



RADLEY



Christmas Comes to Radley

The boys have worked hard this term and are looking forward to the start of Christmas festivities next week. With thanks to designer Katharine Pooley and her team for getting us in the festive spirit.

Parent Information

All Parents

Christmas Jumper Day, 8th December

All money raised from the Christmas Jumper Day will be donated to [Oxfordshire Youth](#) 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 visiting the College this weekend and are able to

Radley & Homeless Oxfordshire Charities Collection, 9th December

Laszlo (V, C) is organising a 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.

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 collection from the Lodge at other times. If you would like to pre-order, or collect at a different time, please contact [Garry Wiseman](#).

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

Carol Services, 6th and 7th December

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, November 2026

The list for Confirmation for Sunday 1st March has now been filled. The next Church of England Confirmation service will be on Sunday 15th November 2026.

Taxi Booking

As advertised in previous *Bulletins*, booking requests will now be made through the 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 journey to act as the UKVI Letter of Consent.
- Book your taxi via Vectare.

For boys not on a Child Student Visa but travelling from overseas:

- 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.

The system is now permanently open for all future Exeat, Leave-Away and End of Term bookings, however, the system will automatically close seven days prior to each holiday start date. Please ensure you book in good time, and at least seven days prior to travel.

When the portal closes at that point, 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 on 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 directly to enquire (please refer to your confirmation email for details).

If you advise on your booking request that you are happy for your son to travel with other pupils, we will merge and confirm shared taxi journeys as soon as possible.

NOTE: If your son is sharing a taxi, please ensure he is on time to his booking as this affects other boys' travel arrangements. If he is late for a shared taxi, the taxi may leave without him.

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

Shell

Shells have had an industrious and focused week writing exams. They have taken to the challenge in exemplary fashion. I'm sure they've given their best and are looking forward to good results with which to celebrate a successful first term at Radley. [\[info\]](#)

Declamations, February 2026

Mr Campbell will be giving the boys information and inspiration for the time-honoured tradition of declamations. [\[info\]](#)

Rugby

M1 v Bedford (home); M2, 3, 4, 5, 6 v Sherborne (home); Touch v Harrow (away). [\[info\]](#)

Dr Matthew Rumbold

Interim Head of Shells

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Remove

Well done to the Removes for conducting themselves well during school exams this week. There will be constructive feedback on the results for each boy before the end of term. [\[info\]](#)

Mr Alan Chandrachud

Head of Removes

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Fifth

PSHE and RSE

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Mrs Jo De Ritter

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6.1

As we come to the end of school exam week, I would like to congratulate the boys for their endeavours and for approaching the first stage of assessment in their A-Level courses with diligence and maturity. **[info]**

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Public Exam Timetables

Public exam dates for 2026 are now available [here](#). **[info]**

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News



Tennis Champion

[Congratulations](#) to Pekko (S, F) who won the 2025 Baltic Cup Tennis Championships. He played at the number one position for Finland in both singles and doubles, leading to victories over Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania without losing any of his six matches. Having previously represented Great Britain at the U10 through U13 age groups, this was Pekko's second time representing Finland. He also led the country to victory in the 2025 Nordic Cup Tennis Championships.



ABRSM Success

Congratulations to those who undertook their ABRSM exams last week, including William's (V, F) Grade 7 piano distinction, Oliver's (6.2, F) Grade 8 music theatre singing merit, Richard's (V, L) Grade 8 piano distinction, and Erik's (V, E) Grade 8 music theatre singing distinction. Vitas (6.2, L), Lohan (6.2, E), and Ethan (6.1, G) all achieved ARSM performance diplomas, which Precentor Sam Gladstone described as "a remarkable achievement from all three boys."



Play by Play

Playwright Katrina Bennett ran a National Theatre workshop to help boys build the world of their play and flesh out characters.



Junior European Golf Open

Good luck to Marcus (6.1, A) who currently sits 10th in the Junior European Golf Open in Portugal. It is a great achievement to have made the cut, placing him in the top 30 of the 128 golfers who qualified for the tournament.

Real Tennis Champs

Congratulations to this year's under-16s doubles Real Tennis National Schools' Champions, Radley's Ned (V, A) and Felix (V, G).



Physics with SHSK

6.1 Physics students from Radley and St Helen & St Katharine joined forces to analyse data from the Large Hadron Collider – measuring the angles of muon production to help calibrate equipment. After the workshop, the students shared their results via video conference with physicists from CERN, along with schools from the USA and Cayman Islands.



Art Workshop

6.1 A-Level and AS art students, alongside art scholars from all year groups, enjoyed a workshop with local artist Lucy Stopford. Lucy has studied the 'sight size' drawing method in Florence (which allows for greater realism) and encouraged the students to work with quick strokes of charcoal, regularly stepping back from their work to evaluate their process.



Chess Competition

Radley hosted a qualifying event for the first round of the National Schools' Chess Competition, with the College taking on teams from Abingdon, The Commonweal School and Teddies. Radley's 'A' team came joint second and qualified for the next round of the contest, with the 'B' and 'C' teams also in with a chance of staying in the competition.



Festive Rehabilitation

Freddie (6.1, H) supported local charity Oxford Head Injury Services on Wednesday, helping a group of adult brain injury survivors make Christmas



Inter-Social Touch Rugby

The Inter-Social Touch Rugby competition saw G Social emerge victorious in the Juniors, beating A 2-0 in the final. In the Seniors, B Social defeated E 1-0 in a tight,

part of a long term programme at the Countryside Centre, which has been working since 2023 to assist in the mental and physical rehabilitation of those affected by brain injuries.

that the event was “a fun afternoon for all involved”, with one G Social Junior player commenting that, “we worked well as a team and came up with creative ideas to outplay the competition.”



Lacrosse

Radley has once again taken to the lacrosse field, with Hugo (6.2, J) leading an U18 team against Downe House last week. On Tuesday evening this week, U18A and U18B teams faced St Helen & St Katharine on home turf – the latter, captained by Milo (6.2, G), securing a close 5-4 win.



Junior Scholars

Remove Junior Scholars visited St Helen & St Katharine for the latest *Thinking Supper*, where they explored "very, very short poems." After collaboratively analysing the originals, students created their own pastiches.

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 29th November

Rugby v Bedford

Rugby v Berkhamsted

Rackets v Cheltenham

Sailing v Teddies

Badminton v The Oratory

Sunday 30th November

Rowing Wallingford Fours and Eights Head

Tuesday 2nd December

Real Tennis Nationals

Squash v Harrow

Lacrosse v Tudor Hall

Wednesday 3rd December

Rugby v Epsom

Tennis v Oxford Sport

Upcoming Events

Christmas Concert

7th December, 8pm

Theatre

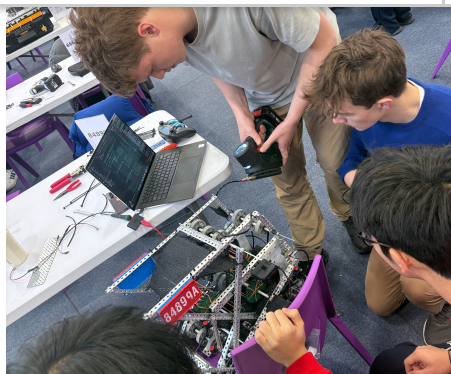
Book free tickets [here](#).

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](#)**.



College Play: Quiz



Robot Rumble

Latest Videos



College Play: Quiz



Rugby v RGS High Wycombe



