



RADLEY



Battle of the Bands

Theatre hosted Battle of the Bands, featuring 32 Boys across all year groups. The bands performed both their own original hits (including 50/50's *Get To You* and Johnsco's *Stuck With You*) as well as covers of rock and pop classics, from *Rasputin* by Boney M to *Creep* by Radiohead. Judge Nick Shirm (from the future-soul group Goldsmoke) was on hand to provide his professional insights, having previously worked with stars like Sir Brian May, Lewis Capaldi, Katy Perry and Hans Zimmer. He ultimately crowned solo artist Adam (6.2, H) the champion of the evening with his original composition *Rain Song* which was described by Shim as "unbelievable... the real deal". 50/50 and District were awarded a worthy second and third place respectively.

Parent Information

All Parents

Music School Opening Concert, 22nd March

secured a ticket. A ticket checking system will be in place at the door. Tickets are still available for many of the other events scheduled over the rest of the year. Please see the opening season brochure [here](#). **[info]**

Meningitis

There is understandable concern around Meningitis, given the current outbreak and press coverage. The UKHSA has confirmed that the current outbreak is contained within the Kent area, with no wider spread reported. The strain of Meningitis has been identified as Men B. Meningitis B Vaccination:

The Meningitis B vaccination was only introduced into the UK Childhood Immunisation Programme in 2015 for infants, given as a 3-dose course at 8 weeks, 12 weeks and 1 year. This means that older adolescents did not routinely receive it. The vaccine is available privately, as a 2-dose course, 4 weeks apart. Unfortunately, Radley cannot deliver the Meningitis B vaccination, so if this is something you wish to get for your son, you will need to source it privately. If you do this, please do let us know and we will add it to your son's NHS record.

The Meningitis ACW+Y vaccination is given in Year 9 (Shells) as part of the Childhood Immunisation Programme. Current Shells will receive this at the upcoming NHS Nurse vaccination clinic on 24th April (a consent form was sent out to Shell parents earlier this week). For any other year groups that may have missed this, please do get in touch with the Health Centre by emailing [Health Centre](#).

We will, of course, remain vigilant to this and all illness. For more information, please [see here](#) the link to the NHS page about Meningitis signs and symptoms. **[info]**

Taxi Bookings

Since Michaelmas 2025 we have been using an online portal, Vectare, for taxi bookings. This will remain in place for end of Lent Term, returns for Summer Term and the Trinity Weekend. For Summer Term Leave-Away we will be moving back to direct bookings with the College via an MS Form. When emailing the College directly regarding bookings, please email taxis@radley.org.uk. Please continue to check [Radley College Parent Zone](#) for regular updates. **[info]**

Term Dates for Academic Year 2027-2028

Please find the provisional term dates for Academic Year 2027-2028 below.

Michaelmas Term 2027

Tuesday 7 September - Term begins

Friday 24 September - Michaelmas Weekend begins

Monday 27 September - Michaelmas Weekend ends

Friday 15 October - Leave-Away begins

Sunday 31 October - Leave-Away ends

Friday 19 November - Advent Weekend begins

Lent Term 2028

Wednesday 5 January - Term begins

Friday 21 January - Hilary Weekend begins

Sunday 23 January - Hilary Weekend ends

Friday 11 February - Leave-Away begins

Sunday 20 February - Leave-Away ends

Friday 10 March - Lent Weekend begins

Sunday 12 March - Lent Weekend ends

Tuesday 28 March - Term ends

Summer Term 2028

Tuesday 18 April - Term begins

Friday 28 April - Trinity Weekend begins

Monday 1 May - Trinity Weekend ends

Friday 26 May - Leave-Away begins

Sunday 4 June - Leave-Away ends

Saturday 1 July - Term ends (Gaudy)

**AI in Education: Threat, Tool, or Transformation?**

On Tuesday, Deputy Head (Academic) Jonathan Porter lead a discussion with Director of Education at No More Marking, Daisy Christodoulou MBE on one of the most significant issues in education today: AI-enabled plagiarism. A video of the discussion is available [here](#).

The Summer Term's upcoming *Talking Heads* sessions will be on the following topics:

- **Monday 27th April:** international university applications and destinations
- **Tuesday 23rd June:** summer safety – parties, gatherings and festivals

Further details will be shared in *Bulletin* next term.

Term draws to a close with beautiful warm spring weather and blossoming flowers and will be celebrated with the opening of the Music Building and a wonderful series of music events. The Lent Term can be a tough term with sodden pitches and short days, but I would like to commend the Shells on their cheerful and positive approach to everything they do. They have shown great character and resilience during a busy and varied term of academic and co-curricular activities. While I would encourage the boys to rest, some dons may set holiday work, and at a minimum I would expect all Shells to read a book and watch a good film and get outside! Happy Easter to you all, and I look forward to welcoming you back to the Summer Term. **[info]**

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Remove

It has been a busy term for the Removes, and a well-deserved break is certainly in order. I hope the boys are able to recharge their batteries and return refreshed for the Summer Term. **[info]**

Barcelona Exchange – Deadline: 20th March

Parents of boys with a place on this upcoming Easter trip are kindly asked to log in to [myschoolportal](#) to complete the Consent and Code of Conduct Form. Deadline for completion is today, Friday 20th March. Parents will shortly be sent the details of their son's exchange partner, along with a packing list and itinerary. **[action]**

'Future Ready' – Starting a Business

With Dragons' Den on many Removes' minds, Alfie Binns (2019, E/L) spoke to Removes this week about how he launched his startup, [Kleonne](#), during his gap year and now balances growing the business while studying Philosophy and Politics at Exeter University. Alfie was candid with the realities of starting a business so young, the challenges of going solo, and the importance of staying connected with ORs for guidance and advice. **[info]**

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Well done to the Fifths for a great term. I hope they all have lovely holidays with a good balance of rest and revision. Boys will have been set plenty of work by dons. As a reminder, there are lots of past papers and helpful resources on the student hub. [\[info\]](#)

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award – Sign-up Deadline: 24th March

Fifths are eligible to sign up for their Gold DofE. They may begin the Award immediately (once they have turned 16), or choose to wait until after their GCSE examinations. To help with planning expedition numbers, the deadline for sign-ups is Tuesday 24th March. Please find a letter about the Award [here](#), which includes a link to register your son. If you have any questions, please contact the DofE Award Manager, [Paul Fernandez](#). [\[action\]](#)

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6.1

The boys now approach the end of another busy and enjoyable term. They will have each been set work to complete over the Easter break. We encourage them to continue reading, and to return in mid-April well rested, and ready to take on another busy term. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Parents' Meeting on the first day back next term (Wednesday 15th April) – full details are below. We wish you all an enjoyable break. [\[info\]](#)

6.1 Parents Meeting – Wednesday 15th April

- 2pm - coffee / tea in the theatre foyer (hosted by RadSoc)
- 3pm - talks in the Theatre from Jonathan Porter (Deputy Head Academic), Tom Deasy (Director of University Entrance) and Martin Birchall (High Fliers Research - the market leader in graduate recruitment research)
- 4pm - individual consultations with your son's dons begin

The consultations will take place in the dons' individual classrooms, and your son will accompany you to all these meetings. Your son will be responsible for arranging all their own appointments, and hopefully this process will be fully completed before they come home on Tuesday. **[info]**

International Universities Consultation Sessions

At the start of the Summer Term, we will be hosting a *Talking Heads* parent webinar on international university applications and destinations. The talk will be led by David Hawkins, founder of [The University Guys](#), an independent advisory company that specialises in advising students on applications to overseas universities. In addition, David is offering parents of 6.1 boys who are interested in international universities to book a free, 30 minute one-to-one consultation with him to discuss international university applications. A booking link for those who would like to take up this opportunity can be found [here](#). **[action]**

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are absolutely crucial, and a great deal can be achieved in building strong foundations for revision ahead of next term's final examinations. If you have not already done so, please ensure you have read the revision document below which gives detailed advice on what your son should be doing over the Easter break in each of his subjects. This will help you to not only understand how they should be working, but also support them in staying on track. We are all here to support them in any way we can, and we do encourage your son to engage as much as possible with his dons through this process. The main examination period begins on Monday 11th May. In terms of logistics around study leave – this will not apply until after Leave-Away, and we will be in touch with details nearer the time. **[info]**

Revision Guidance

The Easter break will be a crucial time as the boys prepare for the final push towards their exams next term. Please read [this document](#) which offers advice from the various departments on how the boys should be revising for their subjects over the break. **[action]**

Online Tuition

In the vast majority of cases, pupils who engage fully with the work set by their dons have all the academic assistance they need. We do, however, understand that some parents may occasionally wish to arrange additional external online tuition. If that is something you currently do or are considering, we would be grateful if you could take a moment to read our [Online Tuition Guidelines](#) so that any arrangements are well-coordinated and supportive of your son's overall balance and wellbeing. **[info]**

Transition from Radley to University

New freedom, new routines, new pressures; the transition can feel huge. On Friday, we hosted a Q&A session with Henry Daubeney (2019, E), Hugo Kay (2019, E) and Fred Vaux (2019, E). They gave an honest, practical insight into what the move to university is really like – academically, socially, and personally. It was a great opportunity for 6.2s to ask questions and pick up practical tips. **[info]**

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News



Proton Therapy

The Physics Department ran a Proton Therapy Masterclass for 6.1s, along with students from St Helen & St Katharine and Downe House. Pupils learnt about using particle therapy in cancer treatment, including the underlying physics and clinical applications. Hands-on simulations let pupils plan treatments in different scenarios, followed by a video conference with a treatment centre.



Naboj Maths Challenge

Kelvin (6.2, C), Kevin (6.2, E), David (6.2, L), Ray (6.1, H) and Leonardo (6.1, H) came an astounding joint fifth in the UK – 32nd worldwide out of the 1,000 global teams in the recent Naboj International Team Maths Challenge. Cayden (V, A), Toby (V, C), Kay (R, H), Yoonjoon (S, J), and Jaden (S, E) placed an excellent 22nd place in their UK category.



STEM Conference

Removes and 6.1s travelled to Downe House for their annual STEM conference.

Groups from the two schools were challenged to decrypt data using a cipher, calculate the elasticity of a marshmallow, accurately measure a gas produced in a chemical reaction, and correctly identify animal skulls.



School's Head of the River

All eight Radley crews finished within the top six in the country, suggesting a very exciting summer season of racing lies ahead. The 1st VIII finished third just 4.2 seconds off the top spot. RCBC will now look to finish the term strongly at the GB Trials before Easter Camps at the end of the holidays.



Captain of Rugby

Hamish (6.1, A) has been appointed Captain of Rugby for the upcoming 2026 season. Current captain and Second Prefect Rory (6.2, G) congratulated Hamish as Mr Wood delivered the news.



Wales International

Mosese (6.1, E) continued his streak in the U18 Six Nations. Following his victory against Italy last weekend, he has been chosen again to play for Wales against Ireland on Saturday. "Brilliant news!" writes E Social Tutor Adam Jolly.



CCF Field Exercise

Around 200 boys and 25 staff were involved in planning and conducting CCF Field Exercise activities: 70 boys undertook their >35 km Bronze DofE Expedition; 90 Removes and NCOs deployed to Bramley Training Area; RAF NCOs trained with the Headington Rye CCF, and Navy NCOs journeyed to Portsmouth Naval Base.



Inter-Social General Knowledge

Congratulations to the four A Social boys who won this year's Inter-Social General Knowledge Competition (Spens Trophy) in an exciting final against J Social. It was A Social's first victory in the contest since 1983. The match was so close that it went to a 'sudden death' after a 250-250 point draw.



Rad-Leys Ball

Young Sports Leaders took part in the Rad-Leys Ball festival this week alongside five partnership primary schools. The event brought together 130 children for a morning of gameplay, with 13 teams competing at Blackbird Leys' Leisure Centre. The inclusive game united the community through a shared enthusiasm for sport and physical activity.



Charity Tuck Shop

Arthur (V, D), Harry (6.1, D) and Nathan (6.1, D) opened a charity tuck shop and bake sale to raise money for Oxfordshire Youth. They have already raised £800, with two more days of sales to go. Many thanks to the D Social parents who provided all the baked goods to go alongside the traditional tuckshop items.



Hockey v Eton

Radley reclaimed the Markham Riley hockey cup from Eton College last weekend. Now in its third year, the contest counts all teams' results from matches between the two schools towards an overarching total. The College's teams earned 18 wins and eight draws. Highlights included a 6-2 win for the 3rd XI, a 4-1 victory for the U16A, and a 5-2 triumph for the U14B.



Scholars' Showcase

"The Scholars' Showcase Concert in the Recital Room was a wonderful celebration of musicianship at the College," writes Head of Performance Sophie Lockett. "A varied programme, ranging from Chopin études to arrangements of Queen, featured performers from Shell to 6.2, each demonstrating impressive skill and musical maturity... making for a thoroughly inspiring evening of music."



Political Scholar Visit

Professor Vernon Bogdanor, one of the greatest living political scholars, spoke in the Science Lecture Theatre about his book *Making The Weather* – introducing six influential politicians to a crowded room of students from Shells to 6.2s. "The depth of analysis was incisive and range of examples comprehensive," writes DingDing (6.2, D).



Cross-Country

This winter's cross-country season culminated in Oscar (S, A) and Flynn (S, D) representing Oxfordshire at the English Schools' Cross-Country Championships. Earlier highlights this term included the Inter and Senior teams progressing to the regional round of the National Cross-Country Cup, while Inters also recorded successes in Marlborough's invitational meet, the Harrow Ten Schools and the



Greek & Latin Competition

Steve (6.1, H) and Isaac (6.1, D) reigned victorious in the Oxford University Greek and Latin Reading Competition – the former earned first place in the Senior Latin and Greek Verse categories, the latter in the Senior Latin Memoriter category. Alex (R, C) also earned an honourable mention in the Junior Greek Memoriter rankings.



Onatti Spanish Play

The Onatti Spanish-language play *Un Ensayo Desastroso* in Theatre immersed Radleians, along with students from Didcot Girls, Oxford High, John Mason and Europa, in an interactive story about an ill-fated production of *Romeo & Juliet*. Aaron (S, H) and Julius (S, E), along with three girls from the visiting schools, were called up to play other characters in the Shakespearean rehearsal.



Careers in Corporate Law

15 Sixth Formers joined over 100 guests in London for a Radleian Society event focused on careers in corporate law. An expert panel – two Radley parents, a head-hunter and two ORs – shared



Spear's Schools Index

Radley College has been included in the Spear's Schools Index 2026 as one of the world's top 100 independent schools. The ranking reflects our "standing among the most exceptional institutions globally, as assessed by an independent panel of

house and private practice to the impact of AI in recruitment. The boys gained valuable insight and began building connections. Read the full story [here](#).

Cothill School was also included in the Index.

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 21th March

Badminton v The Oratory

Football v Wellington College

Football v Abingdon

Hockey v Bradfield

Rowing v Teddies

Sunday 22nd March

Football v Radley Keys (ORs)

Monday 23rd March

Rowing: Scullery Head

Tuesday 24th March

U14s Rugby Sevens: Rosslyn Park Sevens

Wednesday 25th March

U16s Rugby Sevens: Rosslyn Park Sevens

Thursday 26th March

U18s Rugby Sevens: Rosslyn Park Sevens

Tuesday 14th April

Cricket v Charterhouse

Upcoming Events

Flamenco Evening with Rafael Lloyd Iglesias

Tuesday 21st April

Silk Hall

Book tickets [here](#).

Choral Society & Concerto Concert

Sunday 26th April

Silk Hall

Book tickets [here](#).

Organ Prize

Monday 27th April

Chapel

Book tickets [here](#).

Ferguson Singing Prize

Tuesday 5th May

Silk Hall

Book tickets [here](#).

Radley Then & Now: Philanthropy, Partnerships & Community

Tuesday 12th May

Zoom - info [here](#).

Lodestar Trio Concert

Sunday 17th May

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](#).



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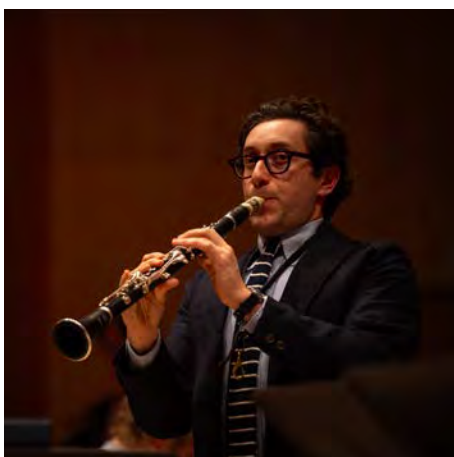
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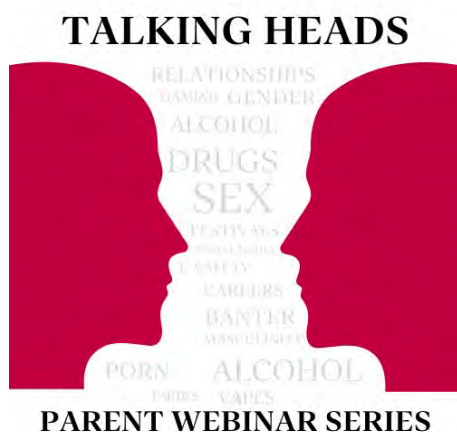


Giacomo Smith Hot Five and Radley College Big Band



Highlights

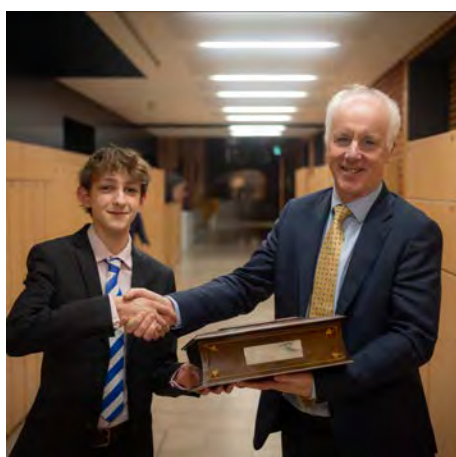
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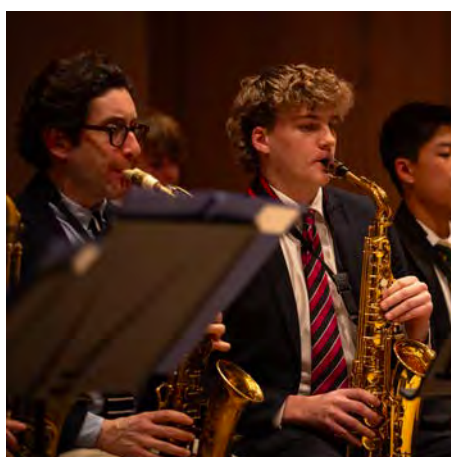
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