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Radley College and Prep Schools Trust are delighted to announce one of the most significant mergers in the charitable independent education sector to date. Radley College and all the seven Prep Schools Trust schools will, from September, come together to form Radley Schools Group.

Watch the video and read more [here](#).

We will be holding an online Q&A session with the Warden on **Thursday 15th May** at 6.30pm. All parents are welcome to attend and you can sign up, and submit questions in advance, [here](#).



Debating Triumph

For the second year in a row, Radley has won the national grand championship of the English-Speaking Union Schools' Mace Debating Competition. Blake (6.2, A), Mikolaj (6.2, G) and DingDing (6.1, D) spoke in the chambers of Dartmouth House, and were praised by the judges for their arguments, rhetoric and tone. They have been competing since October and beat over 380 teams from across the country. Blake said, "Today's success was a reflection of all the hard work we put in, and the debating culture that has been growing at Radley over the past few years."

Parent Information

All Parents

Business networking event – Made in Britain

Join our latest RadSoc business networking event in London, celebrating the ingenuity and resilience of British industry and the power of the 'British brand'. We would love Radley parents to come and connect with Old Radleians and current boys to network and share experiences. You can find out more and register [here](#). **[action]**



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](#).

Shell

Shell Parents' Meeting: Sunday 4th May

I look forward to welcoming you this Sunday. On arrival, please collect a name badge and a list of your son's dons.

ahead, including important information about exams and revision.

Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to speak with any of your son's dons. Meetings will take place on a first-come, first-served basis, with no scheduled times. Please allow approximately five minutes per meeting to ensure everyone has a chance to speak. There is no need to see every Don—many parents choose to prioritise conversations with teachers of GCSE subjects, but this is entirely up to you.

I look forward to seeing you there. [\[info\]](#)

PSHE and RSE

This term Shells continue to explore 'Health and Wellbeing'. They will be attending a number of bespoke talks given by wonderful external specialists. Highlights of this term include:

- a representative from the charity [Oddballs](#) spoke about testicular cancer on Friday 25th April
- Issy Parsons from Oxford University Hospital will be speaking about pornography on Friday 16th May
- Dr Sam Dockree, Specialty Registrar with the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust, will be speaking about looking after your body on Friday 6th June.

Radley works closely with all external specialists to ensure that the content for every talk is accessible for all pupils, that is it age-appropriate, and that it is evidence-based. Our PSHE policy is published on the [Radley Website](#).

If you would like to comment on any aspect of our PSHE or RSE provision, or if you have any questions, please contact [Head of PSHE Suzie-Louise Naylor](#) [\[info\]](#)

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

Mrs Rebecca Beattie

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Remove

working with our [Futures team](#). Removes will be attending a number of bespoke talks given by wonderful external and in-house specialists. Highlights of this term include:

- Henry Coutinho-Mason and Chloe Combi ([The Respect Project](#)) will be speaking about online relationships and the digital world on Friday 13th June
- Dan Pullen, Head of Futures, will be speaking about the Remove Business Challenge on Friday 20th June
- Alex Gilley, our Lead Nurse, will be speaking about sexual health on Friday 27th June

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Mr Alan Chandrachud

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Fifth

Studying in the US - introductory webinars for parents of boys in Fifths

On Tuesday 13th May US Universities Counsellor Malcolm Brown will be hosting webinars about studying at US universities. The aim is to provide some introductory information about what this entails and how Radley can assist in the process. Please consider attending if your son has expressed an interest in going to America, or even if you just want to find out a little more.

To accommodate parents in different time zones, there will be **two** webinars, but **the content will be the same**:

- to register for the webinar at 13:30 - 14:15 UK time, please click [here](#)
- to register for the webinar at 19:00 - 19:45 UK time, please click [here](#)

Once you register, you will receive an email with a link to the webinar. **[action]**

Abingdon School is holding a Student Loans webinar on 7th May at 8pm. Covering who is eligible, types of loan available, the cost of borrowing, and more. Register for the event [here](#). **[info]**

Fifth, 6.1 and 6.2 Summer Drinks Party

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6.1

PSHE and RSE

Highlights of our PSHE/RSE provision for this term include the following bespoke talks given by external specialists.

- All Sixth Form pupils participated in a workshop on resilience on Friday 25th April. This was the third of three workshops given by [100 and First Foundation](#).
- Deborah Melton from [It Happens Education](#) will be speaking to 6.1 about relationships and sexual health on Friday 9th May

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Please find information from last week's 6.1 parent meeting below.

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6.2

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Gaudy: Saturday 5th July 2025

Please look out for the 6.2 Gaudy invitation which was sent out by post.

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



Poet Laureate

Poet Laureate Simon Armitage CBE visited the College Theatre on Monday, performing a 35-minute reading of his poetry to an audience from Radley and OX14 Partnership schools. Graduate assistant Xanthe Richardson, who organised the event, commented, "Being able to hear Armitage's poems in his voice... they become more real", as Head of English Alex Nash noted that "there's been a real buzz in the English department today – the boys were very excited!"



Leavers Dinners

A, B, C, D, E, F, H, and J Socials had their Leavers' Dinners last Saturday - a black-tie meal to honour the students nearing the end of their time at Radley College.

Tonight will also see an all-Socials Leavers' Photo, Drinks and Dinner, with separate Dinners for G, K, and L Socials organised for Saturday. Charlie McKegney, Tutor of D Social, commented that "the boys were superb company, a pleasure to be with and it was great to celebrate their 5 years at Radley".

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250 Years of Turner

The Radley Art Society hosted a special lecture with Professor Leo Costello of Rice University (speaking live from Houston, Texas) on JMW Turner, to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the artist's birth. Costello talked to students from Radley and Headington Rye about Turner's biography and visual development (including his visit to Radley at age 14, when he painted *Mansion*), and considered his impact and legacy, including in the James Bond movie *Skyfall*.



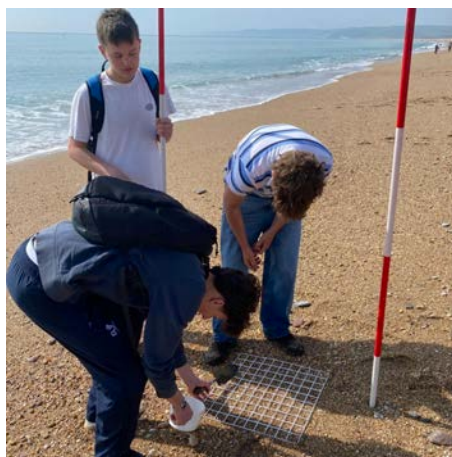
International Mathematical Olympiad

Kelvin (6.1, C) has been selected to be the tenth member of the British team's International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) training camp, hosted by Cambridge's Trinity College over the bank holiday weekend. This was after his



Golf National Finals

Having conquered the regional stages of the Independent Schools' Golf Association Matchplay Tournament, Radley College played the National Finals at Slaley Hall Golf Club in Northumberland on April 28th and 29th. With two rounds split between the two days, Radley performed especially well on the tougher course, finishing a respectable 12th out of 18. Later this term, the ISGA Junior Finals will be hosted on the College's own golf course.



Geography field trip

The 6.1 Geography students recently embarked on their 4-day fieldwork trip to Slapton Sands and Plymouth as part of their A Level NEA (Non-Examined Assessment) data collection. The group demonstrated outstanding dedication and focus throughout the visit, gathering a

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Sarajevo – from the training camp, six will ultimately be chosen to represent the UK at the IMO finals this July in Sunshine Coast, Australia.

(mostly) sunny skies, the students made the most of the beautiful surroundings, all while honing their fieldwork skills.



Sports round up

Cricket season is well underway at Radley College, with matches during the last week against Cheltenham College and Christ's College New Zealand (Radley won by 115 runs). Radley participated in the first BASHER rowing regatta of the summer season at Eton College, boys also faced their Berkshire colleagues on the tennis courts.



Mighty Orchestra

Following the extraordinary performance by the Music Flood Partnership's Mighty Orchestra in March, the musicians who performed - from Radley College and local primary and secondary schools - have been selected to open the National Festival of Music for Youth in Birmingham Symphony Hall. The Orchestra will travel to Birmingham for the event in July.

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 3rd May

Cricket vs Wellington

Tennis vs Winchester

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Athletics vs RGS

Athletics vs Bradfield

Saturday 10th May

Cricket vs Bradfield

Cricket vs Bloxham

Tennis ISL2

Tennis vs Eaton

Polo Copenhagen Cup

Sunday 11th May

Tennis vs Abingdon Prep

Upcoming Events

Shell Parents' Meeting

Sunday 4th May, 11am

*Theatre***Bands Concert**

Sunday 4th May, 7pm

*Theatre**Free tickets can be booked [here](#).***Wharton Piano Prize**

Sunday 11th May, 6.30pm

*Blue Room, Mansion**Free tickets can be booked [here](#).***Radley Schools Group Q&A session**

Thursday 15th May, 6.30pm

*Register and submit questions [here](#).***Milligan Cup Final**

Sunday 18th May, 7pm

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)**Fit, Fuelled and Focused: A Parental Guide to Fitness and Nutrition for Teenagers**

Monday 19th May, 7pm

*Register for the webinar [here](#).***Orchestral and Concerto Concert**

Sunday 29th June, 6pm

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



Simon Armitage



Mace Debaters

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