



RADLEY



College Play Quiz

This week, the College Play, *Quiz*, directed by Director of Drama Victoria Buse, revisited the famous *Who Wants to be a Millionaire* coughing scandal. The play delved into the court case, with 40 cast members and 13 crew bringing it to life. One audience member said, "I'm now questioning my memories of the whole affair – I was sure that the Ingrams were guilty of the coughing thing but now I'm doubting it!"

Parent Information

All Parents

Appearance and Uniform

As the weather gets colder, may we remind you that plain grey or navy blue V-neck jumpers may be worn as part of school uniform, but not round-neck or zip jumpers. Sixth Form boys may wear overcoats of a sober style.

The College will hold its Christmas Jumper Day on Monday 8th December. Boys are reminded to bring their Christmas jumpers back with them after the Advent Weekend. All money raised will be donated to [Oxfordshire Youth](#)'s Young Persons Supported Accommodation. Oxfordshire Youth will be wrapping toiletry items 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.

Medications

A reminder to please ensure medications returning to school after Advent Weekend are handed in to PHMs or the Health Centre.

Radley & Homeless Oxfordshire Charities Collection

Laszlo (V, C) is organising the collection of items including clothing and duvets for R&HOC (Radley & Homeless Oxfordshire Charities). This is a charitable initiative started by his older brothers in their time at Radley, and one that Laszlo is proud to be continuing. Items will be collected from outside every Social on the final day of term, Tuesday 9th December.

Charity Christmas Cards

As part of the Remove fundraising efforts for the Commonwealth Education Trust, the G Social cohort has produced a series of beautiful handmade Radley themed Christmas cards. Some of their exceptional work is pictured below. These can now be pre-ordered for collection over the last few days of term via [this form](#).



Radley Champagne

We are pleased to offer bottles and cases of Radley Champagne for sale. Radley Champagne can be collected from the Radley cellars beneath Mansion between 9am and 11.30am on Tuesday 9th December. The price is £32 per bottle, and this can be added to the bill. The makers – Juliette Pointillart and her husband Gregory Leveque – have again this year been recognised in the Hachette Guide des Vins. If the last day of term is not convenient, then it is possible to arrange for half-cases of six bottles to be available for

Can we visit you?

During Futures Week at the end of Summer Term, Fifths will go on a 'Company Exploration' 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.

Carol Services, 6th and 7th December

The Carol Service is one of the highlights of the year and we hope you are able to join us. 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](#).

Church of England Confirmation, March 2026

The next Church of England confirmation service will be on Sunday 1st March. Places are going fast so if you would like your son to sign up, please encourage him to do so once he is back after the Advent Weekend or get in touch with the [Senior Chaplain, Dr Evans](#), directly.

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

A welcome Advent Weekend before the last flurry of exams and Christmas celebrations! Please ensure that your sons have good sleep and recharge this weekend: they are tired and have been extremely busy, operating at full intensity. However, some preparation for exams is essential. This should be a few carefully curated short and targeted revision

that they return to school with the right exam equipment: clear pencil case, black pens, and other necessary equipment for specific exams. Exam information is on the SharePoint page. Most of the details are accessible at home, but there is some content which is only accessible on the Radley server. **[info]**

Upcoming Events

The next couple of weeks is not only about academic work: there is the Steeplechase to train for; lots of Christmas festivities; music and Chapel services. Finally, charity is a big part of the season: Movember is drawing to a close, and there is a Christmas Jumper Day. It is always fun. So, if there is a garish jumper at home, send it back to school with your son: the more colourful and kitsch the better! **[info]**

Dr Matthew Rumbold

Interim Head of Shells

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Remove

A very happy Advent Weekend to all – use the time to rest and recharge. **[info]**

Barcelona Exchange Deposit Due

A reminder to parents who signed their son up for the Barcelona Exchange that the deposit payment is now due. **[action]**

Mr Alan Chandrachud

Head of Removes

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Well done to all the Fifths, who have kept the momentum going in these last few very busy weeks, alongside sports matches, music commitments and confirmation, to name but a few. A particular well done to those Fifths involved with the play this week. Both those on stage and those helping backstage did a brilliant job. I hope the boys all have a well-earned break this weekend. **[info]**

Mrs Jo De Ritter

Head of Fifths

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6.1

6.1 School Exams

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

Mr Tim Lawson

Head of Sixth Form

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6.2

Mocks

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

- Phase 1: Tuesday 6th – 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]**)

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News



Rugby Round-Up

The weekend's rugby fixtures against Oundle and Bloxham produced notable wins from U18A (50-19), U16A (41-10), U15A (57-12) and U15D (48-15). George (6.2, L) wrote on the U18A match, "Fresh off a big win against Abingdon, it was a dominant performance from Radley." Bigside went on later this week to win the fourth round of the Continental Tyres Schools Cup against RGS High Wycombe 38-17 and are now through to the Quarter-Finals.



Retirement

Wednesday marked the final Partnerships day for Sarah Sheldon, who retires today. Previously the PA to two Radley Wardens, Sarah joined the Partnerships team four years ago and has organised around 900 minibus journeys and 560 taxi trips for over 850 boys, thus providing over 14,000 hours of support in schools and local community organisations. Director of Partnerships, John Sparks writes, "So much of the success of this programme is thanks to Sarah's dedication – planning logistics, encouraging boys, and bringing positivity to everything we do. It's hard to fully capture the scale of what she has achieved."



VEX Robotics

The first of Radley's home regional Vex Robotics Qualifiers – the *Radley Robot Rumble* – took place last Sunday in the Barker Gym. 16 teams from around the UK joined four of the Radley teams made up of 6.2s to Remove. The 6.2 team Ibex has already qualified for March's Nationals by winning their last tournament, and are preparing for their upcoming attempt to reach the World Championships. With thanks to Hugo (6.1, L) for [photos](#).



Tree Planting

Radley's new Bursar Jonathan Bochenski joined a small but committed group of Shells during their Countryside Programme, planting an oak tree in the grounds of the Countryside Centre – part of the College's environmental sustainability plans and biodiversity enhancement initiatives. Over the course of three years, the College intends to plant 38,000 trees around the 800 acre campus.



U19 England Cricket

Manny (6.1, G) began a cricket tour of the Caribbean last week with the England U19 squad, following his summer debut



Inter-Social Squash

Radley's Squash Courts hosted the Inter-Social competition on Sunday. C and L Social squared off in the closest final for years,

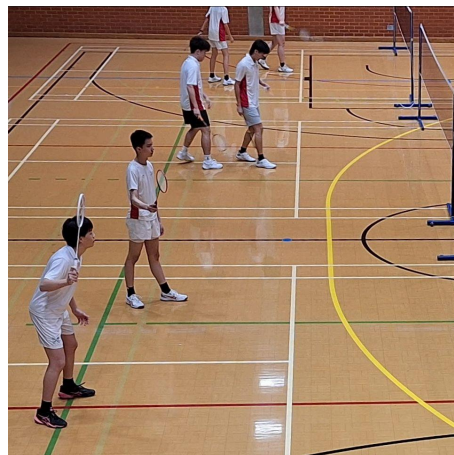
incredibly excited,” the express pace bowler told BBC Solent. “It’s something I’ve always wanted to do as someone of West Indian heritage. I wouldn’t have expected at the start of this year that come November it would be something I can achieve.”

came third and fourth respectively. Anthony Hibbs, Master in Charge of Squash, writes, “I enjoyed watching some great contests and I was really impressed with both the quality of squash and the sportsmanship on display.”



Polo Win

Last weekend's friendly Schools And Universities Polo Association tournament at the prestigious Oxford Polo Club saw the Radley A Team win the Open category for the first time in many years, beating Stowe, Rugby and Seaford. The B and C Teams also won matches against Stowe, coming second in their respective categories.



Badminton

Radley's U18B squad travelled to Bradfield College for a Saturday afternoon of badminton, sealing an overall 2-2 draw through a late victory from the third pair. The games proved an ideal warm-up for the six-pair match at Stowe the following Thursday, with Leo (R, J) specially highlighted in the match report for being the only Remove in attendance.



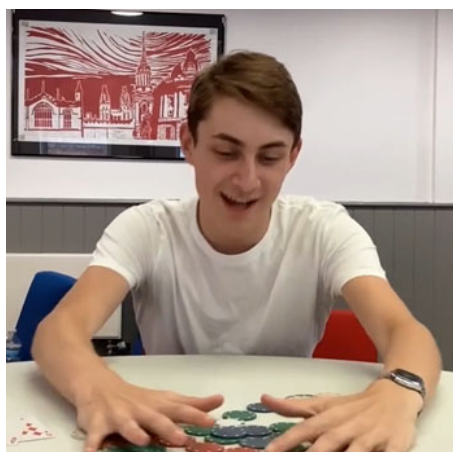
Maths Challenge

On Monday afternoon the team of Kevin (6.2, E), Kelvin (6.2, C), Ethan (6.1, H) and Kaden (6.1, K) represented Radley College in the first UKMT Senior Team Maths Challenge since 2020. 20 teams across Oxfordshire took part and, with a fantastic score of 177/180, the boys came second – our best result ever in the Senior category.



A Special Day

Last Sunday saw 31 boys from almost all year groups joined by their families and loved ones in Chapel for their Confirmation. The ceremony was performed by Rt Rev'd Humphrey Southern, Principal of Ripon College Cuddesdon (the Church of England's oldest and largest theological education institution).



Awards Season

The Young Film Academy, which led Radley and St Helen & St Katherine's *One Day Film School* back in June, have announced that *The Big Blind* film produced on that day has been nominated for 'Best Sequel Film' for 2025's 10 Shot Film Awards. The Awards

Allies at War

On Monday, boys were treated to a special talk by acclaimed historian Tim Bouverie. Entitled *Allies at War*, the talk was based on his recently published book, discussing the political relationships between major players in World War 2.



Evensong at Merton

Radley's Music Society attended choral evensong at Merton College, listening to an anthem directed by Sir John Rutter. Boys also had the opportunity to speak to Rutter and the choir after the service over tea.

schools, with the winner announced on December 1st.



Laser Tag

A Social's annual laser tag game saw them face off on Saturday against G Social on the battlefield.

Tutor Richard Hughes later described the long and very active day as "amazing fun... time for an early night!"

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.

Real Tennis v The Oratory

Thursday 27th November

Tennis v Bradfield

Real Tennis Nationals

Real Tennis v Queens

Real Tennis v The Oratory

Fencing v Abingdon

Upcoming Events

Christmas Concert

7th December, 8pm

Theatre

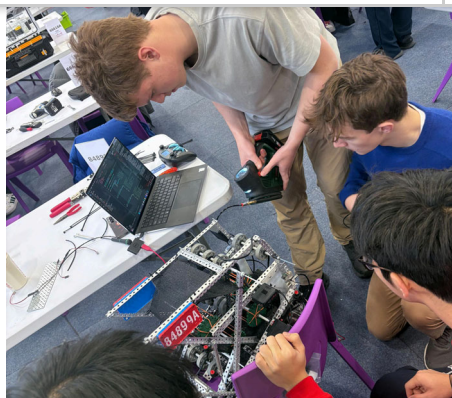
Book free tickets [here](#).

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](#).



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Robot Rumble

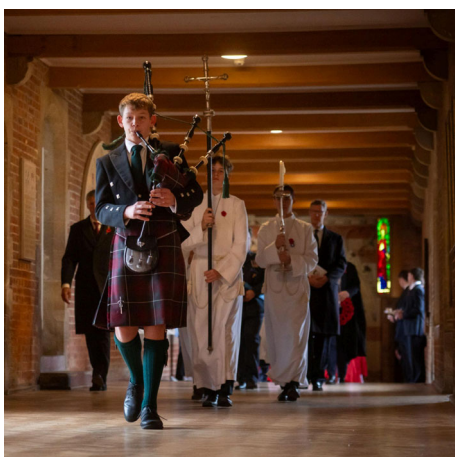


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