



RADLEY



School of Rock

Radley's greatest bands descended on Theatre for the Winter Jam, an evening of rock, pop and jazz. Among those featured were 50/50 whose original members Will (V, F), Frank (V, C), and Hugh (V, C) won the Battle of the Bands earlier this year. Brass accompanists Guy (6.2, C) and Toby (6.2, G) joined especially for this gig. Other groups involved were 5ft 9, Iron Dominion, Confession, Walls, SMUDGE, and Johnsko. It was a fantastic night which had the audience clapping and dancing in their seats.

Parent Information

All Parents

Trips

While all trips are advertised in *Bulletin* in the first instance, parents are reminded that the list of forthcoming College trips is published on the website [here](#) along with contact details

2026 Beagles Calendar

The boys involved with the Radley College Beagles will be selling calendars after the Carol Services on Saturday and Sunday to raise funds for food and vet bills. The calendars will be on sale for £10 in Covered Passage as you come out of Chapel: they make for an ideal Christmas gift, or simply a beautiful wall calendar for the new year, featuring our very best pictures of the Beagles.

Sewell Centre Carol Services, 6th and 7th December

The Carol Services are among the highlights of the year and we hope you are able to join us. For more information, please read [here](#).

Gallery Art Exhibition, 9th December

Every Sunrise Begins with New Eyes, a mixed media exhibition of work by three emerging artists (Erin Rosalie Thomas, Tereza Horáček and Livvy King), will be open to parents on Tuesday.

Radley & Homeless Oxfordshire Charities Collection, 9th December

Laszlo (V, C) and Wilfrid (V, L) are organising a collection of items for R&HOC (Radley & Homeless Oxfordshire Charities). This year R&HOC is working with five charities throughout Oxfordshire, focusing on homelessness and those families living well below the government poverty line. So please, at the end of term pick-up on Tuesday, bring any unused coats, jackets, jumpers, other clothing, blankets, and bedding. There will be drop-off stations at each Social. We guarantee that you will be helping to make someone else's Christmas so much happier.

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](#).



11.30am on Tuesday 9th December. The price is £32 per bottle, and this can be added to the school bill. The makers – Juliette Pointillart and her husband Gregory Leveque – have again this year been recognised in the *Hachette Guide des Vins*. To place an order, please contact [Garry Wiseman](#).

Scabies Update

We continue to liaise with the UKSHA regarding cases of [Scabies](#) at Radley and are reassured that we are following all the correct procedures. A group of pupils has been identified as needing to be treated as contacts, and they have been informed of this (as have their parents). While the spread since Leave-Away has been reassuringly minimal, it is important to note that we remain within the window of potential new cases presenting, as the incubation period for Scabies can be as long as up to eight weeks. Please remain vigilant over the Christmas break. If your son has been identified as a contact, please ensure that he completes the two-dose course of the prescribed treatment. If your son develops symptoms, you can take him to a pharmacist, or you can contact [Long Furlong Medical Centre](#) and report the symptoms to get a diagnosis and, if confirmed, a prescription. This would be through their 'contact us online' form.

Prescriptions in Holidays

If your son requires a repeat prescription over the break, you can request this from Long Furlong Medical Centre by completing their online form through the 'appointments' button, followed by the [contact us online](#) button. This will take you to their request form, which opens at 8am Monday – Friday, but only accepts a certain number of entries in a day. This means it is important to place your request as close to 8am as possible. Please remember to include the name and address of the local pharmacy that you would like the electronic prescription sent to, otherwise it will default to the local pharmacy here. Alternatively, we would encourage you to download the NHS app on your son's phone and activate an account under his email and phone number. 13 to 15-year-olds will need to contact Long Furlong Medical Centre to request login credentials to be able to access repeat prescription requests, but once this is done, you will be able to order repeat prescriptions over the holidays, and request that they are sent to a local pharmacy. For safety reasons, Long Furlong Medical Centre will not accept telephone or email requests for prescriptions anymore.

Also, a reminder that GPs are unable to prescribe 'over the counter' medications. If your son suffers from hay fever, please do send him back next term with a supply of his usual antihistamine tablets, eye drops and nasal sprays.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas, from all at the Health Centre.

so well into life at Radley, forming new friendships and embracing the opportunities that boarding life offers.

Academically, the Shells have made a strong start, showing curiosity and commitment across a wide range of subjects. Their enthusiasm in lessons and willingness to engage with new ideas has been impressive, and we are proud of the progress they have made.

Beyond the classroom, the boys have thrown themselves into Radley's rich programme of cultural and sporting activities. From music and drama to debating, they have demonstrated creativity and confidence. On the sports fields, their energy and teamwork have been equally commendable, whether on the rugby pitch or elsewhere.

Perhaps most importantly, the boys have begun to build the friendships and routines that will sustain them throughout their time here. Their resilience, good humour, and growing sense of community have been evident in all they do.

Thank you for your support throughout this first term. We look forward to welcoming the boys back in January, refreshed and ready for the challenges and opportunities of the Lent Term. In the meantime, I wish you and your family a joyful Christmas and a happy New Year. [info]

GCSE Choices

Before the next term, it would be good to begin the conversation with your sons about their GCSE choices. Decisions do not need to be made immediately and there is time for discussion between you, your sons, and individual dons. [Here](#) is a letter detailing the process, and the [GCSE Choices Guide](#). **[action]**

German Exchange

Boys who are considering a GCSE in German are invited to take part in an exchange programme with a school in Cloppenburg. For more details and to register interest, please refer to the [online form](#). **[info]**

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Interim Head of Shells

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Remove

The Removes have had an excellent term and I've been delighted to hear about their focus and commitment during exam giveback week – arguably a more important week than exam week! I know many are looking forward to the final sport matches of the term on Saturday, followed by the annual Steeplechase event, and Christmas lunch. I hope the boys have a brilliant break and look forward to returning recharged in January. **[info]**

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Mr Alan Chandrachud

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Fifth

Please find my end of term letter [here](#). **[info]**

A-Level Options

Please find a link to A-Level Choices Guide [here](#). **[info]**

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6.1

The boys have now completed their first term in the Sixth Form. Their academic reports, along with their exam results, give you a flavour of how they have started this academic journey. This term has also seen them begin the year-long Futures programme in their 6.1 year. Part of this involves encouraging the boys to start looking for paid work, work experience, or work shadowing opportunities for the summer. It is always best to organise this in advance, and any help you can offer your son in this area would be much appreciated. Wishing you all an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break. **[info]**

Mr Tim Lawson

Head of Sixth Form

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6.2

We come to the end of a long term, and now the focus turns toward the mock exams. The first phase will be in the first week back after the Christmas break (Tuesday 6th – Friday 9th January). There will then be a parents meeting on Friday 23rd January (ahead of pick-up for

Leave-Away. We thank you in advance for your help in encouraging the boys to revise over the next month. Wishing you all a very happy Christmas. **[info]**

Public Exam Timetables

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

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News



Messiah

Advent Sunday's performance of Handel's *Messiah* in Chapel proved a triumph. Declared "a fantastic event" by the Warden, the entire school came together to sing the famed oratorio, along with an orchestra of boys, professionals, Choral Society (parent, staff and local singers), and our 130-strong choir. Sam Gladstone noted, "I suspect if we totalled up the numbers of boys playing competitive fixtures this weekend with the number of boys in the choir and orchestra this



Weekend Rugby

"The rugby gods shone down on the Radley pitches for some wonderful weather and some fantastic rugby," read the 4th XV match report, as teams took on Sherborne, Berkhamsted, Bedford, and Harrow last weekend. Bigside's final home game of the season produced a 40-7 victory. Other highlights included the U18C (54- 5), U15B (50- 0). U15C (87-0), and U15D teams (66-3).



Festivities

Socials have begun to celebrate the festive period – the B Social *Christmas Soirée* brought jazz to Blue Room and carols to Chapel, while C Social's *Cultural Evening* included a hog roast and a full West End Variety Show in Theatre. D Social's *Christmas Variety Show*, masterminded by Benedict (6.2, D), filled Coffee Shop with music, skits, a *Taskmaster Challenge*, and artwork by Yuzhe (6.2, D).



Classics Study

The Classics Department welcomed back six ORs who are currently studying or have studied Classics at university. Panel discussions were chaired by Guy (6.2, C) and Billy (6.1, L). Head of Classics, Elektra Georgiakakis commented that “all spoke with great enthusiasm and offered thoughtful reflections on the value and versatility of studying Classics.”



Film Award



Cramner Competition

place in the Young Film Academy's 10 Shot Film Awards for 'Best Sequel Film'. The film, *The Big Blind*, was filmed at a special *One Day Film School* last June. The judges declared, "The Radley/SHSK film day was one of the highlights of our year. Both schools really went the extra mile for their students. Well done to those involved - superb work!"



Partnerships

Shells, Fifths, and 6.1 boys worked hard this term to support village projects. This week they were based at Radley Church and the Radley C of E Primary School pond. Their efforts to help maintain shared spaces have been praised by the Parish Council and School for enhancing the environment for all village residents.

passages from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer to an audience of judges and priests. George (6.2, B) and Rupert (V, B) came second and third respectively in the senior category, while Xander (R, F) came third out of the juniors. Lay Chaplain William Gunson writes, "The judges commented on their thoughtful clarity of meaning, alongside their projection, pace, and diction".



Inter-Social Shoot

The CCF inter-Social Shooting Competition consisted of 80 rounds 'down the range' in a variety of shoots – zeroing, bullseye, and moving positions, after physical exertion and different exposure times. K Social won and received the esteemed 'Pooley Sword', while George (6.2, D) earned a 'Pooley miniature' for his individual efforts.

Fixtures & Travel Information

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 6th December

Rugby v Tonbridge

Badminton v Bloxham

Sunday 7th December

Lacrosse v Stowe

National Schools' Rackets

Upcoming Events

Christmas Concert

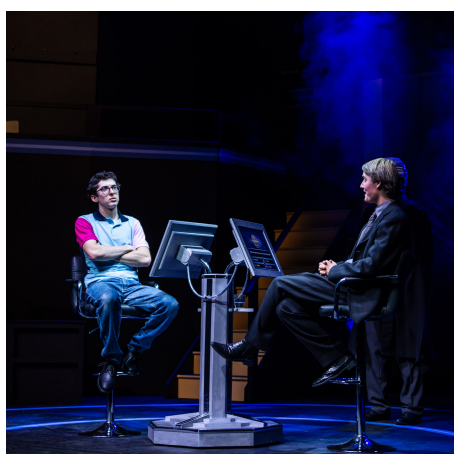
7th December, 8pm

Theatre

Tickets have sold out

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.**](#)



Latest Videos



**Advent Sunday
Service**



Winter Jam

