



RADLEY



Gaudy 2026

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all to Gaudy. Please find the full programme, maps and parking information in the [official booklet here](#).

Please do attend as many of the sporting endeavours, exhibitions and performances as possible, and take the opportunity to enjoy all that the College has to offer. For those year groups other than 6.2, the official end of Gaudy is 4pm, although you are, of course, most welcome to stay longer. The Sub-Warden would like to remind you that, regrettably, past experience shows that a small handful of boys can sometimes get things wrong on the Friday night before Gaudy; as such there will be a Gaudy detention between 3pm and 4pm if necessary. Please do speak to your sons about this, as it would be a great shame to spoil the occasion for you and your families.

We very much hope that it will be a wonderful day, and look forward to seeing you all then.

Parent Information

All Parents

Digital Update

Please see [here](#) an important update from Deputy Head (Pastoral) Ed James on Radley's approach to digital and smartphone use. **[action]**

Talking Heads

On Tuesday, Deputy Head (Pastoral) Ed James lead a discussion with Fiona Spargo-Mabbs OBE about summer parties, gatherings and festivals, including the current context for teenage boys in relation to drugs and alcohol. A video recording of the discussion is available [here](#). **[info]**

Henley Royal Regatta Notice from The Warden

We wish RCBC all the very best for Henley next week and hope that they are rowing on as many days as possible. Attached [here](#) is a notice from the Stewards about behaviour. Please do take the time to read it. While I know I can expect the highest standards from all associated with Radley, there is no doubt that we are one of the largest contingents of any club and it is really important that we recognise, for the sake of our crew and other guests, that in the excitement of the moment, it is easy to forget the impact we can collectively have. With that in mind, I have asked some staff to be present on each day to help. Please respond immediately to any requests to make way for people and boats and ensure that there is always an awareness of others around us. I want us all to be seen to be doing it in the right way. We welcome enthusiastic support but it needs to be in the best traditions of Radley. Not only is that the right thing, it is also in the interests of our crew. With thanks in advance... and I look forward to seeing many of you there. **[info]**

Henley Royal Regatta Photography

All Mark One will be taking photos of the Radley crews which will be uploaded towards the end of each race day. The photos will be available for parents to download [here](#). **[info]**

Donate Henley Stewards' Enclosure Badges for 1st VIII Parents

To enable families of Radley rowers to support their sons at Henley, Mariners or Radley parents who are members of the Stewards' Enclosure are encouraged to [donate any badges](#) they are not using this year. Supporting Radley crews on race days is hugely important, and we want to ensure as many supporters as possible can attend Henley. A donation will be made per ticket, with proceeds going towards the Mariners' Charitable Trust, which supports grassroots rowing across the Thames Valley region. **[action]**

Our Second Hand Uniform Shop continues to be a valuable resource, and we are currently looking for stock for the incoming Shells and Sixth Form pupils joining us in 2026. If you have any Radley attire that is no longer needed, and you would be happy to donate, we would be very grateful. In particular, we are seeking gowns, sports kit, shirts, trousers, blazers and shoes. Please ensure the items are clean, and leave them at the entrance to Mansion or with the Admissions Office in a bag labelled 'Second Hand Uniform'. If you wish to book an appointment to view and purchase second hand uniform, please get in touch via email [here](#). Thank you very much for your continued support and generosity. **[action]**

Family Clay Pigeon Shoot, Sunday 13th September

Radley parents and their families are warmly invited to the Radley College Beagles Clay Pigeon Shoot on Sunday 13th September. The shoot is enjoyed by boys and siblings of all ages and is ideal for meeting families with like-minded interests. There are prizes for winners and runners-up in six categories, and an Inter-Social competition. A letter from the shoot organisers is available [here](#). You can download the entry form [here](#). **[info]**

Dragons' Den – The Final, Wednesday 1st July

All are warmly invited to watch the final of Radley's first Dragons' Den on Wednesday 1st July at 8pm in Theatre. With a £1,000 prize and advice from the Dragons for the winner's venture at stake, there is everything to pitch for. **[info]**

Radley Memorial Dedication in Ypres, Saturday 25th July

We will be dedicating a new memorial to all those from Radley College who fell in WW1 in St George's, Ypres, at 2.30pm on 25th July. Anyone from the community is very welcome to join us in the church or as we lay a wreath at the Menin Gate during the Last Post Ceremony at 8pm. Visitors should make their own travel arrangements but please register [here](#). Please email [Clare Sargent](#) for more information. **[info]**

2026 Tatler Schools Guide Awards

Voting is now open for the 2026 Tatler Schools Guide Awards. Parents can vote for their favourite schools and teachers [here](#). **[action]**

Shell

I have been thoroughly impressed with the Shells coping so well with their exams during this torrid heat. They have been in good spirits, focused on revision, and they have all gone through the process in a calm and studious manner. Overall, the Shells have proved themselves to be highly adaptable and successful throughout this year. One lovely affirmation of the character of the year group has been the positive feedback from all the

Once exams are finished the Shells will receive important feedback from their dons on how their exams went. They need to listen carefully to this constructive advice in order to improve in their GCSE subjects. Subject dons will likely send out reading lists and holiday work in preparation for the boys' Remove academic year. My advice is to encourage the boys to read for pleasure and intellectual curiosity. Perhaps, the boys and you would like to read and put a review up on the College's [World Reading Map](#) which is part of the [Radley Read Around the World Challenge](#) (SharePoint Page accessible through boys' Microsoft Accounts).

There are also lots of chances next week to have fun with the Youlbury Adventure Camp and a range of Inter-Social sporting events. I look forward to seeing you at Gaudy. **[info]**

CCF Climbing Trip, December 2026

The CCF climbing trip will take place between the 8th-10th December 2026. Indoor activities including climbing, bouldering, abseiling, high ropes and caving. Only 18 places are available. More details can be found on the attached [letter](#). If you have any queries, please email [Paul Fernandez](#). The sign up form for the trip is available [here](#). **[info]**

Remove Spanish Exchange to Barcelona, February 2027

Please find the information on the Barcelona Exchange in February 2027 [here](#). Register your interest for the trip [here](#). **[action]**

Next Year's Remove Classics Trip to Italy, March 2027

Booking is now open for the Remove Classics Trip to Rome and the Bay of Naples from 23rd – 28th March 2027. Full details can be found [here](#). Please contact [Edward Holt](#) if you have any further questions. **[action]**

2027 Roman Catholic Confirmation, April 2027

Parents of Roman Catholic Shells whose son wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next academic year are invited to register their interest with Ms Hurley [here](#). A preparation programme will run in Michaelmas and Lent terms, with the service of Confirmation to be celebrated on the afternoon of Sunday 18th April 2027. **[action]**

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Fifth

IPad End of Lease Option

Thank you to those that have completed the form in My School Portal regarding the decision on iPads. Parents are reminded the deadline is 29th June, and the form can be found in the documents and forms area of My School Portal. **[action]**

US and European Universities

A standardised test score is required for admissions to top level US Universities and a growing number of European Universities (Bocconi, IE). We are pleased to announce the SAT preparation programme at Radley will begin in the Michaelmas Term. Please read [this letter](#) carefully, which gives further details regarding the preparation course and the test. To sign up for the SAT course, and to indicate your interest in US or other International Universities, please complete [this form](#). For further information please contact [Dr Maria Lebedeva](#) (US Universities and SAT), and [Ms Maud Hurley](#) (other International Universities). **[action]**

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6.1

End of Term Grades

Please find a letter regarding the 6.1s end of term grades [here](#). **[info]**

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6.2

University Offers

Mr Deasy wrote to the 6.2s this week, reminding them to check their university offer condition letters carefully and ensure that any administrative requirements (eg meeting

have deadlines for actions to be completed by offer-holders in July before A-Level Results' Day.

Mrs Vaan will send out the arrangements for A-Level Results Day when all details have been confirmed by exam boards. [Here](#) is a link to Mr Deasy's guidance on Clearing - support will be available on A-Level Results' Day for those who would like it. **[action]**

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News



Family & OR Tennis Day

The Old Radleian Tennis Club officially launched with a Family & OR Tennis Match Day and barbecue. Pekko (S, F) and his doubles partner, Jerome, triumphed in the pairs compass tournament against ORs Nick Squire (2020, F) and Boris Shippey (2020, C). Read the full story [here](#).



History Essay Prizes

Congratulations to Thomas (6.1, G) and Merlin (R, D) who won this year's Department of History essay competitions. Thomas won the Andrew Reekes Senior Prize for his exploration of how historians study leadership, while Merlin earned the John Beasley Junior Prize for his essay assessing the historical importance of random events.



Organists at Blenheim

Six Radley organists had the opportunity to play the organ at Blenheim Palace last weekend to an audience of Palace visitors.



Kitebrook Visit

Pupils from Radley Schools Group's Kitebrook Prep recently visited Radley. Children learned how to interrogate primary sources, including rare historical objects from Radley's collections. Kitebrook pupils also enjoyed a drama workshop on the topic of melodrama.



Family Croquet Evening

Eight family members joined their sons for a family croquet evening at Blewbury Croquet Club, with L Social pairings taking on a 'best of the rest' team. The closely contested evening ended honours even, with each side winning two games.



Reading Amateur Regatta

Well done to the Radley crews who competed in the Reading Amateur Regatta, and in particular, the Junior 15 Eights (Band 2) and Junior 16 Coxed Fours who raced to victory.



OR Trooping the Colour

Second Lieutenant Alec Goschen (2015, E) acted as Ensign at the 2026 Trooping The Colour, carrying the flag of the Grenadier Guards on Horseguards.



First Aid

12 staff completed their 'Remote First Aid' and 'First Aid at Work' courses, involving a wide range of incident scenarios, and are now qualified to supervise trips for the next three years.

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 27th June

Cricket v Tonbridge

Rowing: Reading Town Regatta

Tennis v Abingdon

Tuesday 30th June

Cricket v Malvern

Rowing: Henley Royal Regatta Begins

Thursday 2nd July

Cricket v Bedford

Cricket v The Hutchins School

Upcoming Events

End of Year Art Show Private View

Friday 26th June

Sewell Centre Gallery

Summer Concert including Grieg Piano Concerto

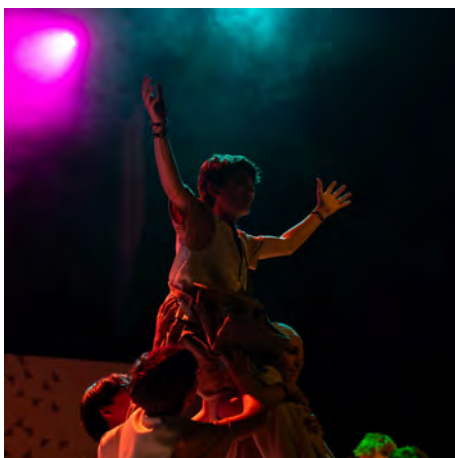
Sunday 28th June

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](#)**.



Shell Play: The Journey



Family Tennis Day



**Reading Amateur
Regatta**



Shell Art Lesson



Cricket v Dean Close



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