



RADLEY



Gaudy 2026

We are promised a day of glorious sunshine for Gaudy tomorrow. Please find the full programme, maps and parking information in the [official booklet here](#).

You are encouraged to attend as many of the sporting endeavours, exhibitions and performances as possible, and 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.

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

Parent Information

All Parents

Henley Royal Regatta Photography

Shared Purpose, Shared Impact

We are delighted to launch our new Partnerships booklet, [Shared Purpose, Shared Impact](#), which celebrates the contribution Radleians have made through partnerships with schools, charities and community organisations. The title reflects a simple belief: when people come together around a shared purpose, the impact can be far greater than any one individual or organisation could achieve alone. Across these pages, you will see the difference being made in our local community, but also the impact these experiences have on the boys themselves. Through partnerships, boys develop confidence, empathy, leadership and a sense of responsibility to others – qualities that will serve them long after they leave Radley. We hope you enjoy reading the booklet and feel the same pride that we do in what our boys are achieving in collaboration with our partners. **[info]**

Second Hand Uniform

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]**

Prescriptions Over the Summer

If your son requires a repeat prescription over the summer break, you can order medications via Long Furlong Medical Centre's online system [here](#), by clicking on 'prescriptions'. Please remember to include the name and address of the local pharmacy that you would like the electronic prescription sent to, otherwise it will default to the local pharmacy in Abingdon. **[info]**

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]**

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

In many ways the last two weeks are indicative of the whirlwind of a whole year's Radley experience. The exams were academically testing but also a mark of sheer resilience and effort to slog through a heat wave. The boys coped very well, and I hope that they got the results they deserve and have been able to see where they can improve, especially for their GCSE subjects next year.

It is incredible how quickly this year has flashed by. It is difficult to pick the moments which have meant the most to me, but I think the boys have become a robust and supportive group, and they have begun to show so much of their talent and abilities which will only grow in the years to come. I look forward to seeing some of you at Gaudy to celebrate the year, and I hope that you have time over the summer to reflect with your sons on their experience at Radley. [\[info\]](#)

Youlbury Adventure Camp

The inaugural Youlbury Adventure Camp was a great success. I admired the boys' good-natured and positive attitude to taking part in all the activities. They were patient when they had to wait for activities and enjoyed zipping and jumping at heights. Most notable was the ebullient spirit and sometimes wild sense of enjoyment and togetherness that characterises this year group. They persevered on a ten mile walk home along the Thames Path on the second day. This is excellent training for the Bronze DofE hike and camp next year. I would like to thank Mr Saul for his organisation of the camp. [\[info\]](#)

CCF Climbing Trip, December 2026

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

Summer Reading

Please see suggested reading in preparation for IGCSE English [here](#). Please note, *Of Mice and Men* is compulsory reading. [\[action\]](#)

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. [\[action\]](#)

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Remove

The Removes have had an excellent few weeks – working hard before and during exams, despite the heat, as well as continuing their co-curricular programmes. It's been a pleasure working with this group throughout the year. Rest over the summer, alongside some consolidation of weaker areas, seems a wise plan. With their GCSE year ahead, I know they will be keen to hit the ground running in September. Have a wonderful summer break. **[info]**

Mr Alan Chandrachud

Head of Removes

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Fifth

It has been lovely to see the Fifths this week for Futures Week. They have been a great group of boys and I wish them all the best for the Sixth Form and beyond. I hope they have a good rest over the holidays, and find some time to do some reading. **[info]**

Mrs Jo De Ritter

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6.1

As the 6.1 year draws to a close, we would like to thank the boys for their efforts over the past year. I was delighted with how they approached exam week in challenging conditions. They have now received their working grade and UCAS grade for each subject (all of this information will be included in their end-of-term reports), and I know that Mr Deasy has already provided guidance on what these grades mean. There may well be some boys who feel they can perform better than their current UCAS grades suggest, and I would encourage them to work hard over the summer, perform well in any potential resits and, most importantly, use the first half of next term to demonstrate their potential. I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer. **[info]**

6.2

As another Gaudy approaches, it is once again time to say goodbye to another Radley cohort and a group of fine young men – the 2026 Leavers. Their collective approach to the public examinations this summer was exemplary and they were a credit to both themselves and the College. I hope they all made it back in one piece from their respective leavers' trips, and no doubt Gaudy will be filled with stories of what unfolded. However, I hope it is also a day of reflection on their time at Radley; how much they have achieved, and the friendships that have been forged along the way. As of 6pm on Saturday, the boys will become Old Radleians, and I hope they will wear their OR tie with pride. They will forever be a part of this incredible community, and we look forward to welcoming them back in the future. **[info]**

Registering with a GP

All 6.2s will be automatically de-registered from Long Furlong Medical Centre at the end of term, unless you live within the local catchment area. Please encourage your son to re-register with a local GP, in case there is a need to be seen, especially if he is taking a gap year and travelling. **[action]**

Mr Tim Lawson

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News



There has been a fantastic atmosphere at Henley this week, with Old Radleians, parents, boys and staff all cheering on the Radley crews. The 1st VIII have progressed in the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup with victories over Belen Jesuit School and Abingdon School. We wish them the very best of luck in today's race. The 2nd VIII competed in the Temple Challenge Cup against the University of Washington. While the result did not go their way, we are immensely proud of their achievement in a competition primarily for university crews.

The Summer Concert celebrated Radley's ensembles, with Owen (6.2, K) performing Grieg's Piano Concerto alongside the College Orchestra, led by Vitas (6.2, L). Other highlights included the Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, Music Theatre Ensemble, and Radley Voices, before Big Band closed the evening, featuring solos from departing 6.2s. After the concert, the whole school joined together in Chapel for Songs of Praise, raising the roof with a selection of Radley's favourite hymns.



Dragons' Den

Nine boys in six teams pitched their business ideas in Theatre for Radley's *Dragon's Den* competition. The Dragons – Freddy Macnamara (2001, E), Sam Tucker (2014, K), Rory Hanna (2010, H), Sam Merullo (1996, C) – eventually awarded the £1,000 prize to Jamie (R, B) and Rupert (V, B) for 'Clampy', a clamp that fits shower push buttons to keep the water flowing.



CCF Inspection

The CCF Inspection Day saw Removes take part in a day of activities, with K Social winning the overall prize, the Drill trophy and the Rupert Thorneloe Trophy for Kahoot! and mountain biking. D, L and G Socials respectively claimed the Subaltern's Cup for Command Tasks, the Field Gun Cup and the Archery Trophy.



Polo

Radley enjoyed a friendly polo fixture at Kirtlington Park, winning 6-4 against an East India Club team. The College's last three goals were scored in the final seven minutes. "Excellent...a great game to watch," commented Master in Charge of Polo Oliver Choroba.



C3L6 Awards

Ethan (6.1, H) placed in the top 0.5% in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge for Lower Sixth, earning a Roentgenium Award alongside just 63 other students nationwide and a place in a special Cambridge chemistry camp. Cayden (V, A) also entered the competition a year early, and earned a Gold award.



Radley Playwrights

Zach (R, L) and Kai (6.2, C) represented Radley in the National Theatre's *New Views* writing festival, following their submissions to the writing competition. The boys took part in a *Script Lab* to help develop their plays, and watched two of the winning entries in the Olivier Theatre.



6.1 Play

Freddy (6.1, F) and Oscar (6.1, F) led and directed a special student-led production of *The Unreturning* in Theatre. Freddy and Oscar said, "Working together on *The Unreturning* has been a fantastic experience. We've definitely learnt how challenging it can be to put on a production but have equally had a lot of fun along the way."



Opera Trip

Accompanied by Simon Barlass and Kevin Mosedale, boys travelled to the Grange Festival in Hampshire to enjoy a special performance of the Italian opera *La Bohème*, complete with a lakeside picnic.



Youlbury Trip

Shells stayed at Youlbury Scout Camp, where they enjoyed archery, frisbee golf, climbing, orienteering, ziplining, axe throwing and much more. On the final day they walked the ten miles back to the College.



6.1 Futures and Networking Event

6.1s took part in a careers networking event, exploring professions from medicine and finance, to aerospace engineering and record label marketing. 16 expert speakers gathered in Coffee Shop for an open networking session, with boys and students from partner schools discovering opportunities in emerging fields such as pharmaceuticals and robotics.



Futures Week

As part of Futures Week, Fifths headed out to companies for a first-hand look at the world of work, exploring sectors from sustainable fusion energy to architecture to hospitality. They also attended a talk by Dr Florence Enock from the University of Oxford, who discussed how AI is altering human behaviour, and the challenges of the technology's biases and misinformation.



Hockey Cup Winners

Congratulations to the boys and staff who won the White Horse Cup with a convincing 6–2 victory over Witney HC in the final. An outstanding team performance secured a well-deserved triumph.



OR Croquet

A team of 24 ORs faced members of the Hurlingham Club for their annual croquet match, on the Club's World Championship lawns. After a Hurlingham victory, both teams enjoyed post-game burgers courtesy of the Radleian Society.



Royal Society Summer Exhibition

Six boys attended the annual Royal Society Summer exhibition in the hallowed halls of the most eminent scientific society in the world. Universities and research institutes exhibited cutting edge research from microbiomes, supercomputers to nanotechnology and robotic assemblies.



Dido and Aeneas

48 Radley boys from Shells to 6.1 joined pupils from local secondary and primary schools for a special performance of Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* alongside the internationally acclaimed Gabrieli Consort and Players, and a cast of distinguished soloists. The collaborative performance created an unforgettable musical experience.



Pen y Fan Summit

Ned (V, A), Toby (V, C), Harry (V, J) and Max (V, C) reached the summit of Pen y Fan in preparation for the UK Three Peaks Challenge in August. Battling the heat, the boys proudly took the Radley flag to the summit, arriving at 6.40am to spectacular views above the clouds.



Cricket v Bedford

The cricket season concluded with an excellent set of fixtures against Bedford, highlighted by the U15A's impressive 26-run victory over Bedford's U16A side. The match report described it as "a fitting way to bring the curtain down", with standout performances from Edward (R, K) and Guy (R, F) supported by a strong all-round team effort.

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 4th June

Henley Royal Regatta

Sunday 5th June

Henley Royal Regatta

Upcoming Events

Mariners' Summer Drinks Party

Tickets can be booked [here](#).

Ypres Memorial Dedication

Saturday 25th July, 2.30pm

Ypres

Details available [here](#).

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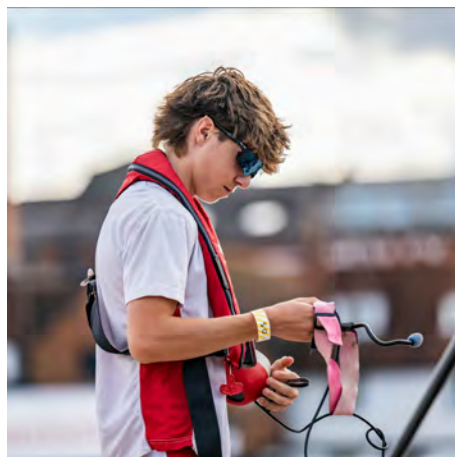
We are grateful to all our professional, staff, and boy photographers who work hard to capture the true essence of Radley. As ever, all photographs are available to download from [**Flickr**](#).



Princess Elizabeth Cup **Wednesday**



Shell Youlbury Trip



Tuesday



Cricket v Tonbridge



Tennis v Abingdon



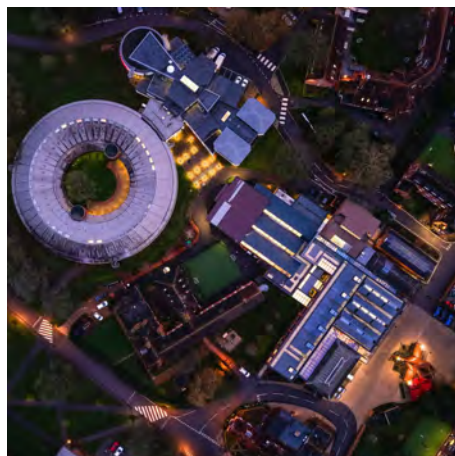
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