



RADLEY



Prep Schools Resilience Conference

Prep School Heads from across the UK joined us last week for a special conference on the theme of resilience. The event included the College's first concert in the nearly complete new Music School. Donning high-vis jackets and hard hats, boys played a mix of classical, jazz and rock. Following a series of talks, Prep Heads attended Chapel and were delighted to catch up with their former pupils.

Parent Information

All Parents

Saturday's Rugby

We are looking forward to what promises to be a fantastic weekend of rugby. All 14 of Radley's rugby pitches will be in use this Saturday which is a great example of the health of

Golf Psychology Webinar

The College's Sports Psychologist, Louis Ross, is running a free golf psychology webinar on Tuesday 11th November at 6pm. Parents are welcome to join. Please sign up for the talk [here](#).

Protein Powders

An increasing number of boys have received deliveries of protein and creatine powders to school. A gentle reminder that these supplements are not supported by school policy. If you have any concerns regarding your son's nutrition, please email his PHM and [Health Centre](#).

Taxi Booking for Exeat Weekends, Leave-Aways and Start/End of Terms

The process for taxi bookings has now changed. Booking requests will now be made through a new online portal: [Vectare](#).

For boys on a Child Student Visa:

- Continue to complete the MS Form we send you. Ensure you print a copy of this form and give it to your son for his return journey to act as the UKVI Letter of Consent.
- Book your taxi via Vectare.

For boys not on a Child Student Visa:

- You no longer need to complete the MS Form. Simply book your taxi via Vectare.
- Ensure the UKVI Letter of Consent is completed by downloading it from the Vectare portal and give it to your son for his journey.

Michaelmas Leave-Away booking window:

- Opens at 2pm on Friday 3rd October and closes at 2pm on Friday 10th October.
- Note: The Vectare portal will be closed for Michaelmas Leave-Away bookings after this time. Please book within this time frame.

After the portal closes, bookings must be made directly with taxi companies and will be charged at the time of booking or travel (not added to your school bill).

Access:

- Taxi Booking Portal can be found [here](#)
- How to book a taxi guide is [here](#) and FAQs can be found [here](#).
- The 'Contact us' page is via the Vectare portal: Vectare or the College will respond accordingly*

*If it is a query about a confirmed journey, on the day of the journey, and is after 6pm Monday-Friday, or at any time on a weekend, please contact the confirmed taxi company

pupils, we will merge and confirm shared taxi journeys as soon as possible after the booking window has closed.

Please check [Radley College Parent Zone](#) for regular updates.



Field Art Exhibition - Private View, Friday 3rd October

October's exhibition of paintings by Jane Strother in the Sewell Centre Gallery, *Field*, opens this evening with a private view from 6pm-8pm. Everyone is welcome.



TALKING HEADS

RELATIONSHIPS FESTIVALS CAREERS PORN
GENDER MASCULINITY DRUGS
SEX E-SAFETY PARTIES ALCOHOL
BANTER SOCIAL MEDIA VAPES GAMING

PARENT WEBINAR SERIES



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 conversation with our Deputy Head (Pastoral) Ed James, Dr Hanson will look at the current 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

I hope that you all enjoyed a restful catch-up with your sons this Michaelmas Exeat weekend. The boys have returned in excellent spirits and have been more focused on getting academic standards right. Deputy Head Academic, Mr Porter, spoke to them about the importance of high ambition for scholarly excellence and the necessity of hard work to achieve their best grades. I spoke to the boys about getting it right with others in Social and respecting their fellow Shells, treating them with kindness and understanding.

Thank you to all those who attended the Parents' meeting last Friday. If there is anything you are unsure of, please communicate your concerns or questions to your son's Form Master, or contact me directly. **[info]**

Haddon Cup

I am sure you are looking forward to the Haddon Cup Competition this Sunday 5th October in Theatre. The performances are in two tranches, separated by dinner in Hall. Timings and movements can be quite tight as we try to seamlessly cater for and get everyone through dinner in two sittings. A reminder that parents and Shell boys of Socials H, L, K, J and G will eat in Hall from 6-6.30pm, while parents and Shell boys of Socials A, E, B, F, C and D will eat in Hall from 6.30-7pm. It will be a hugely fun and enjoyable creative show. **[info]**

Rugby: A full and exciting programme of fixtures at home on Saturday 4th October.

- Touch v Harrow and Cheltenham (Kick off: 2.45pm) [\[info\]](#)

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Remove

Parents Evening

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

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. Thank you for everyone who came along to the information evening about the trip on Thursday night. 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.

Relationships and Sex Education

On Friday 10th October, the Fifths will attend an RSE talk on pornography. This talk will be given by Suzie-Louise Naylor, Head of PSHE, and Alex Gilley, our lead nurse. They will be following the government statutory guidance on RSE (updated July 2025). In the talk they will discuss the following topics:

- the law
- the psychological and physiological impact of consuming pornography
- positive pathways to protect yourself

Radley College's PSHE policy is published on the Radley website [here](#). If you would like to comment on any aspect of our PSHE or RSE provision, or if you have any questions, please do contact [Suzie-Louise Naylor](#). **[info]**

Geography Field trip to Norway

The Geography department is delighted to launch the next departmental fieldtrip to Norway in February Leave-Away 2027. This trip will be of interest to anyone wanting to explore the Nordic landscapes and culture, as well as complementing the A-Level Geography syllabus. It will take in some of Norway's most spectacular fjords and scenery, as well as offering the opportunity to explore Bergen and Voss. It is not necessary to be studying Geography to join the trip, although in the event of it being oversubscribed preference will be offered to geographers. Further information can be found in the [attached letter](#). To sign up for the trip, please complete [this form](#). The deadline for applications is Leave-Away. **[action]**

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Mrs Jo De Ritter

Head of Fifths

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6.1

Flu vaccination

The annual flu vaccination clinic will be held on 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



Evensong in Portsmouth

On Wednesday, the 130-strong College Chapel Choir travelled south to sing Evensong at the 845 year old Portsmouth Cathedral.

Radley has a long association with the Cathedral, with boys going on to both choral and organ scholarships there in recent years.

The group performed some of their iconic repertoire including Howells' *Collegium Regale* service and Dove's *Seek Him that Maketh the Seven Stars*.



Snowdon Hike

10 Sixth Formers and three dons took on the Snowdon Six-Ways Hike over Exeat, tackling Yr Wyddfa along six different trails to and from the summit over the weekend. Staying at the YHA Snowdon Ranger Hostel, the troop braved the Llanberis Path, Watkin Trail, the Miner's Track, the Ranger Path and the crags of Y Lliwedd, along with soggy weather and fine Italian food prepared by George (6.2, G). Harry Crump writes, "All of the boys coped very well with the challenging walking and were great company."



Dons v Boys Hockey

Tuesday afternoon saw the Dons vs. Boys Hockey match, albeit with two boys, Ben (6.2, B) and George (6.2, J), playing for their opponents' team. One player, Sub-Warden Niall Murphy, highlighted E Social Tutor Adam Jolly as the dons' man of the match – however, “the boys had lots of chances and converted two, the dons had few chances and converted none.”



Badminton Trophy

This Thursday, Radley's badminton first team - Sam (6.1, L), Taka (6.1, C), Yinuo (6.2, K), Juan (6.2, H), Leonardo (6.1, H), Adrian (6.2, H), Haozhen (6.1, B), William (6.2, B) - won the StORB tournament for the third year running, defeating teams from The Oratory School, Teddies and Bradfield. Juan (Captain) and Adrian get a special mention for winning all 12 of their matches, the only pair in the tournament to achieve this feat.



Rugby v Bedford

Radley's weekly rugby matches were moved to Thursday last week, with the traditional pre-Exeat bouts against Bedford



Coffee Morning

H Social's PHM, Denise Myers, organised a coffee morning to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support, with guests including the

of the Shells, with Head of Sport James Gaunt noting that “it has been arguably the most rewarding first three weeks of rugby that Mr Chandrachud and I have experienced... What has made it such is the way in which the boys have been receptive to coaching and determined to work tenaciously for each other.”

Wood’s drive to develop the Social’s charity work, the event raised over £500, with Denise commenting on the Mayor’s appearance, “I had seen her on Thursday at Music Flood and extended an invitation to her! It was her first visit to Radley and I know she would like to come back.”

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 4th October

Rugby v Sherborne

Rugby v Cranleigh

Tuesday 7th October

Rugby v Abingdon

Rackets v Haileybury

Real Tennis v The Oratory

Swimming v Abingdon

Rugby School Clay Shooting Challenge

Thursday 9th October

Tennis v Bradfield

Rackets v Charterhouse

Squash v Eton

Basketball v Marlborough

Golf v West of England Public Schools

Cross Country ESSA National Cup Round 1

Badminton v The Oratory

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 from [Flickr](#).



Music Flood Week



Dons v Boys
Hockey

Latest Videos



Rugby v
Marlborough



Dons v Boys
Hockey.



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