



RADLEY



Welcome Back!

Happy New Year and welcome to the Lent term.

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.

Gallery Art Exhibition, 9th January

A new exhibition, Water Marks, opens in the Sewell Centre Gallery today. Parents are welcome to attend a private view from 6-8pm. The exhibition runs until 12th February.

Choristerships are available for boys aged 7-12, [click this link](#) for more information or email our [music admin](#).

Taxi Bookings

As advertised in previous *Bulletins*, booking requests are now made through the online portal: [Vectare](#).

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 travel 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).

If emailing the College directly regarding bookings, please now email taxis@radley.org.uk
Please continue to check [Radley College Parent Zone](#) for regular updates.



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](#).

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to the Shells to a snowy and frosty Radley. Lent Term is always busy with lots of activities so I hope that you have looked at the calendar, especially as there are Sunday Inter-Social events and other activities which may impact on Privi decisions.

Next week, Jonathan Porter, Deputy Head (Academic) will introduce GCSE Subjects to the Shells and we will start the discussion towards GCSE choices. [Here](#) is a letter detailing the process, and the [GCSE Choices Guide](#).

Boys will be preparing and performing their declamations in the next few weeks. It is a great Radley tradition.

On the evening of Saturday 10th January, most of the year group will be enjoying the Fun Fair at the Downe House Winter Wonderland. Thank you for your support towards this evening.

We will be running a fun and entrepreneurial Shell Business Games over the next two Sundays. Thanks to Dan Pullen for organising this event run through an external company. The day's activities will introduce boys to key business skills including the theory and simulation of creating, planning, marketing, budgeting and running small businesses. Importantly, the boys will complete a careers questionnaire using the Morrisby platform. This will be useful in the context of GCSE choices and future planning.

- Sunday 11th January for B, C, D, E, H, and J Socials
- Sunday 18th January for A, F, G, K, and L Socials

German Exchange

A reminder that 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 complete [this online form](#) by Friday 16th January.

PSHE and RSE

This term Shells will continue to focus on health and wellbeing, and on developing key interpersonal skills. In addition to weekly Form Master PSHE sessions, [Joe Sparks](#) will be speaking to Shells about developing positive relationships and self-esteem on Friday 13th March. Shells will also participate in our Safer Internet Day 2026 on Tuesday 10th February and [Karl Hopwood](#) will be speaking to Shells about digital competency on Friday 30th January. Our PSHE/RSE policy is published [here](#). 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](#).

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Happy New Year! I hope both boys and parents have enjoyed a relaxing period over the break.

The Removes have a busy few weeks coming up, with a social function at Headington Rye Oxford on Thursday, as well as the much anticipated Remove play later this month.

I also wish to flag two further events when planning 'Privi weekends'. On the afternoon of Sunday 8th February I will be taking a select number of boys to St Mary's Calne (sign-ups will be opening to the boys shortly). In addition, the annual Inter-Social Dodgeball competition will be held on the afternoon of Sunday 1st March. This is always one of the sporting highlights of the year and is greatly enjoyed by all.

Thank you, and best wishes for the term ahead.

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.

PSHE and RSE

This term Removes will be focusing on employment and finance. They will be working with our [Futures team](#) to develop a better understanding of employability skills. In addition to weekly Form Master PSHE sessions, on Friday 6th February, Director at Isis Financial Planners, Will Allen (2007, A), will be speaking to the boys about finance. Removes will also be participating in our Safer Internet Day 2026 on Tuesday 10th February, and [Karl Hopwood](#) will be speaking to the boys about digital competency on Friday 30th January. Our PSHE/RSE policy is published [here](#). 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](#).

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on Monday. I wish them all the best for next week.

PSHE and RSE

For much of this term, the Fifths will be focussing on developing effective working strategies and on working towards personal goals. In addition to weekly Form Master PSHE sessions, on Friday 16th January Alex Gilley, our lead nurse and her husband, Rob Gilley, a local paramedic, will be speaking to Fifths about alcohol, drugs and managing risky situations, while on Friday 27th February James Gaunt, our Director of Sport, will be speaking to the Fifths about physical health, nutrition, and mental resilience. Our PSHE/RSE policy is published [here](#). 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](mailto:Suzie-Louise.Naylor).

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6.1

We are delighted to welcome the boys back for their second term of 6.1. The first term of the Sixth Form is always incredibly busy, and we hope they are now fully settled into their A-Level subjects.

This term will see them introduced to the various parts of the university entrance system, which will then be formally launched to parents at the meeting on the first day of next term (Wednesday 15th April – further details to follow).

We continue to encourage the boys to look for paid work, work experience, or work shadowing opportunities during the summer holidays. Any continued support you can offer them in this regard is hugely appreciated.

You will also have an opportunity to speak with your son's Form Master in an online meeting. These will take place between the Exeat weekend and Leave-Away; your son's Form Master will be in touch to make the necessary arrangements.

US Universities: Briefing webinars for parents of 6.1 boys - Thursday 15th January

Last term, around 30 boys participated in our SAT course and many went on to complete the test in December. To provide further details about how the US university application process works, and how Radley can assist boys interested in applying, Dr Maria Lebedeva will be hosting a webinar on Thursday 15th January. To accommodate different time zones, there

To register for the webinar from 1.30pm - 2.15pm UK time, please [click here](#).

To register for the webinar from 7.00pm - 7.45pm UK time, please [click here](#).

Please email [Dr Maria Lebedeva](#) for further information.

PSHE and RSE

This term there are a range of PSHE/RSE talks including a talk from the author of The Reluctant Networker, Neil Munz-Jones (1978, D) who will be speaking about networking and entrepreneurship to 6.1s (Friday 9th January). All Sixth Form pupils will be participating in our Safer Internet Day 2026 on Tuesday 10th February. [Karl Hopwood](#) will be speaking to 6.1s about digital competency on Friday 30th January. All Sixth Form pupils will be participating in a workshop on resilience on Friday 6th February. This is the second of three workshops given by [100 & First Foundation](#). Our PSHE/RSE policy is published [here](#). 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](#).

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6.2

We hope the boys enjoyed a relaxing, but also productive, break. The first phase of mocks finished today, and the boys will receive their feedback next week. These results will then be discussed at the Parents' Meeting on Friday 23rd January (please see details below). The second phase of mocks will take place in the first week after Leave-Away. If at any point you have questions about your son's academic progress, or the timeline for public examinations in the summer term, please be in touch with his Form Master.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the 23rd.

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

1.15pm - dons' consultations begin. These are 5 or 10 minute meetings with a don from each of your son's subjects, and their Form Master. These happen in the don's classroom

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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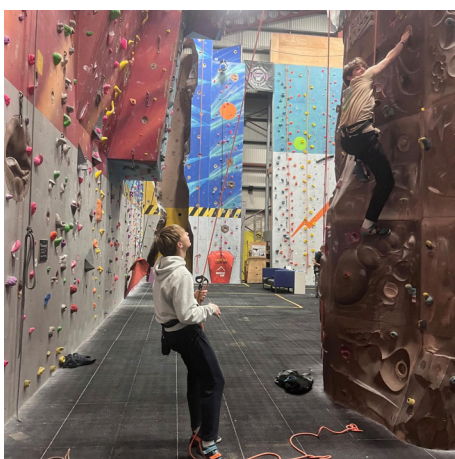
Shells in Salzburg



French Exchange

themselves in the history and culture of Salzburg, while enjoying the festive atmosphere of the baroque city's Christmas markets.

After a special reception with Salzburg State President Dr Brigitta Pallauf, the boys explored interactive museums, ventured into a disused salt mine, took to the ice rink and attended a traditional cooking school, where they prepared their own strudel and biscuits.



CCF Climbing

A small group of climbers ventured to the Rock UK Summit Centre, Merthyr Tydfil, for a two-night CCF trip. Boys had the opportunity to climb some of the 120+ routes. CCF Commander Paul Fernandez later highlighted “the mutual encouragement boys gave to each other to ensure they climbed their best”.

mixing three days of lessons with visits to the sights of Paris and Versailles. Highlights included a Seine boat trip and a play at the Théâtre de la Huchette. Teacher of French, Simon Barlass commented that the boys “were excellent ambassadors for their school,” while Head of French, Fiona Probert noted, “Many firm friendships have been forged. We are looking forward to our French partners joining us at Radley from 10-15th February.”



History Trip

For their A-Level History trip to Berlin, 27 6.1 historians visited sites and museums including the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, remnants of the Berlin Wall, the Bundestag, the East German secret police prison Hohenschönhausen and the Christmas markets of Potsdam.



Distinctions Cup Winners

In the Warden's Assembly on Monday, the winner of last term's Distinctions Cup was announced, as defined by each Social's total for distinctions (worth one point), postcards (worth two), and copies (worth three), divided by its number of boys. The Warden ultimately presented K Social with the trophy, for its average score of 17.2 per student.



Maths Olympiad

November's British Mathematical Olympiad Round One pitted pupils against mind-bending questions of number ramps, grids, and frogs jumping between numbered lily pads. Congratulations to Kelvin



International Cricket

Manny (6.1, G) has been selected as part of the 15-player squad representing England in the 2026 ICC Men's U19s World Cup, taking place in Namibia and Zimbabwe. Their Group C campaign begins on January 16th and includes matches against Pakistan, Scotland and Zimbabwe.



Lisbon Hockey Tour

The 1st XI hockey tour saw boys face off against local club sides in Lisbon. The first game was a Radley 4-2 victory thanks to goals from Wilf (6.2, A) and Oscar (V, H), the second a 2-2 draw despite

E) for securing a Silver Medal (his score of 41/60 placing him in the top 50 nationally).

Charlie (V, G) were awarded 'players of the tour', in what was a high-spirited and worthwhile trip.



Football Tour

The football tour to Tottenham Hotspur proved a promising start to the season, with the senior squad winning their match against Highgate School 4-2. "All staff were really impressed by the character and application shown by the boys on tour, and they were great company at the Tottenham training ground, the stadium tour, and Loftus Road" Master i/c Football, Seb Perkins writes.

National Rackets Finals

Two Radleians competed in the national Foster Cup rackets finals – U18 doubles partners Laszlo (V, C) and Nathan (6.2, L). The victor, Laszlo has now won five tournaments out of a possible five at schoolboy level at the Queen's Club - only one other boy his age has won the Foster Cup since the tournament started in 1951.



Radley & Homeless Collection

Thanks to the kindness of boys, staff and Radley parents, the end of term Radley & Homeless Oxfordshire Charities charity collection was a huge success and raised a record amount. Lazlo (V, C) & Wilfrid (V, L) said “we managed to give a tremendous amount to more people than ever via five separate homeless and family charities in Oxfordshire. The charities were incredibly grateful and the parents and many staff seemed delighted to clear cupboards out for a good cause.”

Polo Success

Angus (6.2, C) has been selected to play in the International Inter-Collegiate Arena Polo Match against the USA, on the 17th January 2026. “This is a significant achievement and a tremendous honour,” said Caroline Grayson, Senior Schools Steward for the Schools & University Polo Association. “It’s one of the most prestigious fixtures in the polo calendar. His selection reflects his dedication, skill, and commitment to the sport.”

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 10th January

Hockey v Lord Wandsworth College
Football v Pangbourne College
Football CISL Tournament
Badminton v Bradfield College

Sunday 11th January

Real Tennis v Hardwick

Tuesday 13th January

Rackets v Marlborough College

Thursday 15th January

Hockey v Bradfield College

Real Tennis v Canford School

Upcoming Events

Water Marks - An exhibition of ceramics by Elizabeth Newbery and paintings and drawings by Su Braden

9th - 12th January

Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1pm-5pm

Sewell Centre Gallery

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](#).



Christmas Highlights



Steeplechase

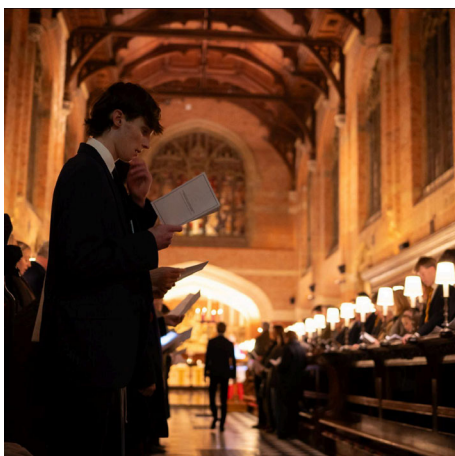


Snow Day



**Rugby v Tonbridge
& Marlborough**

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Winter Jam



