



RADLEY



Inter-Social Ergo Competition

“The normally quiet Barker Gym exam hall turned into something very different on Thursday for the annual Inter-Social Ergo competition,” wrote Master In Charge of Rowing Sam Townsend.

“The raucous and partizan crowds created a brilliant atmosphere.” Congratulations to H Social for the win, E Social for 2nd place, D Social for 3rd, and to all who took part. The highest individual score was Dylan (6.2, D), who clocked 402m over one minute – a school record!

Parent Information

All Parents

Talking Heads: Talking to Teenagers

On Tuesday, Ed James, Deputy Head (Pastoral), lead a *Talking Heads* discussion with consultant clinical child and adolescent psychologist [Dr Sheila Redfern](#) on the topic of the

Upcoming Concerts

We are delighted to host our first three concerts in the newly refurbished Silk Hall and hope to see you there.

- [Drum Kit Prize](#) - Monday 9th February, 8pm
 - [Gunn Cup Woodwind Competition](#) - Tuesday 10th February, 8pm
 - [Hudson String Prize](#) - Thursday 12th February, 8pm
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Shell

Master in Charge of Declamations, Mr Campbell was thoroughly impressed with the quality of the semi-finalists who competed on Monday performing a wide range of declamations with great style and drama. Congratulations to those who have made the final on Monday which will be held in front of the whole year group and an external judge. This truly is a great Radley tradition. The reprise, on Wednesday, will be recorded by our Video Unit and shared with parents in *Bulletin*. **[info]**

GCSE/IGCSE Subject Options. Please find the the GCSE Booklet [here](#), in case you need it to hand as boys begin to explore their options. **[info]**

For your diaries, there is a Social at Cheltenham Ladies College on Saturday 7th March. The theme is Retro Games. More information and a chance for boys to sign up will follow next week. **[info]**

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Remove

Remove Inter-Social Dodgeball

The annual Inter-Social Dodgeball competition will be held on the afternoon of Sunday 1st March – starting at approximately 2pm. This is always one of the sporting highlights of the year and is greatly enjoyed by all. Mr Chandrachud would encourage the boys to organise their privis around the event carefully. **[info]**

Mr Alan Chandrachud

Head of Removes

Fifth

A reminder about the Parents' Meeting on 13th February 2026. Do let your son's form master know as soon as possible if you are unable to attend.

Please find below a reminder of the outline of the morning:

10:45am - Coffee (Theatre Foyer)

11:30am - Introduction by the Head of Year

11:40am - Addresses by the Head of Careers, the Head of Curriculum Extension (CEP) and the Deputy Head (Academic)

12:40pm - Lunch with your sons

1:30pm - 3:00pm - Consultations with dons (parents and boys)

Please see my end of [Michaelmas term letter](#) for more information. **[info]**

Mrs Jo De Ritter

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6.1

Over the past couple of weeks – and into next week – your son's form master will have been organising a brief meeting online or by phone (many of these have already happened). If you haven't heard from your son's form master regarding these arrangements, please do get in touch with them now. **[info]**

University Application Preparation

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

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Mr Tim Lawson

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6.2

A reminder that the second phase of mock exams will take place in the first week after Leave-Away. **[info]**

News



U19 World Cup Final

Congratulations to Manny (6.1, G) for reaching the U19 Cricket World Cup Final. His bowling skills have been fantastic throughout the tournament. In the quarter-finals against New Zealand, Manny secured five wickets, and was named Player of the Match. He also took two crucial wickets against Australia in the semi-final. The team captain added, "He's bowled quick, he's been aggressive and that's just what we ask of him."



Removes' Fundraising

Removes welcomed Betty Abeng, the CEO of the Commonwealth Education Trust, to the College on Monday, presenting her with a cheque for £10,876 – a record fundraising achievement for a Remove year group. Thank you for your generosity in sponsoring the activities that took place last term – the funds raised will support the Trust's work in training teachers and widening access to education for children in lower-income countries.



Radley v Magdalen College School resulted in 12 victories out of 15 matches. The 3rd and 4th XI produced particularly convincing wins, with final scores of 8-0 and 9-1 respectively. The fourth XI's match report reads, "Memories of Lex's (6.1, L) deflection goal off a short corner and Mofe's (6.2, K) airborne shot will last long in the memory." Mr Wilson said of the JC2 (pictured), "The whole Radley squad showed just what good hockey players they are, and exerted dominance, pulling away to win 5-0".

The Removes took to the stage in their annual year group play – a production of *Sherlock Holmes*. Drama teacher Amelia Ayres reflected, "The play allowed students to engage with one of literature's most iconic stories while demonstrating creativity, initiative, and dedication. It was incredibly rewarding to watch them grow into confident performers – clearly enjoying the world they had created."



William on Spotify

William (V, F) has released a new self-penned single '*Guilty*' to streaming services, following the previous '*Humbert*' on New Year's Day.



Shell Art Trip

Shells visited the National Gallery and National Portrait Gallery, enjoying famous artworks like Marc Quinn's *Self*, George Stubbs's *Whistlejacket*, and Henri Rousseau's *Surprised!*



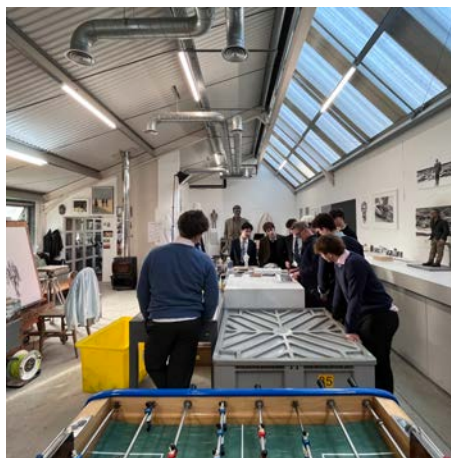
Shells visited London's Natural History Museum to watch a 50-minute immersive documentary film in the Jerwood Gallery called '*Our Story with David Attenborough*'. Afterwards, the group travelled to the Hunterian Museum, to experience the famed collection of anatomical specimens at the Royal College of Surgeons.

Around 300 children from local primary and secondary schools came to Radley for the Music Flood Orchestral Day. Shells and Removes helped as mentors, with the final performance including Prokofiev's '*Dance of the Knights*' and '*This Is Me*' from *The Greatest Showman*. Precentor Sam Gladstone wrote, "Huge thanks to the music team, builders, partnerships team and everyone who is made this happen."



Premiership Rugby Academies

Four of the Bigside 2025 team represented their respective Premiership rugby academies last weekend. Massi and Alec (6.1, G) played for Gloucester U17s against Saracens, while Hamish (6.1, A) and William (6.1, A) featured for Bath U17s in their narrow win over Leicester.



OR Studio Visit

6.1 Art A-Level students had the opportunity to visit OR Sean Henry's studio. Sean showed the boys an array of his sculptures, drawings and paintings. The students commented that it was brilliant seeing a 'real' art studio and admired all of the inspiration adorning the walls of the space. Sean answered many questions about the processes involved in making his art as well as giving the students invaluable advice towards their own artistic practices.



Olin Trophy

Congratulations to Harry (6.1, J) who won the Olin Trophy at the Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club with his team 'La Estampida' over the weekend. Harry played extremely well alongside professionals who are considered some of England's best arena polo players.



Inter-Social Table Tennis

The Inter-Social Table Tennis competition came to a dramatic close as D and K Socials, having secured semi-final victories over J and C respectively, faced each other across the table. D ultimately claimed first place, with a close final score of 3-2.



Candlemas

Last Sunday boys lit candles in Chapel to mark Candlemas (the final day of Christmas for some Christian groups). while 30 students from Shell to 6.2 joined the French Society for La Chandeleur celebrations, which included games and music in Round Pavilion and fresh crêpes made by William (R, F) and Harry (S, D).



Inter-Social Badminton

Juan (6.2) and Adrian (6.2) from H Social were crowned winners of Sunday's Inter-Social Badminton Competition.

Congratulations also to B Social, who finished second place for the second year running, and to L Social, who took third place.

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 7th February

Football v The Oratory

Hockey v Abingdon

Hockey v Cheltenham College

Rowing: Wycliffe Head

Sunday 8th February

U18 South Regional Fencing Championships

Tuesday 10th February

Cross Country: Radley Relays

Polo v Harrow

Squash v Teddies

Thursday 12th February

Badminton v The Oratory

Basketball v MCS

Football v Harrow

Hockey v Eton

Polo v Stowe

Upcoming Events

Drum Kit Prize

Monday 9th February, 8pm

Silk Hall

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

Gunn Cup Woodwind Competition

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](#).

Chamber Music Lunchtime Concert

Sunday 8th March, 1pm

Recital Room

Book tickets [here](#).

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

Sunday 8th March, 6pm

Silk Hall

Book tickets [here](#).

Celebrity Piano Recital: Sir Stephen Hough

Monday 9th March, 7.45pm

Silk Hall

Book tickets [here](#).

Guitar Prize

Tuesday 10th March, 8pm

Recital Room

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](#).



Football v Teddies



Badminton v Cheltenham



Sherlock Holmes



Politics Lesson

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