



Leavers' Dinners

Last weekend, A, B, C, E, F, and J Socials hosted their Leavers' Dinners, formal dress evenings celebrating the 6.2s before they concentrate on their exams. This weekend, D, G, H, and L Socials will have their turn, with K Social's taking place on 8th May.

Parent Information

All Parents

Padel at Radley

Padel has, in a remarkably short space of time, become a regular feature at Radley, with boys organising matches, travelling to play, and steadily improving their standard of play. Following positive pre-application planning advice, plans are progressing for two new courts at the far end of the athletics track, which are scheduled for installation this summer. Thanks

Hasna Bloore, Head of Philanthropy.



**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



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](#).

Shell

Last Friday, John Sparks, Director of Partnerships, introduced the outstanding work the College undertakes in developing sustainable and meaningful reciprocal partnerships with the wider Radley and Oxford communities to an engaged Shell year group. They listened attentively, and I am sure were inspired to take part in these programmes from the Remove year. Then, on Monday, Mr Barlass, Director of Teaching and Learning, laid the foundations for the exam term with an essential guide and practical approaches to study skills. Finally, on Wednesday, the boys began their CCF activities which entailed mountain biking, map reading, setting up Trangias, building rafts, and completing challenging casualty evacuation challenges. These activities are fostering excellent outdoor skills and team work, and the boys had a great deal of fun.

I hope many of you are able to see your sons in sporting action this weekend, which promises to be another sunny and beautiful afternoon. **[info]**

Shell Parents' Meeting, Friday 1st May

numbers, please do so [here](#). **[action]**

PSHE and RSE

This term Shells continue to explore ‘Health and Wellbeing’. They will be attending a number of bespoke talks from external specialists. Highlights of this term include:

- Rachel Clinch, a representative from the charity [SeeSaw](#), will be speaking about managing grief and bereavement on Friday 15th of May
- Dr Sam Dockree, Specialty Registrar with the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust, will speak about looking after your body on Friday 5th June
- A representative from the charity [Oddballs](#) will be speaking about testicular cancer on Friday 19th June

Radley works closely with all external specialists to ensure that the content of every talk is accessible for all pupils, age-appropriate, and evidence-based. Our PSHE 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](#). **[info]**

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Remove

PSHE and RSE

This term, Removes will continue to explore ‘Relationships’. Alongside this they will also be working with our [Futures team](#). Removes will be attending a number of bespoke talks given by external and in-house specialists. Highlights of this term include:

- Jonny Cartwright will speak about looking after your mental health on Friday 8th May
- Alex Gilley, our Lead Nurse, will speak about relationships and sexual health on Friday 12th June
- Dan Pullen, Head of Futures, will speak about the Remove Business Challenge on Monday 29th June

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Fifth

Geography Trip, February 2027

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Studying in the US – Webinars

On Thursday 14th May US Universities Counsellor Dr Maria Lebedeva will be hosting two webinars about studying at US universities. The aim is to provide an introduction to the application process and how Radley can assist pupils throughout. Please consider attending if your son has expressed an interest in studying in the US, or if you would simply want to find out more.

To accommodate parents in different time zones, two webinars will be offered, with identical content:

- to register for the webinar at 1.30pm - 2.15pm UK time, please click [here](#).
- to register for the webinar at 7pm - 7.45pm UK time, please click [here](#).

Once you have registered, you will receive an email with a link to the webinar.

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

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6.2

Gaudy: Saturday 4th July 2025

The Warden is delighted to invite 6.2s and their parents to Gaudy on Saturday 4th July. A formal invitation will be sent to 6.2 families and full details will be communicated in *Bulletin*. **[info]**

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News



Bigside v Eton

Bigside cricket faced Eton last weekend, with Tom (6.1, G) setting the tone with fantastic bowling in the first innings. Douglas (6.2, L) and Manny (6.1, G), the latter fresh from the U19 Men's Cricket World Cup, then scored 127 runs between them, before Arthur (6.1, J) scored 27 not out to round off an impressive Radley victory by six wickets.



CCF Collaboration

At the end of last term, cadets from Headington Rye CCF joined the RAF section for a day of joint activities at Radley, including fieldcraft training in Little Wood and the Gun Run. Despite strong opposition from the Headington Rye girls, Radley were victorious.



England Polo Success

Congratulations to Harry (R, A), who, as part of the U16 Young England Development team, helped secure a 4-3 victory against the French team at the Polo Club de Chantilly. The Radleian scored England’s first goal and helped to set up two others, in what A Social Tutor Richard Hughes called “an amazing experience”.



A Social Golf

The A Social Parent and Child Charity Golf Competition raised £300 – “Great weather, great fun and some great scores,” reflected Tutor Richard Hughes. Jack (S, A) and his father won the overall competition but also the ‘Longest Drive’ competition while Will (6.1, A) and his godfather won the ‘Nearest the Pin’ award.



Easter Service

The College celebrated Easter with a High Mass Eucharist, featuring traditional liturgy, beautiful choral music from the Chapel Choir, a sermon on the Resurrection, and full ceremonial rites in the sanctuary, led by the Chaplains and the team of sacristans.



A lovely visit to the countryside centre

Socials Activities

L Social hosted a Cultural Evening in Theatre last weekend, complete with comedy, music, and Declamations, alongside specially printed running orders decorated with L Social bow ties. Meanwhile, D Social Shells enjoyed a ‘Sunday Funday’, complete with tree-climbing, football and a trip to the Countryside Centre.



Spanish Dining

As part of their Spanish studies, Shells enjoyed an immersive dining experience in the Round Pavilion, ordering food and drinks in Spanish and sampling delicacies like gazpacho andaluz, guiso de alubias and tarta de queso. “It was great to see hard work from the classroom being put into practice!” writes Olivia Perrett, Head of Spanish.



Flamenco Evening

Tuesday’s Flamenco Evening in Silk Hall saw internationally celebrated guitarist Rafael Lloyd Iglesias take to the stage alongside drums and flamenco dancing. Iglesias then returned for a performance as part of Music Flood, before teaching boys the basics of flamenco in a special workshop.



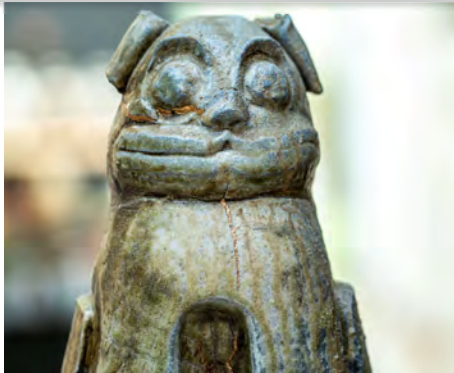
History Society Lecture

Adam Hart spoke at this week’s History Society Lecture about ‘*Operation Pimento: My Great-Grandfather's Great Escape*’, a book about pilot and OR Frank Griffiths (1926, E). Griffiths crashed in southern France in 1943 and, in an operation lasting 108 days, was smuggled to safety in Gibraltar by the French Resistance.



Lunchtime Recital

A special lunchtime recital on Thursday highlighted music by George Butterworth, a Radley don who founded the College’s Choral Society and died in the Battle of the Somme. The works featured were adaptations of A.E. Housman’s poem collection ‘*A Shropshire Lad*’, as performed by William (V, F), Sam (6.1, J), Joe (V, J), Erik (V, E), Henry (R, L), and Merlin (6.1, D).



Earthly Salt

The current Sewell Gallery exhibition, *Earthly Salt*, brings together the work of two potters, Jynsym Ong and Joseph Bull, who use a mix of salt and ash glazes to produce unpredictable results. The pair discussed their techniques and inspirations in a special 'Meet the Makers' talk on Thursday afternoon.



Rackets Day

We welcomed 46 visitors from businesses across Oxford for the third High Sheriffs' Six Rackets Day. Teams competed across badminton, squash, fives, rackets, real tennis and squash. Supported by our Young Sports Leaders, boys in 6.1, and pupils from The Oxford Academy, the event raised over £10,000 for Active Oxfordshire's physical activity programmes.

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

Athletics v Harrow
Cricket v Wellington College
Cricket v Harrow
Cricket v Stowe
Rowing: BASHER Regatta
Tennis v Abingdon

Tuesday 28th April

Golf v Warwick

Cricket v Cheltenham
Polo v Cheltenham
Polo v Stowe
Tennis v Eton
Tennis v Cranford

Upcoming Events

Earthly Salt Art Exhibition

Friday 17th April – Saturday 9th May
Sewell Centre Gallery

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](#).

Bands Night Acoustic Evening

Monday 18th May

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](#).



Social Photographs



Cricket v MCC



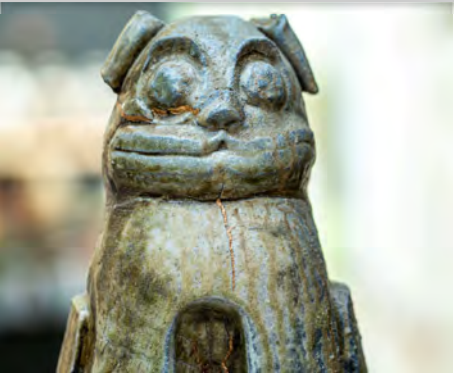
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