



RADLEY



Academic Colours

The Warden, Sub-Warden and Deputy Head (Academic) were delighted to award academic colours to 23 boys who received ten Grade 9s or more in their GCSEs. Within a year group that achieved a record-breaking 40% Grade 9s at GCSE, this is a phenomenal achievement. Many congratulations to the boys and dons for their hard work!

Parent Information

Service of Remembrance, 9th November at 10.45am

Parents of all boys in CCF are reminded that their sons are expected to be in school to take part in the Service of Remembrance. Parents who are planning to attend the service should be seated in Chapel by 10.35am. Parents unable to attend can watch the livestream [here](#).

College Play: *Quiz*

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

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.

Carol Services 2025, 6th and 7th December

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](#).

Archives Exhibition

and the Ottoman Empire. Highlights include a 500-year-old Flemish music manuscript, a history of the West Indies written in Turkish, a page from 1493's *Nuremberg Chronicle* (a German encyclopaedia of world history), and Radley's roll of honour for ORs who died in the Second World War.

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.

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. Any questions please contact the trip leader, [Paul Fernandez](#).

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

The process for taxi bookings has now changed. All 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 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 Letter of Consent for UKVI is completed by downloading it from the Vectare portal and give it to your son for his journey.

Advent Exeat Weekend booking window:

- Opens at 2pm on Friday 7th November and closes at 2pm on Friday 14th November.
- Note: The Vectare portal will be closed for Advent Exeat Weekend 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*.

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 after the booking window has closed.

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.



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



Tuesday 11th November, 7pm

Our *Talking Heads* Parent Webinar for the next half of term is on the theme of mental health and understanding adolescence. The Warden will be talking to leading academic psychologist and author Dr Lucy Foulkes. Her group researches mental health and social development in adolescence, with a particular focus on the impact of public mental health awareness and school-based mental health interventions.

Dr Lucy Foulkes has written two books: *What Mental Illness Really Is (...and what it isn't)* and *Coming Of Age: How Adolescence Shapes Us*, both published by Penguin Random House. Her work has been featured in national and international media outlets including *The Guardian*, *The Times*, *New Scientist*, BBC Radio 4, BBC Newsnight and *The*

Shell

I hope you and your sons had a restful break. The boys have returned in good spirits and are looking forward to some of the highlights of the term including cultural evenings in Social, Inter-Social sport, Steeplechase, and Christmas celebrations.

The focus, however, is also on academic preparation for end of term exams. To help the Shells there will be dedicated Form Master sessions and a talk by Mr Ryan on revision techniques and strategies. While spending time with your son, I would encourage you to look at the SharePoint page dedicated to exam revision where there are videos and advice to get the most out of studying. [\[info\]](#)

Rugby, Saturday 8th November

M1, 3, 4, 6 v Abingdon away

M5 v Mowden Hall at home [\[info\]](#)

Downe House Social

Boys who signed up will attend a social at Downe House on Saturday 8th November from 7.15pm – 9.15pm. [\[info\]](#)

German Trip to Salzburg, 9th – 13th December

Parents of boys who have signed up for the trip are kindly reminded to complete the consent form on My School Portal and to pay the final balance as soon as possible. One place has become available, so please contact [Mr Astley](#) by Monday 10th November if your son would like to join in. Details were emailed to families over the summer. [\[action\]](#)

Dr Matthew Rumbold

Interim Head of Shells

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Thank you to all the parents who attended the Remove parents' meeting before Leave-Away. For those unable to attend, a recording made by Radley Video Unit of the same talk, which took place in February 2025, can be viewed [here](#). **[info]**

Mr Alan Chandrachud

Head of Removes

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Fifth

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. ORs and parents have been invaluable in hosting small groups of boys. We'd love to expand this opportunity – could you help by welcoming a group to your workplace? For more information, please contact [Karen Rhodes](#). **[action]**

Mrs Jo De Ritter

Head of Fifths

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6.1

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 14th November, a representative of the [Movember charity](#) will be speaking to 6.1 about male mental health. They will focus on 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

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](#). **[info]**

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])

Mr Tim Lawson

Head of Sixth Form

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News



Nigel Biggar Talk

An interesting talk from Lord Nigel Biggar on Monday evening presented a thought-provoking perspective on slavery



French Play

On Thursday, pupils from six local schools joined over 100 Radley students for French language play, *RSVP* performed by Onatti

in the subsequent Q&A session.

immersing them in the story and language.



Library Renovations

Library renovations continued over Leave-Away. The addition of desks in the side rooms, comfy reading areas, stools and books helps to support the 'Reading Reset' established at the start of term. This new Radley initiative is designed to further encourage boys' reading, ideally for a minimum of twenty minutes a day.



Language Challenge

12 Fifths took part in a foreign language skills day alongside peers from other schools in the OX14 Learning Partnership.

Groups were tasked with developing an innovative product and marketing launch campaign. Congratulations to Sam (V, J) for contributing to the winning team, and to Will (V, F) for outstanding presentation skills.



Bavaria Trip



US Politics Trip

they immersed themselves in German language and culture. Highlights included tours of the city, BMW Welt, the Olympic Park and day trips to Dachau and Hohenschwangau. The boys received praised for their curiosity, knowledge and politeness, to say nothing of their impressive appetite for Schnitzels and other delicacies.



Head of the Charles

14 Radley rowers competed in the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, USA, over Leave-Away – the 1st VIII and coxed four crews sped forth from 85th and 80th place positions to finish 8th and 28th respectively. The crews also toured Princeton and Harvard, and undertook an intensive training camp at Princeton University's Lake Carnegie. Head Rowing Coach Patrick Duggan noted that the trip “combined elite competition, world-class training, and unforgettable cultural experiences.”

boys enjoyed talks from a variety of different speakers (including a former White House speechwriter and the current Director of Operations at the US House of Representatives), as well as visiting the National Mall, the Iwo Jimo War Memorial, three sports matches and a Broadway musical.



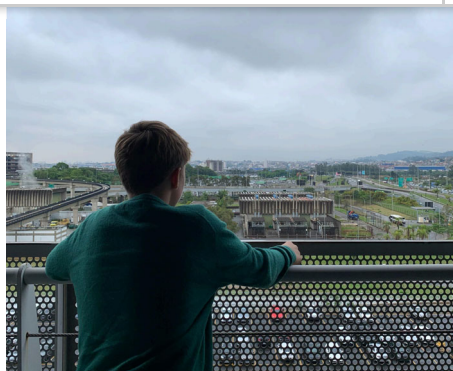
Día de los Muertos

The Spanish department hosted a vibrant *Día de los Muertos* celebration. Spanish Society representatives Marcos (6.2, G) and Enzo (6.2, E) set up colourful decorations and music, while attendees enjoyed delicious pulled pork tacos and a piñata. Head of MFL Oliver Astley writes, “This special Mexican festival is a joyful occasion to remember and celebrate loved ones who have passed away. It brought a wonderful splash of culture and community spirit to the start of the half-term.”



Othello

On Thursday, a select number of the A-Level English cohort made their way to the Theatre Royal, Haymarket to see *Othello*, starring Toby Jones and David Harewood. Head of English Alexander Nash writes, "The boys were fascinated and flummoxed in equal measure by a violent production. After the final curtain, an energised gaggle of boys spent the journey home turning their critical lenses on the interpretation. Fuel to their A-Level flames, no doubt."



Brazil Return

Oliver (R, J) and Hector (R, D) have returned from a two week exchange to St Paul's School, São Paulo. The boys enjoyed the city's Museum of Art, street markets, golf courses and Brazil's beaches during their stay. Director of Partnerships John Sparks writes, "In January, we will welcome two pupils from St Paul's. The programme offers cultural immersion, academic enrichment, and a broader global perspective within our boarding community."

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 8th November

Rugby v Abingdon

Rugby v Mowden

Rugby v Lord Wandsworth College

Rowing Kingston Small Boats Head

Tuesday 11th November

Rugby v Teddies

Rackets v Rugby

Real Tennis v The Oratory

Thursday 13th November

Cross Country v Harrow

Lacrosse v St Mary's Calne

Golf v Stowe

Squash v Winchester

Real Tennis v Canford

Fives v Marlborough

Swimming v Stowe

Upcoming Events

Every Sunrise Begins with New Eyes Art Exhibition

7th November – 8th December 2025

Sewell Centre Gallery

Details [here](#).

Service of Remembrance

9th November, 10.45am

Chapel

Livestream available [here](#).

Music Scholars' Concert

12th November, 8pm

Blue Room, Mansion

Book free tickets [here](#).

College Play: Quiz

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

Theatre

Book free tickets [here](#).

Christmas Concert

7th December, 8pm

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](#).



Partsong



Cocoa: K&L Socials



Academic Colours



Head of the Charles

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Talking Heads

