



Welcome back!

Parent Information

All Parents

Medical Referrals

If you require a private medical referral for your son, meaning a GP referral letter needs to be written for information and insurance purposes, please allow three to five days for this letter to be generated by the GP surgery. If a private appointment is arranged with less notice than this, it may not be possible for us to provide a letter for insurance purposes.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

If you have any unwanted or unused Radley attire, or other kit, that you would be willing to donate, please wash it, label it with 'Second Hand Uniform' and drop it off in the entrance of

Cricket Equipment Discount Codes

Please find below links and discount codes for the Kookaburra and Kippax websites.

- [Kookaburra](#) offers a 35% discount with code RADLEY
- [Kippax](#) offers 25% off everything excluding any sale or bundle items with discount code Kippax25

Flamenco Evening with Rafael Lloyd Iglesias and Lourdes Fernández, 21st April

We are delighted to host a special evening of flamenco dancing and music, featuring celebrated guitarist Rafael Lloyd Iglesias and dancer Lourdes Fernández. The event will include refreshments inspired by the music of Andalusia, and all proceeds will go to local music initiatives. Book your tickets [here](#).



Choral Society, Orchestra and Strings Concert, 26th April

The Radley College Choral Society will join the Chapel Choir, Choristers and Orchestra for a performance of Haydn's *Creation (Part 1)*, Finzi's *God is Gone Up* and Biber's spectacular *Plaudite tympana*. The concert will also feature pupil soloists in orchestrations of songs by George Butterworth, composer and former teacher at Radley College, as well as music from massed strings, wind ensembles and orchestra. Tickets are available [here](#).



A world of opportunity: university options beyond the UK. Monday 27th April – 6.45pm



In the latest series of our *Talking Heads* programme we will be looking at overseas universities. David Hawkins, founder of [The University Guys](#) will be talking to Tom Deasy, Radley's Director of University Entrance about navigating the application process for universities in the US and worldwide. As one of the world's top independent college counsellors, David Hawkins MA (Oxford), PGCE has worked with a number of Radleians over the past years.

He specialises in supporting families and students applying to some of the world's best-ranked universities and, most importantly, helping students to work out which institutions are the best match for them. He is the only Certified Educational Planner in the United Kingdom, the highest level of accreditation, and one of only 272 people worldwide to hold this qualification. He will be offering guidance to parents on how to support their sons in exploring, preparing for and applying to universities all over the world and will give his expert advice on how to make the process of applications manageable and successful.

Joining the panel will be former Senior Prefect, Zach Wickens who was awarded the distinguished Roberston Scholarship to Duke and is about to finish his second year.

Please register for the webinar [here](#).

In addition, David is offering the opportunity for Radley parents to book a free, half hour one-to-one consultation on international university applications. A link for those who might like to take up this opportunity is [here](#).

After Leave-Away, boys will be on study leave. This means there will be no timetabled lessons for Fifths. However, dons will be available, and many will be scheduling additional revision sessions during the school day and in the evenings. Boys are strongly encouraged to take advantage of any extra help offered. If they wish to revise from home during study leave, they may do so, provided they have no College commitments (eg, concerts, music

(ideally the week before), and that Tutors are aware of when a boy will be at College or away.

Finally, a reminder that all boys must be back at school on the evening of Sunday, 28th June for Futures Week. Some musicians (all large ensembles) will be required earlier that day and will be contacted by the Music Department if this applies. [\[info\]](#)

Webinar: Workplace Skills in an AI-enabled World, 29th April 7pm

Parents and boys in Fifth, 6.1 and 6.2 are invited to join a webinar organised by Abingdon School about the skills that will be effective in a workplace that uses AI. Hear from professionals about AI's successes, its failures, and what it really demands of the people working alongside AI. Please register via [this link](#). [\[action\]](#)

Mrs Jo De Ritter

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6.1

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing Easter break. As outlined in the talks to parents on Wednesday, and no doubt reinforced by your son's individual dons, this term has two key areas of focus: beginning the UCAS process (for those intending to apply to a UK university) and securing strong UCAS grades by the end of term. The UCAS process is led by your son's Form Master, so please do contact them directly if you have any questions. Alongside these priorities, we are looking forward to another productive and enjoyable term with, we hope, some fine weather. [\[info\]](#)

University Application Slides

Pease find the slides from the 6.1 parents' talk by Director of University Entrance, Tom Deasy [here](#). [\[info\]](#)

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6.2

I hope the boys have all enjoyed a productive few weeks with the final stages of their time at school now approaching. Their examinations will, quite rightly, be the primary focus for the remainder of their time at Radley, but they should also remain engaged in their co-curricular pursuits. These provide an important opportunity for time away from study and help to keep the mind fresh and focused.

The 6.2s will continue to have lessons during the first half of term, which will form an essential part of their final preparations ahead of public examinations. The first A-Level examination takes place on the morning of Monday 11th May. There are no timetabled lessons after Leave-Away, and where boys have significant gaps between examinations, there may be some scope for study leave. This would require discussion between you and your son's Tutor. Please note, however, that all College co-curricular commitments must continue to be honoured.

The boys are free to go home once their final examination has been completed. If they have ongoing commitments, such as sports fixtures, we ask that they discuss arrangements with their respective coaches. Everyone at the College is ready to support them in any way possible in the weeks ahead, and we wish them all the very best of luck. [\[info\]](#)

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Serpentes Essay Prize

58 boys entered this year’s Serpentes Essay Prize, with judging rounds led by both Academic Prefects and Heads of Department. Alongside awards for individual topics, the overall prize was jointly awarded to Adrien (6.1, F), for his essay: *‘Since the resurrection of Jesus, what is the most significant event in Christian history?’*, and Kaden (6.1, K), for: *‘Is physics the search for simplicity or complexity?’*



Dublin Trip

Sixth Formers travelled to Dublin for an English trip, exploring the works of Irish writers such as James Joyce and Seán O’Casey. The boys visited the Museum of Literature Ireland, attended a play at the Abbey Theatre, toured Trinity College Dublin accompanied by OR Ambrose Garson (C, 2024), and visited landmarks featured in *Ulysses*. “The boys were



Distinctions

Following the announcement of top individual pupil scores for distinctions, postcards and copies last term, the Warden revealed the average scores for each Social at Thursday’s assembly. Congratulations to K Social for topping the leaderboard at 9.96, followed by E (9.67), B (9.57), G (9.38), and D/H (9.14).



Spanish Exchange

11 Removes travelled to Barcelona for the first leg of our long-standing exchange programme with Viaró Global School. “Lots of Spanish was spoken, friendships were made, new foods were tasted, and many famous sites were visited. One boy even attended Mass at the Sagrada Família!” writes Head of Spanish Olivia Perrett. The boys look forward to reuniting

of English.



Classics Trip to Italy

Removes studying Latin, Greek and Classical Civilisation ended the Lent Term with a six-day tour of Rome and the Bay of Naples. Highlights included the Colosseum, Pantheon and Pompeii, alongside lesser-known sites such as the Villa of Tiberius and the Mithraeum beneath the Basilica of San Clemente. The boys were inquisitive and energetic throughout, embracing Italian culture and, in particular, its football shirts, pasta, pizza and ice cream.



History Essay Prize

Congratulations to Ed (6.1, L), whose essay was commended in the Foundation for the History of Totalitarianism essay competition. His work addressed the set



Venice and Florence Trip

Art Historians travelled across Venice and Florence at the start of the Easter break. Highlights included the Rialto Bridge, Venetian seafood markets, Michelangelo's David, The Birth of Venus and Verrocchio's horse statue. "It's been fantastic bringing Art History students to Italy," writes Dr Ursula Weekes.



Manuscript Feedback

Thomas (6.1, G) is working alongside Timothy Garton Ash, Professor at the University of Oxford, providing critical feedback on manuscripts for his

1932 and 1933.

leading historians of contemporary Europe,” writes Tim Schmalz, Head of History.



Rosslyn Park 7s

Three Radley rugby teams competed in the Rosslyn Park National Schools Sevens, the world's largest school rugby tournament. The U16 team won five out of eight games, with the U14s and U18s claiming victories against Sedburgh, Denstone, Bromsgrove, Wellington, Kirkham Grammar, and Gosworth Academy.



Wales International

Congratulations to Mosese (6.1, E), who represented Wales in the Men’s Six Nations U18 Festival in Vichy, France. The team's opening match resulted in a



Rowing Camp

100 boys attended various rowing camps over the Easter holidays. The Seniors and J16s enjoyed their training in Avis, Portugal, the J15s had a busy few days at Dorney lake while the J14s trained at the Radley Boathouse in the days before term began. All crews are very much looking forward to the upcoming racing season.



New Developments

Developments around the Radley College campus over the Easter break include new cloakroom facilities, refurbishments to Queen's Court, and preparations for a

and Spain. "We're really excited about the squad we have," said Wales coach Richie Pugh. "Mosese will gain huge experience while competing this year."

week.



FameLab Academy

Misha (S, L) took part in the final of the FameLab Academy Oxfordshire science communication competition at Abingdon School. His three-minute talk was on quantum entanglement, and was very well received by both the audience and the judges.



Pre-Season Cricket

The senior cricket squad began with three days of pre-season friendly matches on Bigside against Hurstpierpoint College. A special mention goes to brothers Arthur (6.1, J) and Will (V, J), who both scored excellent half-centuries. Seniors then enjoyed a closely contested match against Charterhouse, as did the Midge side. The JCs spent three days at Bradfield, gaining valuable match experience in preparation for the season ahead.

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.

Saturday 18th April
Cricket v Eton

Thursday 23rd April

Athletics: Radley Relays

Athletics v St Benedict's School

Athletics v Gordon's School

Athletics v RGS, Guildford

Cricket v Stowe

Cricket v Harrow

Upcoming Events

Earthly Salt Art Exhibition

Friday 17th April – Saturday 9th May

Sewell Centre Gallery

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](#).

Sunday 17th May

Silk Hall

Book tickets [here](#).

Bands Night Acoustic Evening

Monday 18th May

Recital Room

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](#).



Pre-Season Cricket



Dead Poets' Society



Latest Videos



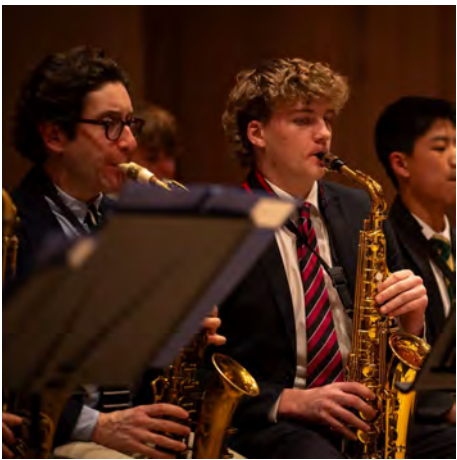
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Dead Poets Society



Declamations



Giacomo Smith Hot Five and Radley College Big Band





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