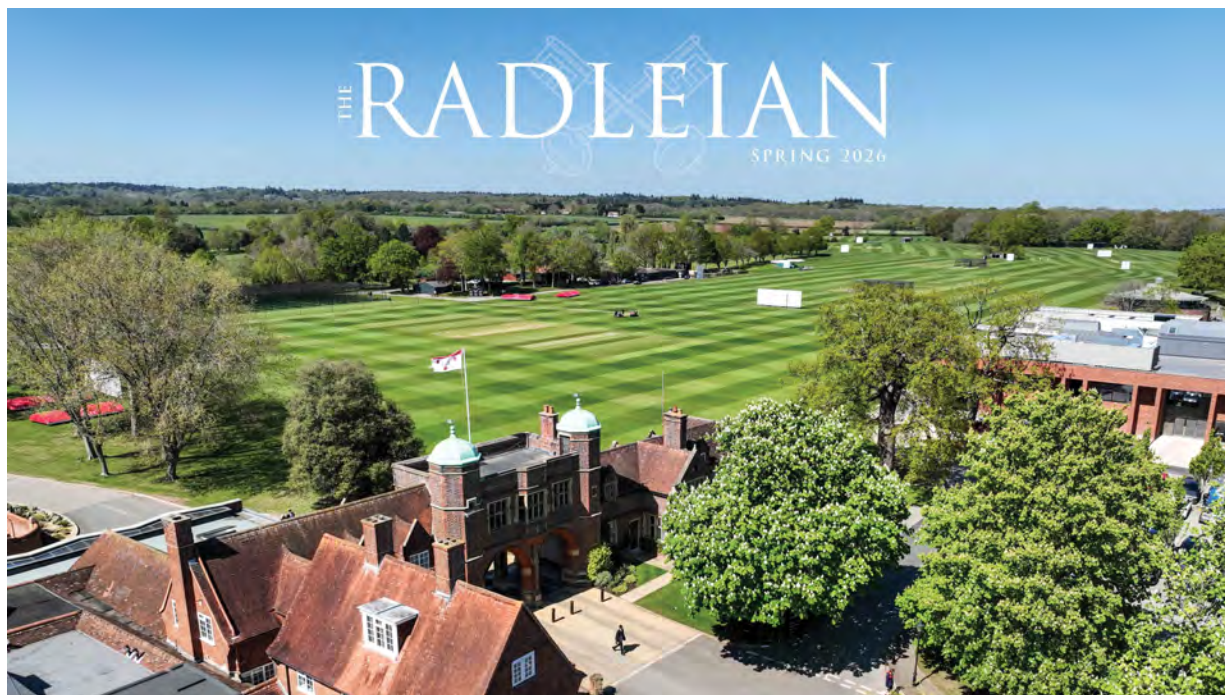




RADLEY



The Radleian

We are delighted to share the latest edition of *The Radleian* which is available [here](#). This issue captures the spirit of Radley, from the opening of the new Music School to a new interview with the Bursar. There's also a glimpse into the much-loved Radley Zoo, a comprehensive sports round-up, and a look behind the scenes into the College's costume department. This spring edition also features Radley Schools Group's new *Compass Curriculum*, our evolving sustainability strategy, and highlights from recent College productions.

Parent Information

All Parents

Upcoming Performances

The competition honours the memory of one of Radley's most prolific performers, Peter 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, 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. 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](#).

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](#).



**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

Thank you to all those parents who attended the meeting last Friday. I hope it was beneficial and that you received positive and constructive feedback from the subject teachers. Please find a recording of the talks [here](#). I apologise for the disruption caused by timing changes and will ensure that the arrangements are improved next year. For parents who were unable to meet with subject teachers, Form Masters are currently liaising with your son's dons to collate feedback, which will be emailed to you as soon as possible. Next week I will update the Exam SharePoint page with revision guidance to help your son begin planning and preparing early. [**\[info\]**](#)

Social Highlights

This week's highlights include strong sporting performances, an excellent Junior Debating competition, and, this weekend, a number of Socials will be taking part in a barbecue with Downe House. Further barbecues will follow later this term with Headington Rye Oxford and St Mary's Calne. [**\[info\]**](#)

Dr Matthew Rumbold

Interim Head of Shells

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CCF Field Exercise in June

Field Exercise will take place from Sunday 7th – Monday 8th June. Boys in the Navy and RAF sections will have two days of activities within their respective units. Boys in the Army section will undertake a two-day expedition, which will also count as their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition. All boys will be away from the College from Sunday morning until Monday evening and may not have access to their phones during this time. Boys who are injured will still take part. All boys will be emailed details of the kit they need to bring back after Leave-Away. **[info]**

Mr Alan Chandrachud

Head of Removes

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Fifth

Studying in the US – Webinars

On Thursday 14th May Radley's US Universities Counsellor Dr Maria Lebedeva will be hosting two webinars about studying in the United States. 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 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. **[action]**

Mrs Jo De Ritter

Head of Fifths

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6.1

CCF Field Exercise in June

Army NCOs will be with the RAF at Bramley. [\[info\]](#)

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6.2

Gaudy: Saturday 4th July 2026

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

UCAS Deadline

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 guidance can be found [here](#). Although there are likely to be very few 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



The Ferguson Singing Prize involved over 50 boys, with acclaimed counter-tenor Robin Blaze adjudicating. Lohan (6.2, E), who performed Fauré's *Les Berceaux*, won the Ferguson Cup. William (V, F), who performed *Alfonsina y el mar* by Ramírez and Erik (V, E), who sang Butterworth's *Think No More*, *Lad* placed second and third.



Cricket v Cheltenham

Bigsides cricket claimed another victory last week, defeating Cheltenham College by 74 runs. Captain Will (V, J) and Manny (6.1, G) laid the groundwork with the bat in an impressively collaborative innings, while the match report also highlighted Theo (6.1, J) as a standout bowler, taking three wickets for 37 runs.



Golf v Old Radleians

19 boys entered the National Youth Monologue Competition. Out of almost 4,000 entries, Jovan (6.2, J), Luke (R, D), and Paddy (V, B) were selected as Regional Finalists, and will perform live in two weeks' time at London's Stone Nest Theatre.



Wallingford Regatta

Radley's rowing crews travelled to Dorney Lake last weekend where they won the Wallingford Invitation Skiff Regatta Cup (Junior/School Coxless Fours), the Mike Diserens Memorial Trophy (Junior/School Eights), and the Regatta Committee Cup (Junior U15 Eights).



Croquet v Abingdon

annual match against Old Radleians at Sunningdale Golf Club. The match ended in an overall draw, though Marcus (6.1, A) and Nathan's (6.2, L) victory over their OR opponents proved to be a particular highlight of the day.

with matches against Abingdon School. All three Radley pairs – Henry (6.1, L) and Caspian (6.1, L), Will (6.1, H) and Sam (6.1, L), and Thomas (6.1, L) and James (6.1, L) – won their games, with a rematch due to take place in the coming weeks.

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 9th May

Cricket v Bradfield

Cricket v Aldworth

Polo: Copenhagen Cup

Rowing: Bedford Regatta

Rowing: Caversham Regatta

Rowing: Eton

Tennis v Bloxham

Tennis v Eton

Tennis: ISL

Sunday 10th May

Polo: Copenhagen Cup

Tuesday 12th May

Cricket v Abingdon

Thursday 14th May

Cricket v Army

Cricket v Abingdon

Golf v Wellington

Polo v Eton

Tennis v Bradfield

Upcoming Events

Earthly Salt Art Exhibition

Friday 17th April – Saturday 9th May

Sewell Centre Gallery

Radley Then & Now: Philanthropy, Partnerships & Community

Tuesday 12th May

Zoom - info [here](#).

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

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**](#).



Shell Raft Building



Rowing Training



Polo



Cricket v Cheltenham



Roman Catholic Confirmation



Shell CCF Circus

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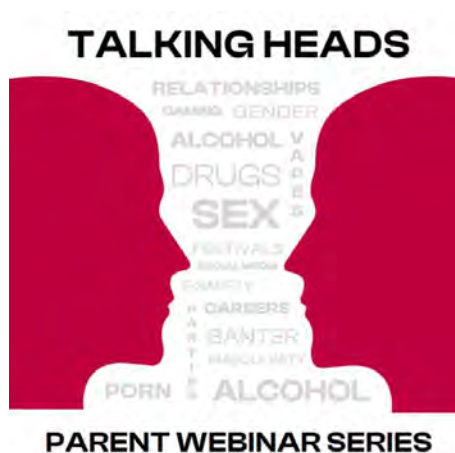
Live Lounge



DingDing Leavers' Recital



Battle of the Bands



Talking Heads - A world of opportunity: university options beyond the UK



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