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## **National Schools Regatta**

Radley's rowing success continued over Leave-Away with a string of triumphs at the National Schools Regatta in Nottingham. A huge well done to all RCBC crews who raced, and a thank you to all the coaches and parents for their hard work and continued support throughout the season.

Results: 1st VIII – 2nd 2nd VIII – 1st 3rd VIII – 3rd Senior 4+ - 12th 16.1 VIII – 3rd 16.2 VIII – 3rd 15.2 VIII – 2nd 15.2 VIII – 2nd 15.3 VIII – 14th (in the 15.2 category) 14.1 8x+ – 1st 14.2 8x+ – 4th 14.3 8x+ – 6th (in the 14.2 category)

## Parent Information

## **All Parents**

#### Gaudy 2025

The countdown to Gaudy has begun! We hope to see as many families as possible throughout the morning. Many boys will be involved in competitions, exhibitions and performances and there will be much to watch, and do, before the Tutors' Drinks and Speeches at 12.30pm. The schedule for the day is outlined below. Updates will be posted in every Bulletin now until the end of term.

9am	Coffee Shop open (until 1pm)
9:30-11am	Inter-Social Sports for Shells to 6.1s (semi-finals and finals - Cricket, Rowing,
	Tennis, Croquet)
10:00am	Leavers' Breakfast (Hall)
11:15-12:15pr	n Music; Art and Design Engineering exhibitions; Robotics workshop; Radley
	Zoo; Milligan Cup performances; Golf shot contest and Countryside Centre visits
11:30am	Leavers' Service (Chapel)
12:30pm	Tutors' Drinks and Speeches (including awarding of prizes)
1pm	1st XI vs Radley Rangers (Bigside)
2pm	Pipers piping picnickers to Bigside
2pm	Social Picnics around Bigside
2pm	Leavers' drinks served in Bigside Marquee
2.15pm	Beagles Parade
2.15pm	Big Band performance
2.30pm	Leavers' Buffet luncheon (Bigside Marquee)
2.45pm	Inter-Social Fast and Furious Cricket final (Bigside)
3.15pm	1st XI vs Radley Rangers match resumes (Bigside)
3.15pm	Live music (Bigside)
3.30pm	Tea and Coffee available in Shop
3.30pm	Leavers' Beer Tent opens
4.30pm	Leavers' Toast, Farewell to Dons and 6.2 College prizes (Bigside Marquee)

#### 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 on 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 Radley College

invitation is available 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 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 <u>email.</u> 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 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 <u>this Just Giving page</u>.

#### 2025 Tatler Schools Guide Awards

Voting is now open for the 2025 Tatler Schools Guide Awards. Vote for your favourite schools and teachers <u>here</u>.

#### **Bloom Pencils**

As part of their Entrepreneurship CEP, four keen 6.1s are hoping to make a difference with their business Bloom Pencils. Please read their manifesto below:

'Pencils are everywhere – tucked into pencil cases, clutched in classrooms, and scattered across desks. But what happens when they're too short to use? Most end up in the bin, destined for landfills. Even when recycled, the process is slow and the impact minimal. We've reimagined the pencil with purpose. Introducing Bloom Plantable Pencils – eco-friendly writing tools that give back to the planet. Use them just like any other pencil. But when they're too short to write with, don't throw them away – plant them. In just a few days, you'll see vibrant flowers or fresh herbs sprouting from the soil. It's a small change with a big impact – turning everyday waste into life. Let's grow a greener world – one pencil at a time. To order, fill in the <u>pre-order form</u> now.'

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 <u>here</u>. You can download the entry form <u>here</u>.

### Shell

#### **Social with Downe House**

A Black Tie Event is scheduled at Downe House on Saturday 7th June. Boys are signing up this week. While the event is termed "black tie", the dress code is not strict: a dark suit, white shirt, and tie will be perfectly suitable. However, if the boys are feeling fancy, a bow tie is welcome, too! **[info]** 

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

For current Shells who will be taking a Classical subject in the Removes, please see <u>this</u> <u>letter</u> 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 <u>RB.Beattie@radley.org.uk</u>

#### **CCF Field Exercise**

A reminder to Remove parents that Field Exercise is on Sunday 8th to Monday 9th June. Boys in the Army section will be undertaking a two-day expedition (that also counts as their DofE Bronze Expedition). Boys in the Navy and RAF Sections will do two days of section-specific training. All boys are away from Radley Sunday evening, and will not have phones with them. Boys who are injured can be incorporated into the various plans. All boys have been informed as to what kit they need to bring back after Leave-Away. We hope they will take ownership of bringing the required items back to College. **[info]** 

Mr Alan Chandrachud Head of Removes <u>AJC.Chandrachud@radley.org.uk</u>

### Fifth

The Fifths are back into the swing of exams. As a reminder, boys need to be back on Sunday 29th June for Futures Week. **[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 the decision on your son's iPad. Full details are in the email sent by Director of Digital Strategy, Richard Grice, before Leave-Away. **[action]** 

#### **Higher and Degree Apprenticeships**

If you would like to find out more about Higher and Degree Apprenticeships, how to apply, and what's available, please join this webinar hosted by ASK (Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge Programme) on Monday 9th June at 6pm. Click <u>here</u> to register. **[info]** 

#### US Universities: SAT Course in Michaelmas Term 2025 (Action required)

Following the introductory webinars last month, US Universities Counsellor Mr Malcolm Brown is now keen to gauge the level of interest in US university applications, and in particular the SAT course that we aim to run next term. If your son has expressed an interest in studying in the US, however vague, please could you fill in the brief form <u>here</u> by Monday 16th June.

There is absolutely no obligation at this stage, but we do need to get an idea of potential numbers so we can plan accordingly. Mr Brown will provide details of the course and

#### **CCF Field Exercise**

For the avoidance of doubt, we are not expecting any Fifths on CCF Field Exercises. [info]

Mrs Jo De Ritter Head of Fifths JDR.de.Ritter@radley.org.uk

### 6.1

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#### **CCF Field Exercise**

A reminder to parents of NCOs that Field Exercise is on Sunday 8th to Monday 9th June. NCOs will mostly be with their section, with some Army NCOs possibly being allocated to the Infantry part of the RAF Exercise. **[info]** 

Mr Tim Lawson Head of Sixth Form <u>TCL@radley.org.uk</u>

## 6.2

#### **Higher and Degree Apprenticeships**

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#### **Guide to University Clearing**

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

**CCF Field Exercise** 

Mr Tim Lawson Head of Sixth Form <u>TCL@radley.org.uk</u>

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## News



### The Fated Finalists

With over 50 boys involved, the yearly Shell Play *The Fated Finalists* debuted last night in the Theatre. Rupert (R, B) writes of the production: "Three strangers... One life-changing prize of £1 million. All they have to do is complete three 'simple' tasks... But what begins as a golden opportunity to earn easy money quickly unravels into something far more sinister." Admission for Friday's closing performance is free – just show up on the door and take a seat.



## Games, Gatherings and Good Times

Radley's Removes were invited to St Helen & St Katharine School on Tuesday, for a special 'Year 10 Introduction to Sixth Form' barbecue. The sunny afternoon of socialising in the historic Quad saw sushimaking, cricket, rounders, volleyball, Jenga, giant snakes-and-ladders and, naturally, eating great quantities of barbecue food. A huge thank you to SHSK for the invite and the festivities.

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## Tackling Fontainebleau's Boulders

For five days over Leave-Away, boys visited Fontainebleau, a commune just south of Paris famed since the 19th century for its bouldering (rock-climbing stripped down to its essentials). Accompanied by David Robinson, Maria Lebedeva and John Wilson, Shells, Removes and 6.1s ascended many a rock face amid the region's pine forests, armed only with conveniently positioned crash mats and a Radley-honed sense of outdoorsmanship.



## Money, Money, Money

Thursday night's debate in Coffee Shop – the last of the Radley academic year – pitted a proposition of Aaron (6.1,G), Mauro (6.1, G) and Benedict (6.1, D) against an opposition of Jack (6.2, H), Freddie (6.1, J), and Nicolas (R, H) (in his debate debut), with Rodion (6.1, L) acting as chair. Boys from both sides verbally sparred over the topic 'This House believes money is the key to happiness', with the proposition coming out on top by a single vote.



## **Getting into Estate**

William Beardmore-Gray, Senior Partner and Group Chair of the Knight Frank Executive Board (one of the world's leading independent real estate consultancies), was the speaker at Thursday's Investment Society lecture, co-organised by Harry (6.1, K) and



## **Strings and Keys**

Though exam season is underway, Radley's '15 at 1.15' concert series continued this Monday, as Erik (R, E), Thomas (R, H), Theo (R, K) and Adrian (R, D) took to the keys and strings for a public run-through of their Music GCSE performance pieces (accompanied by Liz

than 30 years' experience with clients in London and across the world. He provided a fascinating insight into careers in property and the future of the global property market. filled a crowded Coffee Shop with an array of beautiful performances, from a Handel *Sonata* to an extract from Gustav Hille's *Hungarian Sketches*.

## **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 7th June Cricket vs Eton Tennis vs OXIST

Sunday 8th June Tennis vs Roehampton Rowing: Mariners' Challenge

**Tuesday 10th June** Tennis vs Eton Polo vs Rugby Golf vs Marlborough

### Thursday 12th June Athletics vs Bradfield

Tennis vs MCS Cricket vs Cheltenham Croquet vs Winchester

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Friday 6th June, 7.45pm *Theatre* 

Mariners' Challenge

Sunday 8th June, 11.30am Boathouse Free tickets can be booked here.

#### Music Scholars' Recital

Thursday 12th June, 8pm Blue Room, Mansion Free tickets can be booked <u>here</u>.

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 <u>here</u>.* 

# 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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