



RADLEY



Oxford Offers

Congratulations to the 6.2s who have received offers from the University of Oxford – Reuben (J), Ben (B), Jack (A), Guy (C), Jacob (C), Aaron (G), David (L), Toluwanimi (F), and DingDing (D) – as well as Ed Hardy (2020, D). Cambridge offers will be announced on the 28th January.

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 for the staff member in charge, should you wish to enquire about attendance for your son.

Become a Chorister at Radley College

A suggestion from Mr Porter...

If you spend time talking to the Deputy Head (Academic), Mr Porter, you'll know that there's a good chance that, at some point, he'll recommend a book or article to read. This week, Mr Porter would like to recommend this article: ['The Stamina Gap: How Deep Concentration is Becoming a Luxury Good'](#). Boys will know that deep reading, and the academic benefits that come from sustained concentration, are particularly important to the College, and one of the reasons why we've introduced Supervised Study in the Sixth Form.



Talking to Teenagers

Tuesday 3rd February – 6.45pm

Our *Talking Heads* Parent Webinar this half of term is advice for parents on how to support the emotional and behavioural development of their teenagers through adolescence... [Dr Sheila Redfern](#) is a consultant clinical child and adolescent psychologist, and is the author of the acclaimed book *How Do You Hug a Cactus?* The second edition of her best seller *Reflective Parenting: A Guide To Understanding What's Going on in your Child's Mind* is also about to be published. In conversation with Ed James, Deputy Head (Pastoral), Dr Redfern will be talking about the adolescent brain and offer parents advice on how to keep the channels of communication open and connections close during the teenage years. Dr Redfern's clinical psychology practice spans thirty years and she is a parent to three boys. It promises to be a fascinating discussion. There will be a Q&A session for parents towards the end. Please register for the webinar [here](#).

Shell

The Shells had a wonderful time at the Downe House Fun Fair. Thank you for your support. The *Shell Business Game* for the first tranche of Socials also revealed entrepreneurial talent and great aspirations – perhaps more prudent financial planning may be needed, but the boys are dreaming big!

Events:

Saturday Sport: Hockey vs Tonbridge M1-4 (away) and M5 (home)

Sunday: *Shell Business Game*: A, F, G, K, L Socials

Dr Matthew Rumbold

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Remove

Remove Play

Join us for this year's Remove Play, *Sherlock Holmes*, on Friday 30th January (7.45pm) or Sunday 1st February (3.00pm) in Radley's Theatre. [Click here](#) to see the production's poster. No booking is necessary.

Step into the foggy streets of Victorian London where mystery and melodrama collide. Join the quick-witted Sherlock Holmes and his loyal companion Dr. Watson as they race to unravel a royal blackmail scheme. Can the great detective defuse the danger in time... or will Moriarty have the last laugh?

German Exchange

A reminder that boys studying German are invited to take part in an exchange programme with a school in Cloppenburg. For more details and to register interest, please complete [this online form](#) by Friday 16th January.

Mr Alan Chandrachud

Head of Removes

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Fifth

The Fifts have behaved impeccably throughout the mock exams this week. The next set of mocks will take place between Monday 2nd March - Wednesday 11th March.

Please be reminded of the Parents' Meeting timings on Friday 13th February:

10.45am - coffee

11.30am - introduction from the Head of Year

12.40pm - lunch in Hall (parents and boys)

13.30pm - consultations with dons (parents and boys)

Mrs Jo De Ritter

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6.1

University Application Preparation

[Attached here](#) is a letter outlining the steps towards preparing for a university application.

Work experience in Beijing – 6th – 18th July inclusive

JD.com, one of China's leading e-commerce companies, is offering a limited number of 6.1s a two-week, all expenses paid, work experience opportunity. Boys will explore innovation, creativity, and complex logistics inside a global tech company, plus immerse themselves in Chinese culture. The application process, launched to 6.1s this week, is competitive, and mirrors real-world internship and job application processes. Deadline is Tuesday 27th January.

Radley's Networking Platforms – connecting boys beyond Radley

Many boys are eager to connect with Radley College's networking platforms. To do so, your son needs your consent and support. If you haven't already, please give your [permission here](#). To understand your role as a 'silent adult in the background' and what your son can use the platforms for, please read [this document](#).

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6.2

6.2 Parents' Meeting – Friday 23rd January

11am - coffee in Theatre Foyer, hosted by The Radleian Society

12pm - talks in Theatre from Tom Deasy (Director of University Entrance) and Simon

Barlass (Head of Teaching and Learning)

12.30pm - lunch in Hall with your son

and your son will arrange all the slots before Friday 23rd January (similar to the 6.1 Parents' Meeting last April).

Your son's Form Master will be in touch before the 23rd. If you are unable to attend in person, please let them know as soon as possible as they will then collate information from the various dons and relay this to you via an online meeting.

The boys may depart for the Exeat weekend once their final appointment is complete.

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News



Caledonian Society Ball 2026

Radley's annual Sixth Form Caledonian Society Ball took place last Saturday. Will (6.2, E), Caledonian Society Secretary says "we were joined by St Mary's Calne and Downe House, bringing the event to a total of 144 students from the three Schools. After supper in Hall, the talented John Carver called us through four dances, before finishing with



Sports on Saturday

Football matches against Pangbourne produced a clean sweep of victories for Radley College on Saturday, with Leo (6.1, D) scoring six goals for the 4th XI, earning him Player Of The Match. Meanwhile the 1st XI and 2nd XI hockey teams enjoyed a friendly match on the Astro turf in the winter sun.



Inter-Social Chess Competition

Radley's Inter-Social Chess competition saw great play across the board on Thursday, as the rooks and bishops of A, B and E clashed against those of K, C and J respectively. "Huge result last night," Mr Hughes later wrote, on the A Social squad's victory (pictured). "Onto the next round!"



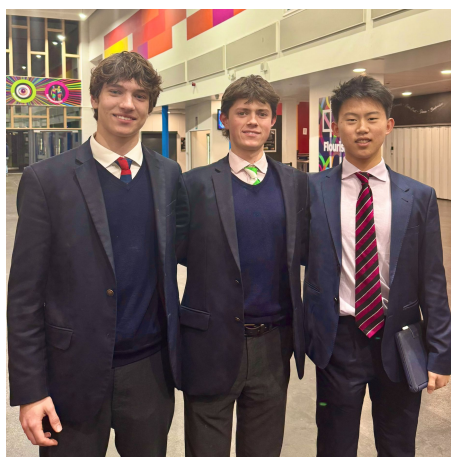
U20 Six Nations

Congratulations to ORs Jonno Balding (2020, B) and Oscar Rees (2020, E), who have been respectively called up to play in the England and Wales U20 Six Nations Squads. Only a year after they left the College, the two former Bigside players may face each other on opposing teams, when England play against Wales on Friday 6th February.



Prehistoric Antarctica

Professor Howard Falcon-Lang
from the University of Bristol



Regional Debating Final

Senior Academic Prefect
DingDing (6.2, D), Thomas (6.1,

Antarctica, and how, during the Age of Dinosaurs, it was covered with seasonal jungles. Falcon-Lang discussed the factors that led to the rise and fall of these forests, and how it compares to modern polar environments, as well as to climate change in the present day.



Learning to Learn

Throughout the Lent Term, each Remove boy will take part in a three-week course entitled '*Learning to Learn*'. Led by selected 6.1 students, the sessions focus on note making, active recall and working efficiently in pairs. "The academic leadership of the 6.1 boys has been top quality so far, and we've been impressed by the strong transferrable skills gained by the Removes," applauded Mr Chandrachud.

ESU Schools Mace debating competition and are on the way towards defending Radley's 2024 and 2025 national titles. Their most recent victory saw them as the proposition on the motion '*This House believes that modern politics does not represent the interests of young people*'.



OR Networking Talk

Having previously spoken to the Radley community in 2020 ([video link here](#)), Neil Munz-Jones (1978, D), author of *The Reluctant Networker*, returned to the Theatre last week, to deliver a keynote talk about networking to 6.1s. Neil spoke about how to break the stigma around networking, what it truly involves, and shared key principles to transform "approach" by building confidence and enjoying the process.



Polo Victory

Congratulations to Harry (R, A), who with a handicap of zero, took his polo team Windrush to victory in the Hurlingham Polo Association National Championships (8 Goal) Victor Ludorum, with a final score against Bull Dogs/Chopendoz of 16-12. The success follows earlier bouts against the teams Asian Art and Broadsword.



Inter-Social Water Polo

Late Wednesday, round one of the Inter-Social Water Polo competition saw B, C, and D face off against F, J, and K respectively in the pool. "It was absolutely brilliant from every single person who played," said D Social captain Shaurya (6.2), after his team's well-earned victory.

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 17th January

Badminton v The Oratory

Fives: West of England Schools Championships

Football v Marlborough College

Hockey v Bloxham

Hockey v Tonbridge

Rowing: Basher Head

Tuesday 20th January

Cross Country: Oxfordshire Schools Championships

Rackets v Tonbridge

Squash v Winchester

Thursday 22nd January

Basketball v Teddies

Basketball v Abingdon

Football v Stowe

Hockey v Rugby

Hockey v Stowe

Real Tennis v Wellington

Upcoming Events

6.2 Parents' Meeting

23rd January, 11am

Theatre Foyer

Radley Then & Now: Music & Music School

10th February, 6pm

Zoom

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**.



Caledonian Society
Ball 2026



Football vs
Pangbourne



Basketball v
Marlborough



Radley Zoo

Latest Videos



Carol Service Highlights



Winter Jam

