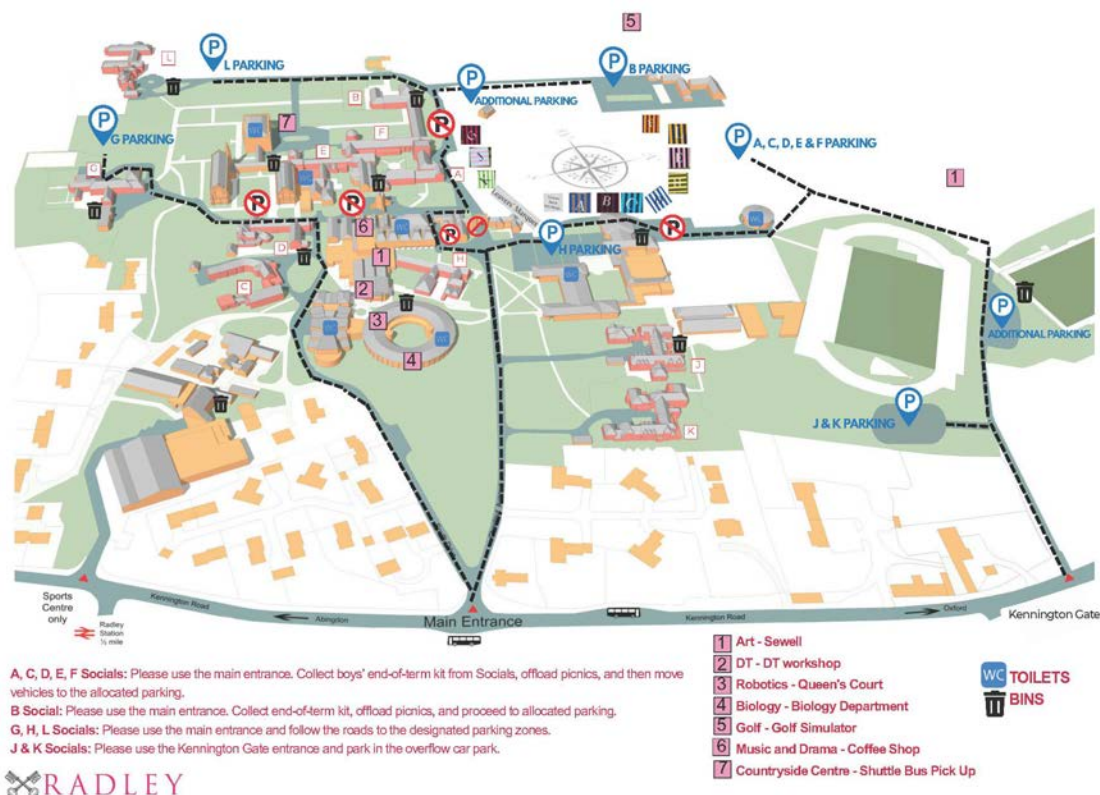




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Gaudy 2025

Two weeks to go ...

We hope to see as many families as possible throughout the morning before the Tutors' Drinks and Speeches at 12.30pm. There will be a host of fun activities during Gaudy Showtime from 11.15 - 12.15 as outlined below.

Please see the map above for parking instructions for each Social. There will be attendants to guide you on the day.

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11.15am – 12.15pm
Refreshments on sale in Coffee Shop

Countryside Centre

Meet at Mansion for shuttle tours to the Countryside Centre (11.15am and 11.45am); see the beagles and our other animals.

Music Soloists

Come and listen to our musicians perform throughout the hour in Coffee Shop.

Milligan Cup

Performers sing a selection of solos from this year's Milligan Cup in Coffee Shop.

Art Exhibition

View a selection of artwork by boys and staff on display in the Sewell Centre Gallery.

Design Engineering Exhibition

Visit the Workshop to see A-Level and GCSE project work on display.

Robotics Workshop

See the robots at work in their playground in Queen's Court Foyer.

Radley Zoo

Meet our animals in the Biology classrooms in Queen's Court.

Golf Simulator

Try out the simulator with our 'Nearest the Pin' Challenge (clubs supplied).

Parent Information

All Parents

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Mind the Gap: A Parent's Guide to Supporting a Successful Year Off



Monday 23rd June – 7pm

Our Talking Heads Parent Webinar this half of term is on the theme of gap years. Milly Whitehead founder of [The Leap](#), one of the UK's leading organisations specialising in purpose-driven gap year and school travel, will join our Head of Sixth Form Tim Lawson, Director of University Entrance Tom Deasy and OR Calver Barnes (2017, B) for a panel discussion on 'a year off'.

This webinar will explore the benefits and challenges for students considering taking time out before university or entering the workforce, and share practical advice on how to help students plan a purposeful and structured gap year. The panel will also discuss gap years in the context of university entrance and specific degree courses. Whether they're thinking of travelling, working, volunteering, or gaining new skills, this session will offer insightful advice so you can feel informed, reassured, and ready to support your sons in making a smart, meaningful decision.

It promises to be an interesting and informative discussion. There will also be a Q&A session for parents towards the end. Please register for the webinar [here](#).

End of Year Art Exhibition: Friday 20th June, 6–7.30pm

The Art Department is delighted to invite parents to its End-of-Year Art Exhibition this evening, Friday 20th June. The exhibition will showcase a selection of artwork created by the boys throughout the 2024/25 academic year, alongside pieces by members of the

achievements. The invitation is available [here](#).

Warden's Music: Sunday 29th June, 6pm

All are welcome to join us in Chapel on Sunday 29th June at 6pm for what promises to be an incredible concert of music for large ensembles. Opening with music for brass and timpani, split across the Chapel, the concert will feature soloist Wallace (6.2, E) with the string orchestra and *Bohemian Rhapsody* from our national award-winning guitar quartet. The College Orchestra will be joined by James (6.2, J) for the first movement of Beethoven's *Third Piano Concerto* before the evening closes with Saint-Saens' *Organ Symphony for Full Orchestra*, pianist Cayden (R, A) and organist Owen (6.1, K). Later in the evening, the whole school will join the College Orchestra for newly-commissioned orchestrations of seven of Radley's favourite hymns - an epic way to celebrate a remarkable musical year. Tickets are free and can be booked [here](#).

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, or other kit, 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). If you wish to book an appointment to view and purchase second hand uniform, please get in touch via [email](#). Many thanks for your support.

Help the Mighty Orchestra get to Birmingham Symphony Hall

The *Mighty Orchestra* (our massed partnership orchestra that performed at Oxford Town Hall at the end of last term) has been selected to open the National Festival of Music for Youth in Birmingham Symphony Hall on Friday 11th July. This is a massive endorsement of the project, which the Festival has chosen as their example of best practice.

To get to Birmingham with over 200 young musicians from schools across Abingdon, Oxford and the Thames Valley, in the first week of our summer holiday, is no small feat. We are challenging every participant to raise some money towards transport costs. Every little helps to get us closer to this amazing performance!

You can make a donation by texting the word 'ORCHTEN' or 'ORCHTWENTY' to 70085 to donate £10 or £20, or by visiting [this Just Giving page](#).

2025 Tatler Schools Guide Awards

Voting is now open for the 2025 Tatler Schools Guide Awards. Vote for your favourite schools and teachers [here](#).

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Mouse-Free Marion Project, an ocean wildlife conservation project in the sub-Antarctic. The first attempt will be Mont Blanc (4,805m) this week, and Kilimanjaro (5,895m) during the summer holidays. The dream began during the Easter holidays, when the twins climbed Gran Paradiso (4061m) in Italy, combining skinning and hiking to the summit, and skiing down in challenging conditions.

The Mouse-Free Marion Project is an ocean wildlife conservation initiative on Marion Island in the sub-Antarctic, aiming to protect the world's iconic Wandering Albatross population. The birds are a key link in the overall ocean ecosystem, and without action, nearly 70% of the bird species here could vanish. Follow the boys on [Instagram](#) and you can support their cause [here](#).

Family Clay Pigeon Shoot: Sunday 14th September

Radley parents and their families are warmly invited to the Radley College Beagles Clay Pigeon Shoot on Sunday 14th September. The shoot is enjoyed by Radley boys of all ages and siblings and is ideal for meeting families with like-minded interests. There are prizes for winners and runners-up in six categories and an inter-Social competition. A letter from Ed and Al Fagan, Shoot Organisers, is available [here](#). You can download the entry form [here](#).

Church of England Confirmation Services

There will be two Church of England confirmation services next academic year (10am on Sunday 16th November and 1st March). The list for confirmation on 16th November is now full. Boys will be invited to sign up for the March confirmation towards the end of Michaelmas Term, but are welcome to make enquiries to the Chaplaincy team before then.

Shell

We are excited to let you know about a fantastic opportunity for your son to take part in a Spanish exchange visit to Barcelona next year. As part of this cultural exchange, your son will be paired with a Spanish partner and will stay with their family in Barcelona. He will take part in local activities and explore the culture, language, and daily life of this vibrant city – a unique and enriching experience. Further information, including dates and costs, is provided in the attached letter. If you have any questions, please feel free to [contact me directly](#).

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Roman Catholic Confirmation

Parents of Roman Catholic Shells whose son wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next academic year are invited to register their interest with [Ms Hurley](#). A preparation programme will run in Michaelmas and Lent terms, with the service of

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 Easter Holidays. **[info]**

Mrs Rebecca Beattie

Head of Shells

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Remove

Remove internal examinations begin on Monday June 23rd and will last for the entirety of that week. The boys have access to a thorough SharePoint page that details not only practical revision advice, but also contains all the subject guidance for each exam, as well as the exam timetable. There has been impressive engagement with the revision skills programme throughout this academic year, and I am sure the boys will apply all the skills they've learnt in the coming weeks to ensure they revise effectively. **[info]**

Mr Alan Chandrachud

Head of Removes

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Fifth

Congratulations to the Fifths, who have now finished their exams. A reminder that all Fifths need to be back on 29th June for Futures Week. For more information about Futures Week please read [this letter](#). **[info]**

Can You Help? Career in Accountancy

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iPad End of Lease

Full details are in the email sent by [Director of Digital Strategy, Richard Grice](#), before Leave-Away. **[action]**

Mrs Jo De Ritter

Head of Fifths

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English Department Trip to Dublin, March 2026

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Guide to University Clearing

Please find [here](#) a guide to Clearing from Director of University Entrance, Mr Tom Deasy. Mr Deasy can be contacted [via email](#) if you have any further university-related questions. More information regarding arrangements for A-Level results day will be shared in due course.

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News



Language Symposium

6.1 linguists teamed up with Downe House for a Modern Foreign Language forum last Friday. French don Simon Barlass writes "There were fun ice-breaking activities, teacher presentations on a range of language-specific themes and lots of opportunities for conversations on a range of A-Level topics, all conducted in the target languages." The students also enjoyed a quality meal thanks to the culinary skills of Aaron (6.1, G) and Charlie (S, G).



Hammers and Hoops

Sunday afternoon saw the Boys-U18A v Staff croquet game at Blewbury Croquet Club, just south of Didcot. Radley dons, including the Warden and Deputy Head (Co-Curricular), paired up to face this year's croquet-competent crop. The boys proved too much, sealing their overall victory via a 14-11 win against Mr and Mrs Newell. The match report reads, "It was a wonderful afternoon, played out in glorious conditions and in fine company. Well done to the boys who were worthy winners in a very well-fought match."



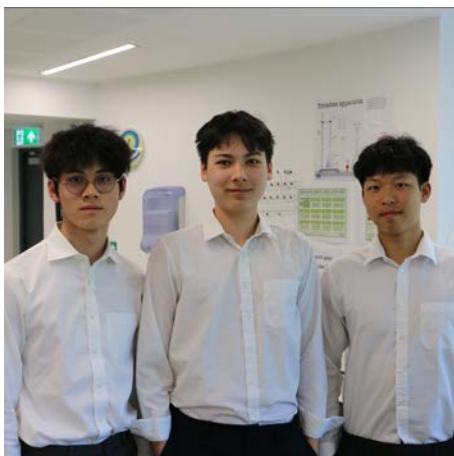
Reading Regatta

Radley took to the water on Saturday for the Reading Amateur Rowing Regatta, taking home many of the day's highest accolades. The J18 Coxed Four beat Birmingham University (earning the Guinness Cup), the J14A Coxed Quad won against Henley RC's squad, while the J15A Eights outpaced the National Champions from St Paul's School by two feet. Such was the College's success that the final race of J15 Coxed Fours pitted two Radley teams together (Radley won).



Wednesday Partnerships

Wednesday marked the end of this year's Partnership Programme for Fifts and 6.1s who over the past year have helped local schools with reading, phonics, maths, geology and biology activities and sports provision, as well as music concerts in care homes and working with a range of charities within our local community. As one teacher shared, "It helps raise aspirations... our children benefit from relatable role models."



Chemistry Competition

Three Radley teams participated in the Royal Society of Chemistry's Analyst Competition 2025, for which they took on challenges based around titration, calculating sodium thiosulphate in soil, the retention factors of standards, flame tests and much more. Ultimately, Team Green topped the College bill, consisting of



Tackling the Challenge

Congratulations to Jonno (6.2, B) and Oscar (6.2, E), whose signing with Gloucester Rugby Academy Club has now been officially announced. Director of Rugby at Gloucester George Skivington notes in the Club's press release, "Every player that will make the step is deserving; they've worked incredibly hard

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Sports Round-Up

Saturday cricket pitted Radley against Harrow, with notable victories for the Colts 2 and U15C teams (by 91 and 175 runs respectively). "The boys are enjoying their cricket, playing it in the best spirit of the game and delighting in each other's success" writes Robin Weekes.

Elsewhere that day, Arne (6.2, E) and Jacob (6.1, C) triumphed in ping-pong doubles against Abingdon Table Tennis Club, and a clean sweep of tennis victories against Marlborough graced the College courts.



Awarded Copy

Deputy Head (Academic) Jonathan Porter awarded Copy to two boys this week for exceptional academic achievement. Sam (R, F) built upon his mathematical



Social Calendar

Exam timetables and weather conditions notwithstanding, the past week has been a busy time for Radleians beyond the classroom and playing fields – from a 12km walk from Sparsholt to the Uffington

White Horse undertaken by L Social Shells, to boy-led evening forums on topics as diverse as philosophy and The Velvet Underground. Even A Social's Saturday barbecue, complete with garden cricket, was undeterred by a sudden downpour.



First Pitch

17 6.1s coached at a baseball festival for 160 local primary school children on Wednesday. The event was the culmination of their two year stint as

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second Copy of the year ("a real Renaissance man" remarked Mr Porter). Owen's (6.1, K) music-based EPQ saw him compose an original companion piece to Beethoven ("All rights reserved!" Owen clarifies).

skills each week. Freddie (6.1, J) commented "One child showed incredible focus and determination, mastering a difficult batting technique. It was amazing to see their confidence grow right before my eyes." Another 6.1 was was delighted when a child told him "I'm going to keep doing sport because of you".

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 21st June

Rowing: Marlow Regatta

Cricket vs Winchester

Athletics vs Marlborough

Tennis vs Harrow

Monday 23rd June

Tennis: MCS Festival

Tuesday 24th June

Tennis: MCS Festival

Golf vs Abingdon

Wednesday 25th June

Tennis: MCS Festival

Thursday 26th June

Tennis: MCS Festival

Cricket vs Abingdon

Friday 27th June

Rowing: Henley Royal Regatta Qualifiers

Upcoming Events

End-of-Year Art Exhibition

Friday 20th June, 6-7.30pm

Sewell Centre Gallery

Orchestral and Concerto Concert

Sunday 29th June, 6pm

Chapel

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

Mariners' Summer Drinks Party

4-5th July, 12.30pm

Henley

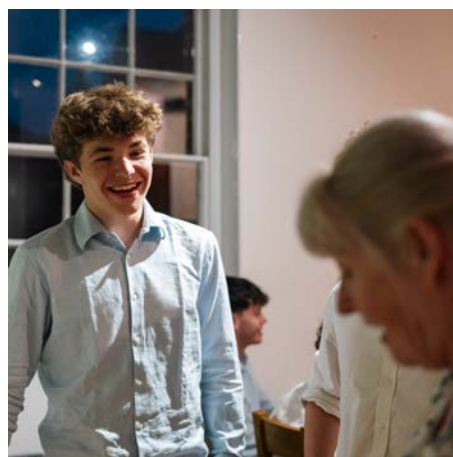
Tickets can be booked [here](#).

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](#).



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