



RADLEY



Holocaust Conference

Wednesday's Holocaust Study Day for 6.2s was as memorable as ever. Pupils from Radley and St Helen and St Katharine attended an address by Holocaust Educator Dame Helen Hyde, followed by a talk by author Thomas Harding about his book *The Einstein Vendetta* – discussing

After lunch, pupils had the opportunity to talk to Holocaust Survivors. One boy commented that it had “reframed what had been to me a historical narrative into familial tragedy; the way their experiences contextualised suffering on an incomprehensible scale to something I could relate to (not in a reductive fashion but rather a personal one) has transformed my engagement with an event that they made clear is just as relevant today as it ever has been”. Another pupil noted that “it was a day that allowed me to fill in some of the gaps in my family history, and I am forever grateful for that”. Dame Helen Hyde has since written to say that the Survivors were very pleased with the way students engaged and for their sincere interest.

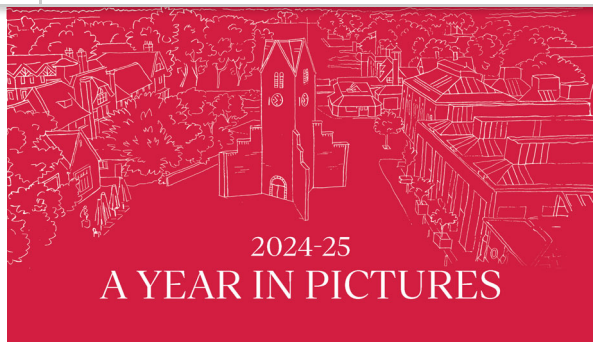
Parent Information

All Parents

A Year in Pictures

The 2024/2025 bumper *Year In Pictures* is now available [here](#).

Divided into the five sections: *Collaboration*, *Creativity*, *Community*, *Character*, and *Contribution*, it captures last year’s highlights from Shell Tug Of War to Gaudy and everything in-between that makes Radley



founders, the scholar, the athlete and the artist prosper together...'

Partsong – Livestream

Radley Video is livestreaming Partsong on Thursday 16th October at 8.30pm. Parents can watch the stream live using this [link](#).

CCF Christmas Climbing Trip

The CCF climbing trip is going to Llangorse after the end of this term from 9–11 December. Please find [here](#) a letter about the trip, which costs £95. There are just 18 spaces, allocated in order of application. Any questions please contact the trip leader, [Paul Fernandez](#).

Parking

We are always delighted to see parents supporting fixtures. Ongoing work at the Music School site means car parking spaces have decreased around the College, particularly next to Round Pavilion. The Golf Club Car Park is close to the pitches (and takes only a minute longer to get to) and usually has plenty of space on a Saturday afternoon. Using Kennington Gate Car Park (and the temporary overflow car park close to it) is encouraged. Please do not park on grass areas around College, and especially not in emergency access bays. [Here](#) is a parking plan which should help. Do ask any member of Radley staff for assistance as required.



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



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.

landscape around pornography and recent UK regulatory changes, offering 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

Haddon Cup

Congratulations to all the Shells involved in Haddon Cup. It was a fantastic night of entertainment for both comedy, and thoughtful and moving drama. Well done to the winning K Social cast, and best actor, Javier (S, L). Commendations to all the 6.1s who wrote and directed the plays: a great effort. Finally, thanks to Victoria Buse, Matt Barker, and judge Ned Campbell (2014, E). There are many more opportunities for drama at Radley and I am hope many boys will be inspired to get involved in theatre in acting and production. You can watch recordings of the Haddon Cup performances [here](#). **[info]**

Academics

It is the last week before a deserved Leave-Away break. Shells are busy with stimulating academic work, a few subjects are doing tests, and preps continue. These are all chances to show academic progress and achievement before the first round of setting. Please remember setting is done at various points continuously throughout the year. **[info]**

Activities

There are lots of activities for fun and interest in the week ahead. Form outings with Form Groups, extra academic lectures and activities, Society meetings, and on Tuesday 14th

Rugby fixtures on Saturday 11th October

- M1 – M4 and M6 vs Harrow at home
- M5 and M Touch vs Marlborough away (Boys may go home on privi from Marlborough after the match but parents must let the team coach know in person before taking their son.) **[info]**

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Remove

PSHE

On Friday 7th November, Removes will attend a PSHE talk on harmful substances. This talk will be given by Zoe Shuttleworth. Zoe is a drug and alcohol specialist and a director of [It Happens](#). In the Remove talk Zoe will discuss the following topics:

- Alcohol
- Smoking, vaping & nicotine pouches
- Cannabis & synthetic cannabinoids
- Strategies, skills & impact of peer behaviours
- Managing risk, harm reduction & help seeking

Our PSHE policy is published [here](#) 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

Parents Meeting

Please find information about the Remove Parents' meeting on Friday October 17th [here](#).
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Borneo Trip

In July 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. If you missed the talk, [here](#) is the recording. You can still sign up and find out about the expedition on our [trip webpage](#). The deadline for applications is Friday 24th October 2025. For any questions, please email [Holly at World Challenge](#) or contact the support team on 01494 427600, or [Paul Fernandez](#). **[action]**

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Fifth

Personal Careers Advice – Register by 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.

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Mrs Jo De Ritter

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Flu Vaccination

A reminder that the annual flu vaccination clinic will be held next Monday 13th October, prior to Leave-Away. As Sixth Form pupils are now old enough to consent for themselves, we will not be contacting parents for consent. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please do get in touch with the [Health Centre](#). We encourage you to talk to your sons about vaccinations and the importance of their own healthcare. **[info]**

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News



Haddon Cup

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Teaching Award

Head of History Tim Schmalz won the ESU-Rutland Teaching Award

to poignant political drama exploring WW2 and the Anglophone Crisis in Cameroon. Adjudicated by Ned Campbell (2014, E), who was “blown away by some of the talent on display”, K Social proved victorious, followed by F and L. Special mentions for acting went to Dominic (S, K), Monty (S, H) and Andrei (S, C), with Javier (S, L) winning the overall Haddon Cup Acting Award.



Oxbridge

On Tuesday evening, 6.2 boys applying to Oxford and Cambridge gathered for a presentations

national champion debaters (DingDing (6.2, B), Blake Williams (2020, A) and Mikolaj Rutka (2020, G)). He attended an official dinner at Dartmouth House (the ESU headquarters), with an audience including headmasters, Old Radleians, the Warden of New College, and former Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt MP.



Stage Combat

Drama Scholars & Exhibitioners from Removes and Fifths took part in a very active workshop on

preparation for interviews later this term. They gave short talks on a wide range of subjects covering Chinese history, US politics, art history, science and literature, Bernoulli's theorem and the recent discovery of London's first Roman basilica, to name but a few...

Head of Drama Victoria Buse writes, "The boys were put through their paces, learning a variety of punches, slaps and kicks, that all looked alarmingly real! The group left enthused, discussing how to incorporate combat in future performances." Photos available [here](#).



On Track

RailSoc members attended the 175th anniversary of Railways in Bicester. The boys discussed the prospect of establishing Railway Partnerships with Oxfordshire Community Rail Partnership, saying, "It is a fascinating



Linguistics

Six linguists attended a lecture at Abingdon School by Professor Philomen Probert (Wolfson College Oxford) on why languages are similar. The talk was stimulating, tracing a range of Western languages back to

hobby and create value in the local communities in the year marking the 200th Anniversary of Modern Railways."



Cooking with Confidence

On Wednesday afternoon five 6.1s made stuffed figs with balsamic glaze in *Cooking with Confidence*, part of Radley's Personal Development Programme which helps boys develop life-long character values, boost self-motivation and flesh out their resumes. "Individual artistic

drawn to Gothic, Latin and Hittite. Boys returned with an enhanced understanding of, and interest in, the origins and evolution of languages.



Seaweed Solutions

On Monday, Simon Few (1959, H) of Solaris Biolabs gave a talk about the development of novel environmental technologies, including using brown seaweed for cheap energy generation. Simon explained how these innovations could help to support destitute coastal communities across the world, before introducing a scholarship

architecture with some eye-catching use of abstraction,” wrote Simon Barlass.



join the Solaris Biolabs team aboard their research ship during the holidays.



Heading to Headington Rye

Last Friday Fifths were invited to a social with their peers from Headington Rye Oxford. Boys enjoyed a chicken katsu curry (reportedly a Headington Rye speciality!) before taking to the dance floor. "They all had a great time," wrote Joanna De Ritter, Head of Fifths.

OKTOBERFEST

To mark German Unity Day last Friday, the Modern Languages department held Radley's annual Oktoberfest celebration, which was attended by over 70 pupils from five schools. The catering team treated everyone to a Bavarian-inspired meal. A quiz then put linguistic and cultural knowledge to the test, with *Not the Wurst* being crowned the winning team.

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 11th October

Rugby v Harrow

Rugby v Marlborough

Tuesday 14th October

Rackets v Eton

Thursday 16th October

Rugby v Eton

Real Tennis v Canford

Golf v Abingdon

Badminton v Teddies

Upcoming Events

Field Art Exhibition

3rd October – 16th October 2025

Sewell Centre Gallery

Details [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



Holocaust Day



Rugby Training



Campus, Chapel and Hall



Hard Hat Concert



Strength and Conditioning



Debating



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