



RADLEY



Croquet Competitions

A group of boys travelled to Blewbury Croquet Club this week to take on a dons' team in a closely contested series of matches. The dons narrowly edged the result, avenging last year's defeat, although several games were so evenly balanced that they could not be completed before time ran out.

At Radley, the annual Pairs Competition is now in full swing, with 90 pairs competing, and the boys' croquet team continues to make strong progress ahead of their first fixtures after Exeat. Regular training sessions after Games, along with evening practices under the floodlights, reflect the players' growing commitment and enthusiasm.

Parent Information

Upcoming Concerts

- **Ferguson Singing Prize, 5th May**

After a day of masterclasses, Radley's finest singers will compete for the Ferguson Singing Prize, Tuesday 5th May at 8.00pm. The visiting adjudicator is [Robin Blaze](#). Tickets are available [here](#).

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

Lodestar Trio is a unique collaboration between stars of the Scandinavian folk scene, Erik Rydvall 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, 18th May**

Hear Radley's finest songwriters and popular musicians in the intimate surroundings of the Recital Room. After 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](#).

St Andrews Golf Training Camp, August 2026

Boys have the opportunity to visit the home of golf in St Andrews for a week of coaching and a tournament at the Fairmont Course from 15th – 21st August with accommodation at St Leonards School. The programme includes a day of coaching focused on the mental side of the game, strength and conditioning, and links golf, followed by four days of golf at The Torrance Course, including a competition. Full details about the event can be found [here](#). If you are interested, there is a link to [register here](#).

Futures Opportunities for Boys



The links in [this document](#) have been shared with your sons. We encourage you to discuss it with them to help encourage curiosity and exploration around learning, university subjects and future career possibilities. Please note, the link to the Webinar on *Workplace skills in an AI-enabled world* will expire at the end of May.

Speakers needed

would be willing to share your expertise with Radleians, please get in touch with [Karen Rhodes](#).

Radley Schools Group: One Year On

1st May marks one year since the announcement of the merger of Prep Schools Trust and Radley College to form Radley Schools Group. It has been an exciting year and we are delighted with the progress the Group has made, details of which you can read [here](#).



A world of opportunity: university options beyond the UK.

On Monday, Tom Deasy, Radley's Director of University Entrance led a discussion with David Hawkins, founder of [The University Guys](#) and three ORs about navigating the application process for universities in the US and worldwide. A video of the talk, which has also been sent to the boys, is available [here](#).

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

Save the Date: The next *Talking Heads* will be on the topic of 'I Wish I'd Known: Young People, Drugs and Decisions' on **Tuesday 23rd June**. Further details will be shared in *Bulletin* after Leave-Away.

Shell

I enjoyed meeting many of you at the Shells Parents' Meetings today. After lessons finish at 12.40pm your sons will have lunch and will be packed and ready to leave with you after the meetings by 2.45pm.

For those who were unable to attend and who have not been in touch, please let me know. I will then contact your son's Form Master, who will gather, collate, and send you feedback from your son's dons next week. A recording of today's talks will also be shared in next week's *Bulletin*.

I hope you enjoy the Exeat. **[info]**

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Remove

I hope you all have a wonderful Exeat. **[info]**

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Fifth

Well done to those Fifths who have already completed their first exams. The next few weeks are busy examination weeks, so I hope the boys make good use of the Exeat, with plenty of rest and revision. **[info]**

Studying in the US – Webinars

On **Thursday 14th May** Radley's 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

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. **[action]**

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6.1

The 6.1s have enjoyed a busy start to the Summer Term. On Monday 20th April, they received a briefing from Tom Deasy, Director of University Admissions, about how to write their UCAS Personal Statement. They will now be doing that in Form Master sessions, and the first draft is due before Leave-Away. They then attended a Futures talk this week on the realities of graduate recruitment, delivered by future Radley parent Anthony Maidment, a portfolio manager at hedge fund Millennium (see more below). The 6.1s also enjoyed the visit from Downe House to the JCR last Saturday. It was the first JCR night where all 6.1s were permitted to attend – an exciting occasion for those born in May onwards. The boys will have received their Session Grades this morning – please do ask them how they got on – and have a great Exeat. **[info]**

University Application Slides

Please find the slides from the 6.1 parents' talk by Director of University Entrance, Tom Deasy [here](#). You can also find the slides from Managing Director of High Fliers Research, Martin Birchall [here](#). **[info]**

CV Writing

6.1s heard from Anthony Maidment, Director and Head of the Quant/Development Team for Cathedral Asset Management at Millennium Partners this week. Anthony shared valuable insights to the highly competitive world of securing a job at a top assessment management firm. He focussed on the dos and don'ts of writing a CV, what to expect during interviews, and brought his advice to life with real-world examples including memorable interview bloopers. **[info]**

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6.2

The 6.2s had a talk from Dan Pullen on Monday 20th April about the realities of the cost of living, spending, earning and real world finances – please do ask them about what they learned. On Monday this week they received their Leavers' Presentations from RadSoc. They are all soon to become Old Radleians, and this welcomes them into a fantastic community and network they can draw on in the world beyond school. They have also enjoyed their Social Leavers' dinner while their whole year group Leavers' dinner (and photo) will take place on Friday 8th May. At some point between now and Leave-Away your son's Form Master will contact you for a final check-in. This will cover how they have approached their exam preparation so far, and any final conversations around their UCAS decisions. I hope you enjoy seeing them over the Exeat – upon return it will be full steam ahead for the start of the public exams. [\[info\]](#)

Gaudy: Saturday 4th July 2025

Please look out for the 6.2 Gaudy invitation which will soon be on its way to you in the post. You can also view it [here](#). [\[info\]](#)

UCAS Deadline

Next week's UCAS deadline, for boys who have received all five decisions before 31st March to make their Firm and Insurance choice on the UCAS Hub is 6th May. Notes on the post-application phase of the UCAS process are being reshared [here](#).

Following a number of recent questions about Clearing, a copy of last year's Clearing guidance can be found [here](#). Although there are likely to be very few, if any, changes, an updated version for summer 2026 will be shared via *Bulletin* after Leave-Away.

Parents are encouraged to contact [Mr Deasy](#) with any questions about your son's university application. [\[info\]](#)

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News



Geography Fieldwork

6.1 Geography students set off on a four-day fieldwork trip to Slapton Sands, Slapton Wood and Plymouth, collecting data for their A-Level coursework. “The group showed exceptional commitment and focus,” noted Head of Geography, Effie Hiram. “They made full use of the stunning surroundings while refining their fieldwork skills.”



Lambing Season

The star of this year’s Countryside Centre lambing has been Zack, a Herdwick lamb.

Malachi (S, L) and Rupert (S, B) have helped to feed him, and put him and the other lambs onto the grass for the first time. Director of the Countryside Centre, Charlie Herbert, writes, “What better way to spend Central Hour!”



Radley Relays

The Radley Relays proved to be a great early-season competition for the athletics club, with over 45 Radley boys involved.

Seven other schools took part, and the College finished second overall, missing the top spot by just one point. Radley teams also won the Intermediate 4 x 400m and earned four second place race finishes throughout the afternoon.



Live Lounge

Live Lounge brought together Senior Co-curricular Prefect Jovan (6.2, J) on vocals, Merlin (6.1, D) on cello, and George (6.2, B) on guitar, with Finlay (6.1, K) and Zaki (6.1, A) engineering, for an evening of amazing music in Radley’s new studio. “It was an exceptional performance bringing together musicians of different worlds,” wrote Head of Production Nico Bentley.



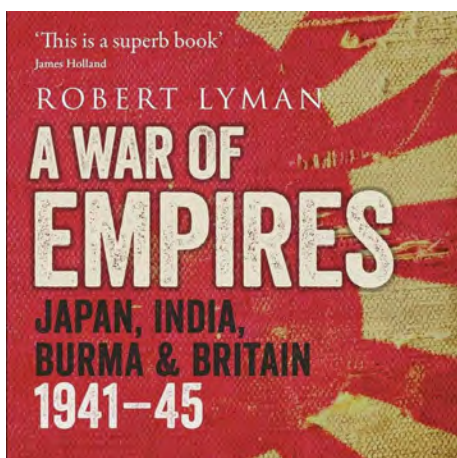
Wine Industry Insight

A-Level linguists enjoyed an informative talk on the wine industry with Spanish don Duncan Harrop. A former manager at Majestic Wine for over five years, and holding a Diploma in Wines and Spirits, Mr Harrop provided rare and fascinating insights into this global business.



GB Rowing Trials

Radley's rowers travelled to Nottingham Boat Club for the British Rowing Junior Trials, with three College pairs placing in the top six of the initial time trial. Monty (6.2, K) and Csombor (6.1, D) progressed through the semi-finals finishing third in one of the finals, while Bertie (6.1, C) and Thomas (6.1, K) finished fifth.



History Talk

World-renowned historian Dr Robert Lyman spoke to boys at the History Society about his new book, *A War of Empires: Japan, India, Burma & Britain, 1941-45*. A former soldier, Dr Lyman drew on his military knowledge to provide key insights into British campaigns in what is now Myanmar – the longest of the Second World War.



Organ Prize

Ten boys took part in the Organ Prize, adjudicated by New College's Director of Music, Professor Robert Quinney. Cayden (V, A) was awarded the top prize, along with the Godfrey Prize for Organ Playing, after performing Bach's *Fugue in D Major*.



High Mass

Theology don Mr Robinson led seven sacristans on a trip to High Mass at Oxford's Pusey House. That same morning, the Revd Dr Matthew Cheung Salisbury, an Associate Priest of Pusey and university lecturer, visited Radley College to preach at Choral Matins.



Radley Keys OR Football

The Radley Keys OR football team has won their first trophy, being crowned Division Two winners in the Arthurian League of boarding school alumni teams. They sealed the title in style with an 8–1 victory over former students of Brentwood.



Farmers' Supper

Atty Beor-Roberts (1971, H) retired this week after 28 years as Chairman of the Radley College Beagles. The occasion was marked by a painting by Art don Mary Martin and the planting of an oak tree at the Countryside Centre. Atty is succeeded by Clay Pigeon Shoot organiser Ed Fagan (1999, B).



Theatre Trip

The 6.1 A-Level Drama class went to see the play *An Adequate Abridgement*, written by and starring Ned Blackburn (2016, H). The production has progressed from a crowd-funded Edinburgh Fringe run to a critically acclaimed national tour, which Ned discussed with the boys earlier that day.

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.

Sunday 3rd May

Rowing: Wallingford Regatta

Tuesday 5th May

Croquet v Abingdon

Golf v Old Radleians

Thursday 7th May

Cricket v South Oxford Amateurs

Cricket v Bradfield

Upcoming Events

Earthly Salt Art Exhibition

Friday 17th April – Saturday 9th May

Sewell Centre Gallery

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](#).

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**](#).



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Radley Relays



Tennis Training



Croquet



CCF Training

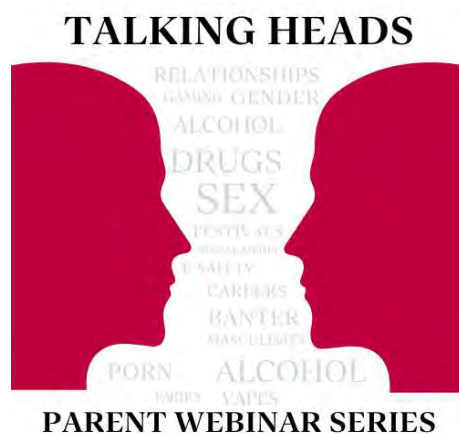


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