



RADLEY



Leavers' Dinner

6.2s donned black tie for the Leavers' Dinner and photograph as they marked the end of their time at Radley ahead of their A-Level exams. Dons joined the boys as they celebrated their years at the College with drinks on Mansion Lawn followed by dinner. We wish them the very best of luck in their upcoming exams and thank them for being such outstanding representatives of the College over the years. Photos are available [here](#).

Parent Information

All Parents

Upcoming Performances

- The Peter Cook Cup, Friday 15th May

Cook – the accomplished actor, writer, satirist and comedian who attended the College in the 1950s. Finalists, selected during the first round of the competition, will represent each year group by performing a monologue from a published play, film or television series before guest adjudicator, actor and theatre director, Steve Dineen. No tickets required.

- **Lodestar Trio Concert, Sunday 17th May**

Lodestar Trio is a unique collaboration between stars of the Scandinavian folk scene, Erik Rydvald and Olav Mjelva, and British violin virtuoso Max Baillie. Together, they bring a spirit of groove and improvisation to Baroque music by combining traditional Nordic string instruments – the Swedish nyckelharpa and the Norwegian hardanger fiddle – with the violin. Tickets are available [here](#).

- **Bands Night Acoustic Evening, Monday 18th May**

Hear Radley's finest songwriters and popular musicians in the intimate surroundings of the Recital Room. Following the large-scale events of Michaelmas and Lent, this is a chance to experience the Radley bands up-close and personal in a more 'unplugged'-style gig. The evening will feature original songs and covers. Tickets are available [here](#).

Medication

A gentle reminder that any medication brought into school must be declared. Please email your son's PHM and the Health Centre if your son is seen by an external specialist and is diagnosed and/or prescribed medication, ideally including a letter from the prescribing clinician.

For safety reasons, pupils are not permitted to keep their own ADHD, antidepressant or anti-anxiety medication, and we politely request that these are handed in to either the PHM or the Health Centre.



**I Wish I'd Known: Young People, Drugs and Decisions.
Tuesday 23rd June, 6.30pm**



series, Deputy Head (Pastoral) Ed James will be talking to Fiona Spargo-Mabbs OBE about summer parties, gatherings and festivals, including the current context for teenage boys in relation to drugs and alcohol. The talk will cover what parents need to know about the risks and factors that affect the decisions boys make and offer advice on how to have meaningful conversations at home about drugs and alcohol with your sons.

Fiona Spargo-Mabbs OBE is Director and Founder of drug education charity the [Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation](#), Chair of the [Drug Education Forum](#) and member of the government's [Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs](#). Fiona founded the DSM Foundation in 2014 in response to the death of her 16-year-old son Dan having taken MDMA. As well as working directly with young people, parents and professionals herself, Fiona is an award-winning author of books for parents of teenagers, and works closely with others to influence change nationally. Please register for the webinar [here](#).

Shell

The College was lucky to hear from Dan Snow, historian and television presenter, who gave a fascinating talk on Tuesday. Thanks are due to the initiative and professionalism of the Junior Scholars, and to Tawana (S, B) in particular, who invited Dan and co-organised the event. Photographs are available [here](#), with thanks to George (6.2, D). In addition to this excellent talk, the Shells have been taking part in a series of rigorous debates on intellectually stimulating topics. For our Department Outings Day, Shells enjoyed bespoke tours at the British Museum for Classics and the Natural History Museum for Biology. Two Partnership events were also particularly noteworthy: one in Abingdon for an OX14 Learning Partnership and another with the Broadway Birmingham Partnership, where boys took part in a workshop with Aston Villa Foundation. This weekend, Shells are looking forward to another barbecue with girls from Headington Rye Oxford. **[info]**

August Pre-Season Rugby Date Change

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registrar with the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust. Dr Dockree will speak about looking after the body and will cover a number of topics, including:

- Skin care, including protection against UVA and UVB rays
- Healthy eating
- Harmful substances, including vaping
- Sleep hygiene
- Avoiding infections
- Checking moles, lumps and bumps

On Friday 19th June, Shells will be attending a talk given by a representative from the testicular cancer charity [Oddballs](#), which will focus on men's health and the importance of regular self-checks.

Our PSHE policy is published on the Radley website [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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PSHE & RSE

Alex Gilley, our Lead Nurse, will speak about sexual health on Friday 12th June. She will cover a number of topics including:

- Sex and the law
- Consent
- Sexting and pornography
- Sexually transmitted infections

On Friday 29th June, Dan Pullen, Head of [Futures](#), will be speaking to the boys about the Remove Business Challenge.

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Fifth

Madrid Trip September 2026

Please read the letter regarding the Sixth Form trip to Madrid taking place in September [here](#). **[action]**

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6.1

The boys enjoyed their final [100&First](#) lecture last Friday, hearing the inspirational story of Henry Fraser, and his response to life-changing injuries when he was 17. Henry is brother of [100&First](#) founder Will Fraser. The boys have also continued working on their personal statements in Form Master sessions, with the first draft due before Leave-Away. The Warden and Sub-Warden outlined the process by which 6.1s apply for leadership positions for next year. There are a number of positions available, and the application deadline is this Sunday 17th May. Applications are submitted in the form of a letter handed to their Tutor. To all those who have chosen to apply, we wish them the best of luck. End-of-year exams start on Friday 19th June. These will play an important role in determining UCAS grades, and also provide an opportunity to end the year on a strong academic note. **[info]**

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PSHE & RSE

On Friday 12th June, the 6.1s will attend a talk on harmful substances given by Zoe Shuttleworth from [It Happens Education](#). Zoe will focus on a number of areas, including harm reduction, addiction, spiking, and seeking help. Zoe's *Talking Heads* addressing vaping and nicotine alternatives is available [here](#).

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6.2

The boys enjoyed their final *100&First* lecture last Friday, hearing the inspirational story of Henry Fraser, and his response to life-changing injuries when he was 17. Henry is brother of *100&First* founder Will Fraser. This talk marked their final PSHE session at the College, and we thank the boys for not only embracing this talk, but the entire programme over the past five years. We enjoyed a delightful Leavers' Dinner last Friday and the Leavers' Photo taken beforehand. The photographer later remarked that he wished all school groups were as organised and responsive as our 6.2s. Written examinations are now fully underway, and the boys' focus this term has been excellent. Lessons will continue until Leave-Away, but will cease from Monday 1st June. However, all dons will continue to be available after Leave-Away, and the boys are encouraged to seek support whenever required. [\[info\]](#)

Gaudy: Saturday 4th July 2026

You should have received your 6.2 Gaudy invitation in the post. You can also view the invitation [here](#) and RSVP [here](#). [\[info\]](#)

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News



Shells travelled to London's Natural History Museum to experience *Our Story*, an immersive 360° cinematic journey through the history of life. Boys also enjoyed the *Wildlife Photographer of the Year* exhibition.



Yinghua Foundation

Congratulations to DingDing (6.2, D) on securing a place on the Yinghua Foundation Summer Fellowship. This competitive programme brings together undergraduate students from Oxbridge and leading Chinese universities for structured academic engagement and cross-cultural dialogue.



The Bedford Regatta saw wins for the J18C (3rd VIII), J16A, J16B, J15A, and J15C crews. College highlights included a five-length victory over Eton in the J15 VIII, and four-length victory over Bedford in the J18 VIII.



Trip to Maeving

The Radley Engineering Society visited the headquarters and production facilities of Maeving, founded by OR Seb Inglis-Jones (2004, E). The trip included a tour of the production line, insights into the motorcycle design process, and a talk on building a successful business while maintaining Maeving's classic motorcycle aesthetic across different generations of models.



Charity Cricket Match

Attenborough's Birthday

To mark the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough, the Warden gave a special address in Chapel celebrating the renowned conservationist, and 12 boys attended the BBC's special celebratory concert at the Royal Albert Hall.



Rogationtide

Radley gathered on Mansion Lawn to observe Rogationtide, the annual Christian celebration of agriculture and nature. As well as an outdoor ceremony led by the Chaplain, there was also an appearance from the Countryside Centre's goats, Sallie and Didier.



Essay Competition

Mason, Fitzharrys, Larkmead, and St Helen & St Katharine, to take on opponents from the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea in The Mayors' Charity Cricket Match.



The Copenhagen Cup

The Radley polo team – Angus (6.2, C), Harry (6.1, J), Harry (R, A), and Jaime (S, J) – faced Eton in the final of the Copenhagen Cup. This was the first time the College has reached this far in the tournament. "Radley has now firmly established itself among the very top of polo schools," writes Master in Charge of Polo, Mr Choroba.



Dan Snow Lecture

History Essay Competition run by Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, for his essay, '*A Braudelien comparison of the medieval blood libels and COVID-19 scapegoating on social media*'.

MBE, who talked about his experience in broadcasting. The visit was organised by Tawana (S, B), who noted, "His talk gave us a very insightful look into why history is such an important subject."



Town and Gown 10k

Over 45 boys took part in the Oxford Town and Gown 10k, which saw nearly 6,000 people raise more than £350,000 for Muscular Dystrophy UK.

Earth Science Trip

6.1 Earth Scientists travelled to Portishead for their Practical Endorsement fieldwork, which focused on the area's Palaeozoic rock strata.



Junior Morgan Cup

J Social proposed the motion 'This House believes everyone should learn history', to win the Radley Union inter-Social debating Junior Morgan Cup. Mustafa Celic (2019, A), winner of the College's first national debating championship, adjudicated.

British Museum Trip

Shells travelled to the British Museum, attending exhibitions on the Parthenon, Greek and Roman life, the Enlightenment and Ancient Egypt. 6.1s focussed on a range of artefacts which relate directly to their A-Level Classical Civilisation course.

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 16th May

Athletics: Winchester

Cricket v Abingdon

Cricket v Marlborough

Rowing: Thames Ditton

Tennis v Harrow

Tennis: RHW

Wednesday 20th May

Athletics: Oxford Open

Thursday 21st May

Cricket v Teddies

Tennis v Abingdon

Tennis v Winchester

Upcoming Events

The Peter Cook Cup

Friday 15th May

Theatre

No tickets required.

Lodestar Trio Concert

Sunday 17th May

*Silk Hall**Book tickets [here](#).***Bands Night Acoustic Evening**

Monday 18th May

College Musical Concert

Sunday 14th June

Silk Hall

Sold out. Join the waiting list [here](#).

Summer Concert including Grieg Piano Concerto

Sunday 28th June

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](#).



Leavers' Dinner



Choral Society & Concerto Concert



Cocoa: D Social



Social Prayers: L Social



Cocoa: A Social



Rogationtide

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