

**INTRODUCING
FOR THE FIRST TIME...**

**‘GAUDY
SHOWTIME’**

One week to go ...



RADLEY GAUDY 2025

9am –
1pm

Coffee Shop open

9.30am –
11am

Inter-Social Fast and Furious Cricket semi-finals,
and Rowing, Tennis and Croquet semi-finals and finals

11.15am –
12.15pm

Gaudy Showtime:

Countryside Centre Tour (tours from Mansion 11.15am and 11.45am)

Art Exhibition (Sewell Centre Gallery)

Design Engineering Exhibition (DE Workshop)

Robotics Workshop (Queen's Court Foyer)

Radley Zoo (Queen's Court)

Music and Milligan Cup Performances (Coffee Shop)

Golf Competition (Simulator)

12.30pm

Tutors' Drinks and Speeches (including awarding of prizes)

1pm

1st XI vs Radley Rangers (Bigside)

2pm

Pipers

2pm

Social Picnics

2.15pm

Beagles Parade

2.15pm

Big Band Performance around Bigside

2.45pm

Inter-Social Fast and Furious Cricket final

3.15pm

1st XI vs Radley Rangers match resumes

3.15pm

Live music by the Leavers' Marquee

3.30pm

Tea and Coffee available in Shop

Please find a downloadable map of the showtime locations [here](#).

A34 Closure

A nine-mile northbound section of the A34 is scheduled to close this weekend and next weekend while National Highways resurfaces sections of the road. The closure will begin at Junction 13, the

travel plans.

Parent Information

All Parents

Latest Edition of *The Radleian*

The latest edition of *The Radleian*, the College's official magazine since 1866, is out, with articles about rackets, Talking Heads webinars, deep dives into Radley's academic philosophy, cricket heritage (complete with a salute to Wags), an exclusive interview with sports commentator Barry Davies MBE, and much more... A link to the magazine can be found [here](#).

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

Monday's Talking Heads webinar on gap years featured Milly Whitehead, founder of [The Leap](#), one of the UK's leading organisations specialising in purpose-driven gap year and school travel alongside Head of Sixth Form Tim Lawson, Director of University Entrance Tom Deasy and OR Calver Barnes (2017, B). You can watch the recording of the webinar [here](#).

Summer Exams

In order to receive their results in August, all pupils who have taken public exams this summer must ensure that they are able to access My School Portal off site. Please check this ahead of time and [contact IT support](#) if you have any questions. Further information about results days will follow next week.

Tribute to Max Horsey (1948-2025)

Thank you to Arthur Davie-Thornhill (E, 2022) who stepped in at short notice to lead the Radley Video Unit this term and for creating [this fitting video tribute](#) to honour Max Horsey who sadly passed away just before Easter. As an electronics don and then, post "retirement", as the creative power behind the Radley Video Unit, Max gave so much to Radley over his 36 years of service and is sorely missed.

Put on Some Purple: Monday 30th June



community have lost two people, Max Horsey and Sarah Barrett, to pancreatic cancer. We will be holding a home clothes day on Monday to raise money for Pancreatic Cancer UK in their honour. As Purple is the colour of the charity, we will be encouraging everyone to wear an item of purple clothing on the day.

Not only will this take place on campus, but we invite all of the extended Radley community to 'put on some purple' and donate whatever you can. Please send in any picture of yourself/your family in purple to charities@radley.org.uk so that we can celebrate everyone's support of this wonderful cause. You can donate [here](#).

Henley Royal Regatta Photos

All Mark One will be taking photos of the Radley crews which will be uploaded towards the end of each race day. The photos will be available for parents to download [here](#).

Rezon Halos: Protective Sports Headbands

Sport is a vital and integral part of Radley school life. However, whatever the sport and the level at which it is played, there are risks that the head can take an impact. This impact can cause rotational forces to the brain leading to a sub-concussion or concussion injury. With a sub-concussion injury there are frequently no symptoms, but multiple sub-concussion injuries can be dangerous. Rezon Halos are a protective sports headband (PPE accredited) that help to protect the brain from concussion and sub-concussion injuries. They have been shown to reduce concussion risk by 74% and rotational forces by up to 61% in head impacts. Halos are light-weight, waterproof, comfortable to wear and can be worn with glasses. They retail at £89.99 and are available to purchase from the [Rezon website here](#). We have secured a discount code "Radley10" which will get you a 10% discount. A full range of sizes are available with sizing guidance on the website (please go smaller rather than larger). We do ask that you choose the red colour for school use.

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.

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.

Radley Railway Society

Ryan (V, L) has launched Radley Railway Society (RailSoc) to coincide with the celebrations of the 200th Anniversary of modern railways (Rail200). Activities will include building a model railway layout in a dedicated space, attending exhibitions and organising railway themed outings.

If your son is interested in railways or engineering, please ask him to get in touch with Ryan. Everyone is welcomed, and parents are also welcome to [be in touch](#) if they are rail enthusiast and would like to be involved in helping this new society.

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

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](#).

Shell

Shell boys are invited to take up a wonderful opportunity in the Spanish exchange visit to Barcelona next year. As part of the trip, 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 Rebecca Beattie directly](#). **[info]**

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 Confirmation to be celebrated by the Right Revd Bishop of Portsmouth, Philip Egan, on Sunday 26th April 2026. **[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 Easter Holidays. **[info]**

Mrs Rebecca Beattie

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Remove

The Removes have conducted themselves impeccably this week throughout internal examinations. There has been a good atmosphere around College and I trust the boys will be eager to see how they've done and learn from any shortcomings. As I've repeatedly said to them, 'exam feedback week' is arguably more important than the examination week itself.

few. I hope they enjoy the end of term and I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at Gaudy next Saturday. [\[info\]](#)

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Head of Removes

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Fifth

A reminder that all Vths need to be back by 7pm on Sunday for Futures Week. For more information about Futures Week please read [this letter](#). [\[info\]](#)

English Department Trip to Dublin, March 2026

An exceptional opportunity to explore Dublin's literary heritage. This three day trip supports A-Level English studies and offers cultural immersion in one of Europe's most celebrated literary capitals. More information, including how to sign up, can be found in the presentation [here](#) and in the document [here](#). [\[info\]](#)

iPad End of Lease

Please could you take a moment to complete the iPad End of Lease form available in MySchoolPortal (Documents and Forms / Forms to Complete) regarding your son's iPad. Full details are in the email sent by [Director of Digital Strategy, Richard Grice](#), before Leave-Away. [\[action\]](#)

Mrs Jo De Ritter

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6.1

University Applications

Please read [this letter](#) which covers the next steps for the university application process following the end of term 6.1 exams. [\[info\]](#)

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6.2

Medical Centre

At the end of term, 6.2 leavers will be de-registered from Long Furlong Medical Centre, meaning they are no longer registered with the GP there. Please ensure your son has emailed the Health Centre and ordered any repeat prescriptions needed for the start of the holidays. He will need to register with a GP for ongoing care. We have also sent out vaccination histories for records - please keep these somewhere safe for future reference. On behalf of all the team in the Health Centre, we wish all our leavers health and happiness in the future. **[info]**

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. **[info]**

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News



U.N.-Believable

Last Friday, eight Radley 6.1s attended the inaugural Marlborough Model United Nations, representing France. Will (6.1, E) writes, "We were given a speech by Sir Malcolm Rifkind, the former Foreign Secretary, on unity. After this, we broke into our committees, discussing issues ranging from arms deals to Zambian healthcare... both Ben (6.1, B) and I were awarded third place medals in our respective committees, and our delegation as a whole won third overall.

The entire day was a tremendous success and has helped us in honing our diplomatic and public speaking skills."



National School Theatre Awards

On Monday, cast members from November's College Musical *Les Misérables* attended the National School Theatre Awards at the Gillian Lynne Theatre, London. The night was a wonderful black-tie gala ceremony, celebrating the fantastic work and achievements of drama students in schools. The success of the production reaching such acclaim was also recently replicated with the exciting news that Radley's version of the 1980 musical is a Finalist in the 2025 Muddy Stilettos Best School Awards, in the 'Dynamic Performing Arts' category.



Bowled Over

Congratulations to Manny (V, G), who was selected for the Young Lions Invitational XI to play cricket against England U19 and India U19, taking four wickets and



Schooling for Empire

Archivist Clare Sargent and Head of History Tim Schmalz joined international scholars at the 'Schooling for Empire, c.1750-1945' conference held at the

National Cricket Performance Centre. This news comes after his April selection for the Hampshire Senior 2nd XI.

Radley's rich collections, they presented two case studies – from the 1860s and the 1930s – where global issues became the subject of school debate and reflected deeper considerations of empire and public schools.



Peak Achievement

Massi (V, G) and Alec (V, G) have conquered Mont Blanc as part of their mountain-climbing challenge for charity. Their final push for the summit neared a gruelling six hours with only headlamps for visibility, with the pair reaching the 4810m summit at 9.30am local time before descending via paraglider. Massi and Alec plan to take on the Tanzanian volcano Kilimanjaro next, all to raise money for the Mouse-Free Marion Project (which seeks to restore South Africa's Marion Island to a pest-free sanctuary for albatrosses and other sea birds). Donations can be made [here](#).



Cyril's Story

For School Diversity Week, we consider Cyril Holland (born Wilde), Pup of E Social in 1902 who rowed for the 1st VIII. Cyril's father, author Oscar Wilde, was a devoted and caring parent, whose then-illegal homosexuality was uncovered through coerced testimonies. Cyril was forced to change his surname and taken to Radley College, never to see Oscar again (his father's name being omitted from the school register). Today, Radley is proud to take part in a weeklong celebration of diversity in schools, with queer ORs staying connected via the Radley Wildebloods community.



Sports Round-Up

Radley faced their Hampshire rivals at Winchester College, in what was for some their final cricket match of the season.

Arthur (V, J) helped U18A's victory through a stunning innings of 50* from 114 balls "All who watched this special innings (including opposition coaches) agreed it will live long in the memory," reads the match report. On the tennis courts, a near-clean sweep of wins against Harrow emerged from games touted by onlookers as "a real highlight of the season".



A Wonderful Innings

To celebrate the career of retiring cricket coach Andy 'Wags' Wagner, last Sunday saw a hog roast and commemorative game pitting two Old Radleian teams. Rupert Henson (1975, A), president of the Radley Rangers, writes, "eight former Radley captains from 1994 to 2025 played, and five more were there to spectate ... It was a fittingly memorable send-off for a great and much-loved man after 40 years at Radley. We wish him the very best for the future, and hope he won't be a stranger to Bigside, scene of so many successes."

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 28th June

Rowing: Reading Regatta

Cricket vs Tonbridge

Tennis vs Tonbridge

Athletics vs Tonbridge

Sunday 29th June

Monday 30th June

Tennis ISTA Championships

Croquet vs Hurlingham

Tuesday 1st July

Tennis ISTA Championships

Rowing: Henley Royal Regatta

Wednesday

Rowing: Henley Royal Regatta

Thursday

Rowing: Henley Royal Regatta

Friday

Rowing: Henley Royal Regatta

Upcoming Events

Orchestral and Concerto Concert

Sunday 29th June, 6pm

Chapel

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

Radley Fringe Festival

Thursday 3rd July, 8pm

Mariners' Summer Drinks Party

4-5th July, 12.30pm

Henley

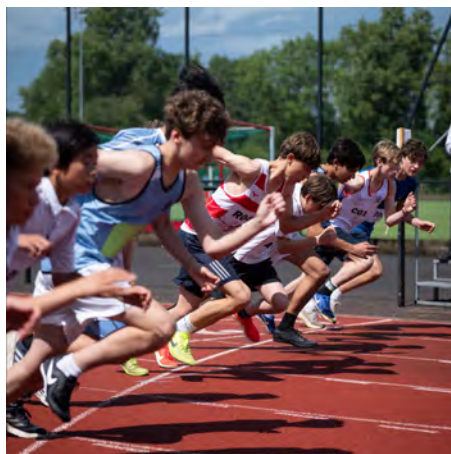
Tickets can be booked [here](#).

Latest Photo Galleries

capture the true essence of Radley. As ever, all photographs are available to download from [Flickr](#).



Cricket and Tennis



Athletics Fixture



J Social Cocoa



G Social Cocoa



The Fated Finalists



Lessons and Library

Latest Videos



**Max Horsey In
Memoriam**



Shell Play

