workshops and a tour of Villa Park, highlighting the club's operations and its connections with the local community. This partnership fostered great collaboration and valuable experience for everyone involved.



## New Memorial Plaques

As part of Radley's celebrations for the 80th anniversary of VE Day, two new memorial stone plaques were put in place by the athletics track. The original cinder track was built in 1960 as a memorial to all Radleians who fell in WW2. In 1997, the current track was given as a thank you for the Radleian Society's care for our PoWs throughout the war. The story of all those who fell can be found on the digital archive [here](#).



## Rogationtide

On Sunday, instead of gathering in Chapel, we held our usual service outside on Mansion Lawn to celebrate the agricultural festival known as 'Rogationtide' - held on the fifth Sunday after Easter, and originating from the Latin for 'to ask'.



## Mental Well-Being Event

On Tuesday, Shells participated in an OX14 Learning Partnership event at Abingdon School, focusing on mental well-being. The day featured a keynote lecture and practical workshops led by the Grief Reaper, providing valuable skills and an excellent experience for all the boys involved.

# 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. Due to the development of the Music School, parking is restricted at home fixtures.

**Saturday 17th May**

Cricket vs Marlborough

Cricket vs Stowe

Athletics at Winchester

Tennis vs RHWM

Rowing: Thames Ditton

**Sunday 18th May**

Croquet vs Southern Schools'

**Tuesday 20th May**

Tennis vs Teddies

**Wednesday 21st May**

Athletics Oxford Open Meeting

**Thursday 22nd May**

Cricket vs Teddies

Athletics vs Cothill

Athletics Prep Schools Fixture

Polo vs Oxford University

**Friday 23rd May**

Rowing: National Schools' Regatta

## Upcoming Events

**Milligan Cup Final**

Sunday 18th May, 7pm

**Fit, Fuelled and Focused: A Parental Guide to Fitness and Nutrition for Teenagers**

Monday 19th May, 7pm

*Register for the webinar [here](#).*

**Organ Recital: Dr Timothy Morris**

Monday 19th May, 8.30pm

*Chapel*

*Free tickets can be booked [here](#).*

**Design Engineering: Private View**

Friday 23rd May, 11.30am

*Design Engineering*

**Orchestral and Concerto Concert**

Sunday 29th June, 6pm

*Chapel*

*Free tickets can be booked [here](#).*

**Celebration of the Life of Max Horsey**

Friday 30th May, 1pm and 2.15pm

*South Oxfordshire Crematorium followed by Mansion*

*ORs, current and former parents and staff are invited to attend Max Horsey's Funeral and Celebration of Life.*

*To attend the Funeral at South Oxfordshire Crematorium, register [here](#). Please note numbers at the funeral are limited.*

*To attend the Celebration of Life reception at Radley College in Mansion, register [here](#).*

## Latest Photo Galleries

We are grateful to all our professional, staff and boy photographers who work hard to capture the true essence of Radley. As ever, all photographs are available to download from [Flickr](#).

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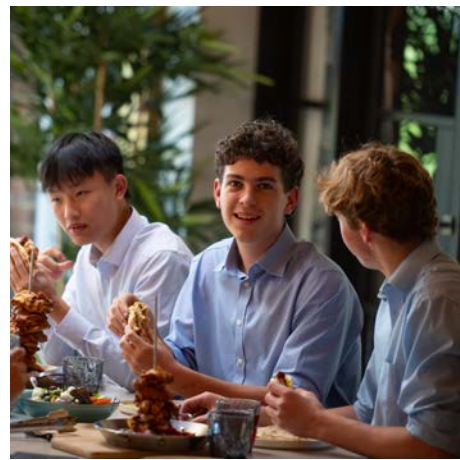
## Lessons



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