



RADLEY



New Music School Opening Season

We are now in the final stages of the new Music School build and the Music Department will begin to move in over the Exeat weekend. We have an exciting programme of special concerts lined up to celebrate the Opening Season which we warmly invite you to attend. Highlights include:

- Sunday 8th March: Giacomo Smith & the Hot Five with the Radley College Big Band
- Monday 9th March: Celebrity Piano Recital: Sir Stephen Hough
- Sunday 22nd March: New Music School Opening Concert with composer Cecilia McDowall

A full list of concerts can be found [here](#) and booking can be made on our website [here](#).

Parent Information

All Parents

feedback was extremely positive and much appreciated. The boys, as you would expect, were excellent ambassadors during the week and, while I am not allowed to share the outcome until the report is finalised, I look forward to doing so....

Sports Team Photographs

Sports team photographs that were taken in November are still online and available to order with delivery direct to your home address. Please use [this link](#), and your email address when prompted, to view and order on the Gillman & Soame website. If you have any queries, please contact Gillman & Soame directly via [this link](#).

Health Centre Updates

Scabies – We remain alert and vigilant to scabies and continue to liaise with the UKHSA, following the guidance they provide. Please let the Health Centre know if your son receives any assessment and/or treatment for this, or any other medical issue, while at home.

Medication in School – A reminder to please inform PHMs and the Health Centre of any medication being sent into school for pupils. Paracetamol and ibuprofen can be obtained from the PHM, so there is no need to provide these.



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



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

In addition to the usual business of the school, Radley was inspected by ISI this week, and anecdotal feedback suggests that the inspectors were impressed by the Shells they interviewed. We are very proud of those who engaged so well with them.

On reflection, I have been struck by how well the Shells have settled in and, in particular, how they are thriving under the demands of the school. In many respects, they are becoming more independent, developing professional skills, and growing in maturity as they learn to manage their time and deal with deadlines, preps, busy timetables, and so on. These 'soft skills', alongside the more measurable progress made in lessons, are essential habits for future success.

The organiser of the Shell Business Games was impressed by the level of engagement and enthusiasm with which the Shells approached the day. Mr Dan Pullen has also circulated links to [Morrisby](#), a careers platform for you and your sons to explore potential career pathways and the subject choices they may require.

Finally, Declamations are nearing completion. The standard is high and the quality of performance excellent. The semi-finals are approaching, and I am sure the final will be an entertaining and moving display of memory and oratory skills. **[info]**

On Friday 30th January, online safety expert [Karl Hopwood](#) will be speaking to Shells about staying safe online. He will cover a range of topics including:

- sextortion scams
- the risks associated with AI generated images and videos
- the importance of only accepting friend requests from people that you know
- how to report harmful online content
- how to remove indecent images

Please do talk to your son about these topics. The NSPCC has a fantastic [website here](#) which provides information about these topics. If you would like to comment on any aspect of our PSHE or RSE provision, or if you have any questions, please contact [Suzie-Louise Naylor](#). **[info]**

Gillman & Soame Photographs

You will have received an invitation with a unique link to register with Gillman & Soame (who take our team, and other group photographs) so that you can be sent notifications when photographs of your son are available to be viewed and purchased. If you have any questions, please contact Gillman & Soame directly. Their contact details are [here](#). **[action]**

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Remove

Remove Play

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

Spanish Exchange Reminder

The final payment deadline for the Barcelona Exchange is Friday 31st January. Payment details can be found on the [attached letter here](#). **Please note that a place has now become available. If anyone is interested in filling the spot, please email [Mrs Perrett](#).** **[action]**

PSHE and RSE

On Friday 30th January, online safety expert [Karl Hopwood](#) will be speaking to Removes about staying safe online. He will cover a range of topics including:

- the risks associated with sharing inappropriate images and videos
- the importance of only accepting friend requests from people that you know
- how to report harmful online content
- how to remove indecent images
- how to be an 'upstander' online

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Fifth

Fifths took part in the inaugural A-Level subjects fair on Monday. They were able to ask subject dons questions about the various courses on offer and, by all accounts, found the afternoon very useful. The boys have now been sent the A-Level options form, and the deadline for submission is Monday 26th January. Please use the Exeat weekend to discuss your son's options with him. I hope the boys all have a good break. **[info]**



Futures Week 2026: Sunday 28th June – Saturday 4th July

A reminder that Fifths may take study leave after their final GCSE exam this summer, but are expected to return to campus by 7pm on Sunday 28th June. They will then take part in a week-long programme, *Futures Week*, designed to prepare them for the important transition into the Sixth Form in September. Further details will be shared nearer the time, with the week culminating in Gaudy on Saturday 4th July. **[info]**

Geography Trip to Norway, February 2027

alike and will visit Bergen, the Voss region and the surrounding fjords, as well as a day spent snowshoeing in a national park. If you are interested in joining the trip please contact Geography don, [Mr Dominic Saul](#). **[action]**

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6.1

University Application Preparation

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

PSHE and RSE

On Friday 30th January [Karl Hopwood](#) will be speaking to 6.1s about staying safe online. He will cover a range of topics including:

- the benefits of having a LinkedIn profile
- how to curate positive online content
- how to check security settings and the importance of deactivating old accounts

Please do talk to your son about these topics. The NSPCC has a fantastic [website here](#) which provides information about these topics. If you would like to comment on any aspect of our PSHE or RSE provision, or if you have any questions, please contact [Suzie-Louise Naylor](#). **[info]**

Geography Trip to Norway, February 2027

A place has become available on the Geography department trip to Norway in February Leave-Away 2027. The five-day trip will be of interest to geographers and non-geographers alike and will visit Bergen, the Voss region and the surrounding fjords, as well as a day spent snowshoeing in a national park. If you are interested in joining the trip please contact Geography don, [Mr Dominic Saul](#). **[action]**

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University Entrance Process

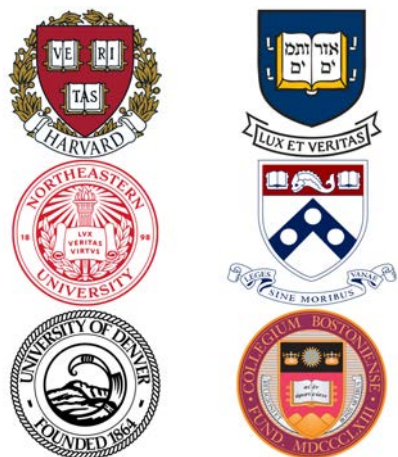
Mr Tom Deasy, Director of University Entrance, will speak about next steps in the UCAS/university entrance process at the start of the 6.2 Parents' Meeting. [This document](#) sets out the timeline and key points for the second half of the 6.2 year. **[info]**

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News



US Universities

Congratulations to the Radleians with US university offers so far – Jonathan (6.2, H) from Harvard, DingDing (6.2, D) from Yale, Nick (6.2, F) from Boston College, Monty (6.2, K) from UPenn, Dylan (6.2, D) and Hector (6.2, J) from Northeastern, and Louis (6.2, D) from University of Denver.



Sotheby's Visit

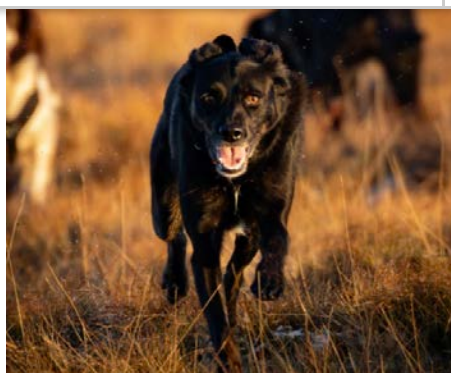
On Thursday, the History of Art department hosted Oliver Barker, chairman of Sotheby's Europe, for a fascinating talk and Q&A session about his work as an auctioneer. He regaled the crowd with career highlights, including the shredded Banksy painting, and works seized by the Nazis and returned to their original owners' descendants.



All England Polo

Angus (6.2, C) debuted in the 2026 International Arena Polo Test Match for the Bryan Morrison Trophy on pony Shadow, defeating the USA team 12-11 alongside students from Seaford and Rugby. "Both teams showed strong teamwork and determination," he wrote.

"Representing England on an international match day was a significant and memorable achievement." Shadow was awarded best playing pony.



Photography Competition

It was wonderful to see such a wide variety of photographs submitted for this year's Christmas Photography Competition, with 65 student and staff entries on the theme of *Shapes* and *Motion*. Photos by George (6.2, D) won first and third place, with Wilf (V, J) taking second place – further efforts from Wilf, Mauro (6.2, G), and Billy (R, E) were also highly commended.



Classics Society

Businessman Pranav Sood delivered a talk to the Classics Society about his career journey – reading Classics at Cambridge and Harvard, before moving into FinTech and now Private Equity. Sood spoke about the skills which a Classics degree helps to foster – analytical thinking, effective



Basketball Victory

Radley faced Marlborough College for a home game of basketball last week, winning 47-41 – the match report declares, "An excellent start to the Lent Term campaign. This is the team's third win in succession - a new record for Radley!" There was also a lively Saturday afternoon of football against Marlborough College: "An excellent match from the

B).



Business Game

The past two Sundays, Shell teams from each Social took to Round Pavilion for a series of entrepreneurial challenges designed to prompt reflection on GCSE choices and career paths. Boys stepped into corporate roles to outline merchandise for a hypothetical summer music festival, with awards for business plans, advertising and pitches. The Business Games concluded with careers profiling via the Morrisby platform.



Social at Headington Rye

A group of Removes enjoyed a vibrant social practising their reeling dances at Headington Rye last week. Students from both schools quickly picked up the instructions and took part in a range of fun and challenging dances. "It was great to see the boys and girls getting on so well and seeing new friendships being made.

A great night!" celebrated Mr Chandrachud.



Down's South London

Archie (6.1, C) and his father Andrew spoke to Removes last week about raising awareness of Down's Syndrome (Archie's older brother Ru has Down's



Robotics Partnership

Radley College hosted the VEX Robotics Teamwork Challenge, with teams from across the south of England competing for a place at the National Vex IQ

to start a charity. The College will be hosting a colourful clothes day on Friday 20th March to raise funds for the charity Down's South London.



Cross Country Mile

Congratulations to Oscar (S, A) who, after last week breaking the school record for the Mile, went to the Oxfordshire Schools Cross Country Champs and came fourth.

This qualifies him for a place at the English Schools' Cross Country Championships in March.

boys visit via our robotics Partnership programme each Wednesday. Ultimately the competition was won by a fabulous effort from teams Cheam and KHVII in Coventry.



Inter-Social Swimming Winners

The College's Inter-Social Swimming competition saw boys take to the water in tense competition. E Social came out on top, having now won the contest for six years in a row.

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.

Tuesday 27th January

Fencing v Teddies

Rackets v Cheltenham College

Squash v The Oratory

Thursday 29th January

Badminton v Winchester College

Upcoming Events

Remove Play *Sherlock Holmes*

Friday 30th January, 7.45pm and Sunday 1st February, 3.00pm

Theatre

No booking is necessary.

Drum Kit Prize

Monday 9th February, 8pm

Silk Hall

Free tickets can be booked [here](#).

Gunn Cup Woodwind Competition

Tuesday 10th February, 8pm

Silk Hall

Free tickets can be booked [here](#).

Radley Then & Now: Music & Music School

Tuesday 10th February, 6pm

Zoom - info [here](#).

Hudson String Prize

Thursday 12th February, 8pm

Silk Hall

Free tickets can be booked [here](#).

Celebrity Organ Recital: David Briggs

Monday 2nd March, 8pm

Chapel

Book tickets [here](#).

Giacomo Smith & the Hot Five with the Radley College Big Band

Sunday 8th March, 6pm

Silk Hall

Celebrity Piano Recital: Sir Stephen Hough

Monday 9th March, 7.45pm

Silk Hall

Book tickets [here](#).

New Music School Opening Concert with composer Cecilia McDowall

Sunday 22nd March, 6pm

Silk Hall

Book 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](#).



Hockey v Rugby



Badminton v Teddies



Art Lessons



Football v Stowe



Hockey v Bradfield



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