



RADLEY



Acts of Remembrance

This week, the College community came together to remember those who sacrificed so much so that we may hope to know freedom and peace today. On Sunday, the CCF led our annual Remembrance Sunday Chapel service, followed by a piper-led procession to Memorial Arch where wreaths were laid. On 11th November, the whole school united at Memorial Arch for prayers led by the Chaplain and a two minute silence. A video of Sunday's service is available [here](#).

Parent Information

All Parents

College Play: *Quiz*



Tickets can be booked via [this link](#) for the College Play, *Quiz*. Tickets are free to book, seating is unallocated.

Talking Heads: Inside the Adolescent Mind: Dr Lucy Foulkes in Conversation with the Warden

On Tuesday, the Warden lead a *Talking Heads* discussion with leading academic psychologist and author Dr Lucy Foulkes on the theme of mental health and understanding adolescence. A recording of the session is available [here](#).

Music Scholars' Concert

Wednesday's Music Scholars' Concert saw almost every Social represented in the Blue Room. From Didrik (V, F) and Lorcan (V, B) performing the vocal duet *Panis Angelicus* by Cesar Frank, to classical piano contributions from Gabriel (S, G), Jerry (R, E), and Zachary (R, L), to performances from the guitar and string quartets, the evening showed off the range of talents at Radley.

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.

Donations for Oxfordshire Youth

As one of our strategic partners, [Oxfordshire Youth](#) works with Radley boys to develop a greater awareness of local issues. The money raised by our Christmas Jumper Day this year will support Oxfordshire Youth's work and they are looking for toiletry items to wrap for presents to make life a bit more cosy this Christmas for young people in their supported accommodation. If you are able to buy an extra shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush/paste or toiletry set, please bring it in after the Advent Weekend and leave it at the collection point in Bursary Reception.

The Carol Service is a high point of the year. We hope you are able to join us and enjoy what promises to be a very special evening. For more information please read the letter [here](#).

Christmas Concert, 7th December

You are warmly invited to join us for the Christmas Concert, a celebration of ensemble music at Radley College. Free tickets can be booked [here](#).

CCF Christmas Climbing Trip, December 2025

The CCF climbing trip is going to Llangorse from 9th–11th December. Please find [here](#) a letter about the trip, which costs £95. There are just 18 spaces, allocated in order of application. The deadline to apply is Sunday 16th November. Any questions please contact the trip leader, [Paul Fernandez](#).

Crete Tennis Tour, Easter 2026

The Lawn Tennis Club will travel to Crete for a pre-season tennis tour, 30th March – 3rd April 2026. All players are welcome, but the trip is intended for boys looking to represent the College in the summer and is not suitable for beginners. The trip is organised by [Dante Active](#), an elite coaching company who ran our fabulous tour to La Manga in 2025. Shell boys are of course very welcome. If your son would like to participate, please email [Ralph Woodling](#) as soon as possible for further information and joining instructions.

Shell

Shells have had a productive and varied week. They were attentive and enthusiastic at the revision session run by Mr Ryan. If you see your boys on Privi, be sure to talk to them about their exam preparation and ask to look at the SharePoint page. Please allay any worries: exams are a normal part of ongoing learning and assessment; they must just do their best and work hard, seeing exams as a challenge through which they can grow and improve academically.

A few cultural highlights are worth mentioning. Many Shells are involved in some quality debating every Thursday. There are lots of inter-Social competitions. We look forward to the College play; some Shells have been instrumental in working as backstage crew. Well done to music scholars who performed during the week. Next week, following Remembrance Day, Mr Campbell will introduce Declamations with his moving and astonishing performance of a selection of Great War poems, all from memory. **[info]**

Weekend events

For those not going home this weekend, there are a range of fun activities on offer, including trips to Oxford, laser tag, and a session in the Radley pool with inflatable castles. [\[info\]](#)

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Remove

Remembrance Sunday

Well done to all the Remove boys for their conduct, maturity and commitment during Sunday's Remembrance commemorations. [\[info\]](#)

Commonwealth Education Trust

It's been wonderful to see the efforts of Remove boys in support of the Commonwealth Education Trust. Keep an eye on your son's Social Instagram account for updates. [\[info\]](#)

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Fifth

PSHE and RSE

Radley is committed to delivering high quality, age appropriate, and up to date PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) and RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) to all pupils. On Friday 28th November, John Houston, Founder and Chair of [The Cornermen](#) will be speaking to Fifths about improving male mental health. John will focus the following areas

- strategies to promote strong mental health
- how to access mental health support
- how to navigate conversations with someone who might be struggling with their mental wellbeing

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 do contact [Suzie-Louise Naylor](#).

visit. These visits will give your sons a first-hand look at the world of work, helping them understand industries, explore job roles, and experience professional expectations. Could you help by hosting a group at your workplace? Here's what it involves:

- Group size: Approximately 10 boys
- Duration: 4 to 5 hour tour
- A chance to inspire and share real-world insights

ORs and parents have been invaluable in hosting small groups, and we'd love to expand this opportunity. Please contact [Karen Rhodes](#) for more information. **[action]**

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6.1

6.1 School Exams

These take place in the week after the Exeat weekend (Tuesday 25th November – Friday 28th November). We would be grateful if you could encourage your son to spend some time over the Exeat revising for these exams. **[action]**

Mr Tim Lawson

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6.2

Mocks

Please see the information below on next term's 6.2 mocks.

- Phase 1: Tuesday 6th January – Friday 9th January
- Parents' Meeting – Friday 23rd January (start of the Exeat weekend) - a chance to meet your son's dons to discuss the first phase of mocks and their progress in general
- Phase 2: Monday 23rd February – Saturday 28th February (straight after Leave-Away **[info]**)

News



Medical Lecture

Cayden (V, A) and Mustafa (6.1, E) participated in the annual Medical Lecture Competition at Wycombe Abbey, competing mostly against 6.2 students from Wycombe and Harrow. With presentations on genetic engineering and NHS digitisation, the boys impressively secured respective first and second places, marking Radley's sixth win since the competition's inception in 2011. Biology teacher Lucy Todd commented, "We look forward to hosting the competition next year and hope to hold onto the title!"



Partnerships Week

Radley graced the front cover of the Independent Schools Council's *Celebrating Partnerships* booklet this week, marking annual Partnerships Week. Boys continued their collaborations with local organisations, including one group of Fifths who have spent every week since September playing live music at different care homes. Joanna De Ritter writes, "It was lovely to see them all talking to the residents yesterday. They were a real credit to Radley."



Rugby Round Up

The 1st XV rugby team progressed to the fourth round of the U18 Schools Cup, with a 35-14 win over Abingdon School on Saturday. William (6.2, K) wrote, "As soon as the first whistle blew, Radley seemed to be excellent in their game plan and execution... this was the consummate squad performance." Meanwhile, on Tuesday, JC1 played their U15 Plate second-round game against Teddies, securing a 53-5 win to progress to the next round.



Spreckley Cup

Congratulations to J Social, who claimed this year's Spreckley Cup – the inter-Social clay shooting competition – with a score of 143



Classics Symposium

Radley College welcomed students from Downe House on Monday, for our annual Classics Symposium in Blue Room. Tom (6.2, L) and Guy (6.2, C) spoke to the audience about 'Criticisms of Power in the Ancient World', and 'The Most Important Building You've Never Heard Of', while Downe House delivered talks on Cicero and 'Medicine in Euripidean Tragedy'.



Art Collaboration

Artist Erin Rosalie Thomas gave a special gallery talk to Radley 6.1s and Downe House students in which she discussed her

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 15th November

Rugby v Oundle

Rugby v Bloxham

Badminton v Bradfield

Sunday 16th November

Polo v SUPA

Fives – Schools' Winchester Fives Doubles

Tuesday 18th November

Rackets v Winchester

Fencing v Teddies

Thursday 20th November

Rugby v Teddies

Real Tennis v Canford

Squash v Teddies

Badminton v Stowe

Basketball v Abingdon

Eton Clay Shooting Competition

Upcoming Events

College Play: *Quiz*

18th, 19th and 20th November, 7.45pm

Christmas Concert

7th December, 8pm

Theatre

Book free tickets [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**](#).



Remembrance



Rugby v Abingdon



Academic Colours



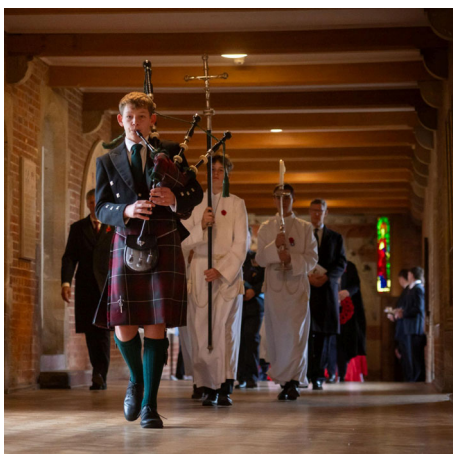
E Social Cocoa

Rugby v Mowden



C Social Cocoa

Latest Videos



Remembrance Sunday



Talking Heads: The Adolescent Mind





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