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Schools across Abingdon were ringing with music this week as thousands of children took part in the annual *Music Flood Week*, which is the centrepiece of Radley College's music partnership work.

During the week, more than 80 pupils from Radley College visited 16 local primary schools – reaching thousands of children through 65 separate events, including:

- Music assemblies inspiring children to start an instrument
- Singing workshops
- Massed orchestral experiences
- Music therapy sessions
- Teacher training
- Playground busking

The week culminated in a mass celebration event in Abingdon Market Place, with more than 700 children performing alongside *Music Flood's* musicians-in-residence *Doikayt*, a renowned klezmer ensemble, in an hour of singing, dancing and music.

Parent Information

All Parents



Raising boys in a digital age: understanding and navigating the impact of pornography. A conversation

**Monday 13th October, 6.30pm**

Our *Talking Heads* Parent Webinar this half of term is on the theme of pornography. Dr Elly Hanson is a leading expert in adolescent wellbeing. As a clinical psychologist, Dr Hanson focuses on the prevention of abuse and more widely on supporting young people in how to enjoy positive relationships. She has also authored a report on pornography and the ways in which it can undermine young people's autonomy, values, sexuality and relationships.

In conversation with our Deputy Head (Pastoral) Ed James, Dr Hanson will look at the current landscape around pornography, recent UK regulatory changes and offer parents advice on how to support and communicate effectively with their sons on this issue.

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

Shell

We look forward to meeting you and discussing your son's start at Radley at the Shell Form Masters' Meeting on Friday 26th September. The Radleian Society will host refreshments in the Theatre foyer followed by a series of short presentations from 12 noon from the Head of Year. Parents will also hear from Mr. Grice, Head of Digital Strategy; Ms. Naylor, Head of PSHE; and Mrs. McClelland, Radleian Society Manager. You will then have an opportunity for an informal meeting with your son's Form Master. I hope that you all have a restful Exeat and enjoy having your son(s) at home with you.

Dates to note

- Rugby: Saturday 4th October Shell matches vs Cranleigh (Home)
- Haddon Cup Competition at 5 – 8.30pm on Sunday 5th October in the Theatre. **[info]**

Remove

RSE Talk on Positive Masculinity

On Friday 3rd October James Brabazon will be talking about Positive Masculinity. James will be drawing on his 30 years' experience working as a war correspondent. The talk will focus on friendship, loyalty, trust, honesty and motivation. **[info]**

Parents Evening

Please find information about the Remove parents' meeting on Friday October 17th [here](#). **[info]**

Borneo Trip

In the summer of 2027 we will be taking a trip to Borneo. The trip is open to all current Removes and Fifths. This is a life-changing opportunity for students to explore Borneo with expert guides, while developing their life skills, confidence and independence. We are partnering with World Challenge to offer this 13-night trip, which complements school learning. Applications are now open, so please visit the [trip page](#) for the sign-up link, itinerary, travel dates, Covid-secure booking terms and trip cost.

Holly Perrett from World Challenge spoke to the boys on Monday. She will host a 25-minute Zoom presentation on Thursday 2nd October at 7pm for parents which will include examples of how past students have earned the cost of the trip themselves. Please join the online meeting and ask any questions, or just listen in: please [register for the Zoom presentation here](#). We intend to distribute a link to the recording of that meeting in the *Bulletin* next week. If you have any questions, please do contact the trip leader [Paul Fernandez](#). **[action]**

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Fifth

I hope the boys have a lovely exeat. They should use this weekend to get a well-earned rest, but also to get up-to-date with any work they have fallen behind on. **[info]**

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Psychometric Profiling and Futures Advice – deadline 10th October

As your son approaches an important stage in his academic journey, he'll soon be making key decisions about his A-Level options. While these choices present an opportunity to select subjects that align with his unique strengths and interests, it is also important to consider how decisions might impact his future higher education and careers opportunities. To support him through this process, we offer Morrisby psychometric profiling and futures advice. For more information, and to register your son, please read [this letter](#). **[action]**

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Lights Camera Action

Shells enjoyed a *1-Day Film School* on Sunday, practising safe fight choreography (directed by a professional stunt actor) before preparing and presenting their magna opera (limited to 10 shots and no sound) in a bustling Science Lecture Theatre – with the team behind *The Unwanted Child* ultimately clinching the top prize. Young Film Academy, the event's organisers, later wrote, "Big [congrats](#) to all the winners — and future filmmakers in the making!"



Real Tennis Win

Laszlo (V, C) played in the Under 19 British Junior Real Tennis Doubles Championships on Sunday, hosted at Berkshire's famous Holyport Club. Part of one of four pairs in the final competition, Laszlo and his partner reached the finals, winning the best of three sets in six games (6/4, followed by 6/5). Event organiser Paul Weaver, along with attending professional players, said that they had rarely seen such a high standard of overall play from such a young entrant.



Exploring Sculpture

As part of their art studies, nine 6.1s visited the Barbara Hepworth



Sixth Form Ambassadors

part of the trip they attended a retrospective of Turner Prize-nominated sculptor Helen Chadwick and saw works by Sean Henry and James Turrell. Head of Art, Phil Chaundy, commented, "The combination of indoor galleries and outdoor sculptures made for a varied and inspiring day. The trip was a huge success, sparking curiosity, creativity, and a deeper appreciation for the power of sculpture."

training event with mentors from Downe House. The training was led by Natalie Hunt, Head of Wellbeing at Abingdon School, and covered topics ranging from empathy and handling sensitive conversations, to safeguarding and how to access appropriate RSE (relationships and sex education) information online. Such training is important - Radley Sixth Form Ambassadors work with the lower years throughout the year to enrich the PSHE/RSE curriculum.



Social Calendar

Last weekend saw boys host a number of social events with Downe House. The Fifts enjoyed games and some fantastic group karaoke renditions of *Call Me Maybe* by Carly Rae Jepsen. Meanwhile, 22 girls joined 45 boys in the JCR for the annual 6.2 Pub Quiz.



Shells' Radley Mile

Director of Sport, James Gaunt, has announced the Shells' final times for the *Radley Mile* around the athletics track, with Will (S, E) and Flynn (S, D) both achieving 'elite' times of under five minutes and 30 seconds.

Fixtures & Travel Information

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.

Tuesday 30th September

Golf v Berkhamsted

Real Tennis v The Oratory

Thursday 2nd October

Tennis v Stowe

Football v Shiplake

Badminton v Bradfield

Squash v Marlborough

Squash v Wellington

Upcoming Events

Field Art Exhibition

3rd October – 16th October 2025

Sewell Centre Gallery

Details [here](#).

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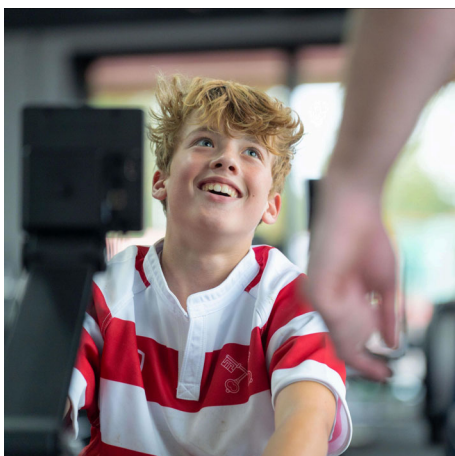
We are grateful to all our professional, staff and boy photographers who work hard to capture the true essence of Radley. As ever, all photographs are available to download from **[Flickr](#)**.



Music Flood Week



Rugby v Epsom



Shell Games Circus



Rugby v Collegiate

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