



RADLEY



Welcome to the first edition of *Bulletin* for the 2026/27 academic year.

It has been a delight to welcome all the boys back to Radley for a new term and year, and we extend a very warm welcome to the 180 pupils (155 Shells, 5 Removes and 20 6.1s) who join us. We hope their first few days and weeks go smoothly and well. We also wish all new staff the very best as they start with us.

Parent Information

All Parents

Medication in School

A reminder that medications sent to school should be in their original packaging, with the prescription label intact. We cannot give medication that has been repackaged. We also request that letters from the prescribing GP or specialist (if not prescribed by the Radley registered GP) are provided for records. Any medication coming into Social should be

GP service at Radley

After 24 years as a GP at Radley, Dr Elwig has retired. He is succeeded as Medical Officer by Dr Sue Lowe. As NHS services evolve, there may be some changes to tests, private referrals and subsequent treatment. The Health Centre will continue to communicate with you about any issues, but if you have any specific concerns or questions, please do email the [Health Centre](#) directly. **[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]**

Easter Tennis Tour to Vale do Lobo, April 2027

The Lawn Tennis Club will be holding a pre-season tour to Vale do Lobo on 6th-10th April 2027. The tour is for all age groups and is suitable for boys who are keen players. There will be expert coaching and competitive play as well as swimming and other sports.

This year, we are working with [5 Star Tennis](#) who have enormous experience with school trips. The tour will be accompanied by several senior members of staff. Please contact [Mr Ralph Woodling](#) for more information and to sign up. **[action]**

Chorister Recruitment

The Chapel Choir will be looking to recruit new choristers in the new year and Sam Gladstone, Precentor is always interested to hear of local boys with enthusiasm and talent who might wish to audition. More information is available [here](#). **[action]**

Sport

We are looking forward to a full sporting timetable this term. The grounds team has worked extraordinarily hard over the summer to keep the pitches in as good a condition as possible and, as it currently stands, we have at least six pitches that will be safe for full contact, as well as the remainder available for non- or limited-contact activities. The pitches have been assessed using a Clegg Hammer, a standard tool approved by the RFU to measure the firmness of the ground, and those designated for full-contact sport have passed the appropriate readings and are deemed ready for play. That said, player safety is paramount and we will implement additional measures to mitigate the risk of injuries caused specifically by hard ground: additional contact preparation; wearing trainers where possible; reduced training times as necessary; and rotating teams around the softer pitches. **[info]**

Sports Fixtures

we can to keep this up to date, but teams do sometimes change at the last minute because of illness, so do please check with your son as well. **[info]**

Adding SOCS Sport

SOCS is a web app which allows you to access Fixture and Team Sheet information. The app, which is easy to view on your mobile phone, is a useful way of accessing all of the functionality of SOCS whilst you are on the go.

To add to your phone, go to <https://www.radleysport.org.uk>.

For an iPhone using Safari as the browser:

- At the bottom of the screen click on the 'upload icon' (a square with an arrow pointing up).
- Scroll down to select 'add to homescreen'
- This will create a shortcut straight to the SOCS page.

For Android using Chrome browsers:

- Click on the three dots in the top right corner.
- Select 'Add to Home Screen'
- This will create a shortcut to the SOCS page. **[info]**

Radley Schools Group – One Year On

On the first anniversary of the formation of Radley Schools Group, we have produced a booklet – '[One Year On](#)' – and an accompanying [video](#) to summarise the core values and ideas that underpin the group's philosophy, to introduce the people responsible for leading the group and to highlight initiatives introduced across the schools.

Shell

Please find a welcome letter from Dr Matthew Rumbold, Head of Shells, [here](#). **[info]**

Calendar

You can reach this from the Main Menu / Parent Zone / Calendar or by clicking [here](#).

There is so much happening at Radley that you may find it helpful to filter it by year group or type of activity. **[info]**

Staff Directory

The Staff Directory is available [here](#). **[info]**

Social Media Channels

Please follow us on our social media channels: Instagram ([@RadleyCollegeOxon](#)), Facebook ([/RadleyCollege](#)), YouTube ([@radleycollegeoxon](#)) and LinkedIn ([/RadleyCollege](#)).

Each year we produce the *Year in Pictures* and every Autumn and Spring, we publish our magazine, *The Radleian*. New editions of each will be published soon.

Dr Matthew Rumbold

Head of Shells

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Remove

Please find a welcome letter from Mr Ben Knowles, Head of Removes, [here](#). **[info]**

Remove Spanish Exchange Barcelona February 2027

Thank you to those who have signed their sons up for the Remove exchange in February. We still have five places left so please do follow the link to sign your son up. Further information can be found in the [attached letter](#) sent out in June. **[action]**

Mr Ben Knowles

Head of Removes

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Fifth

Please find a welcome letter from Mrs Jo De Ritter, Head of Fifths, [here](#). **[info]**

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6.1

Please find a welcome letter from Mr Tim Lawson, Head of 6.1, [here](#). **[info]**

6.1 French Exchange to Paris, December 2026

A small number of places have become available on the 6.1 French exchange trip to Paris on 8th-13th December 2026. Students will be accommodated with a Sixth Form student from the Lycée Sainte-Geneviève and will have the chance to visit the sights of Paris and Versailles together. The French school will return to Radley on 2nd March 2027, and families

Head of French, by Friday 11th September. **[action]**

US and European Universities programme – SAT preparation course

This is a final call to sign up for the SAT preparation course. The course will run over 10 weekday evenings during Michaelmas Term at a cost of £605. If you would like further information about the course or would like to enrol, please contact [Dr Maria Lebedeva](#). The enrolment deadline is midday on 8th September. **[action]**

Using Radley's Networking Platforms

It's never too early to prepare for life beyond Radley. Our networking platforms connect your child with the Radley Community where they can get advice on universities and courses, plan a gap year, seek career advice, or explore entrepreneurial ideas. To enable this, your child needs your consent and support, find out more [here](#). **[action]**

Mr Tim Lawson

Head of Sixth Form

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6.2

Please find a welcome letter from Mr Tim Lawson, Head of 6.2, [here](#). **[info]**

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News



Exam Success

Last year's 6.2s and Fifths should be immensely proud of their A-Level and GCSE results which are a fitting tribute to the hard work of the boys and their teachers. At GCSE, a record 38% of grades were 9s, and 61% 9-8 (A*equivalent), and at A-Level, a record 29% of grades were A*, and 91% A*-B.



Senior Rugby Tour

The senior rugby players enjoyed their tour to Browns in Portugal. They spent the six days in the Algarve working hard in the Mediterranean heat, as the group looked to prepare for the season ahead. After a successful camp, the squad travelled to Lisbon to play an internal match on the Friday evening, followed by a day enjoying the sights of Europe's second oldest capital city.



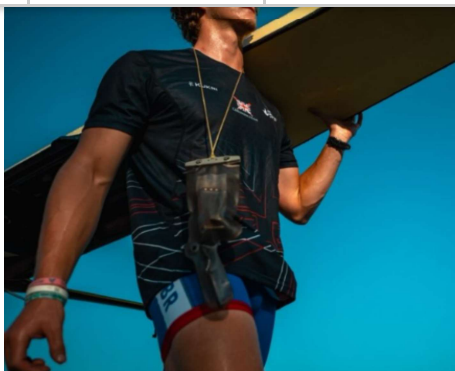
Senior Pups

Congratulations to the new Senior Four Hamish (6.2, A), Rafferty (6.2, B), Adrien (6.2, F), and Harry (6.2, D) who were inaugurated at the Warden's Assembly.



Rugby Academy Representation

Mosese (6.2, E), Alec (6.2, G) and Massi (6.2, G) represented Gloucester Rugby U18s over the summer, while Hamish (6.2, A) and Will (6.2, E) both represented Bath U18s. All five students received high praise from their respective academy coaches.



Junior World Rowing Championships

Congratulations to Csombor (6.2, D) for winning a silver medal in the coxless four while Jonathan (2021, H) came second in the B final of the pair, both at the U19 World Rowing Championships. Congratulations also goes to OR Monty Sutherland (2021, K), who won gold. Thomas (6.2, K) and Bertie (6.2, C) both won gold medals at the Coupe de La Jeunesse. Nine Fifths also represented GB in the GB vs France match with a convincing win.



ISTA Tennis

George Cadbury Gosling (2021, J) was selected as one of four boys across the country to represent the Independent Schools Tennis Association (ISTA) against the All England Lawn Tennis Club's 1st



Rowing World Championships

In the U23 World Championship, Tristan Wenger (2018, D) and Cameron Tasker (2017, E) won gold with the GB Men's Four, Nikita Jacobs (2018, K) won silver coxing the GB Women's Eight, Antos Robinski (2019, D/L) came sixth with the Polish Men's Eight, and Gabriel George (2019, K) won silver with the USA Men's Eight. The winning GB Men's Eight was coached by Radley rowing coach Patrick Duggan.



Honduras Expedition

39 Radleians travelled to Honduras for an unforgettable expedition with Operation Wallacea, combining scientific research, rainforest exploration, scuba diving and encounters with some of the world's most remarkable wildlife. Read more about the



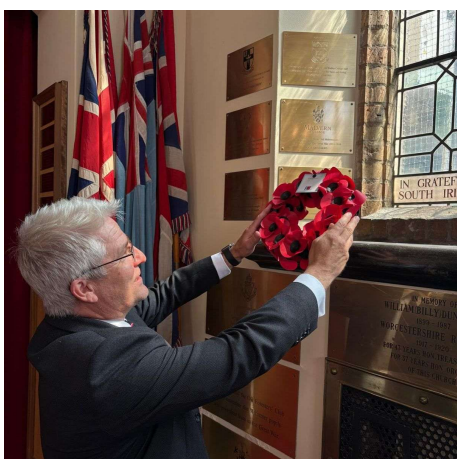
New Climbing Wall

The climbing and bouldering walls have now been finished and are ready for the boys to enjoy under the expert guidance of our seven new instructors. The Shells will be trying it out as part of the games circus, Removes will use it during CCF, and some boys will be climbing as a games option. In addition there will be open sessions available to all.



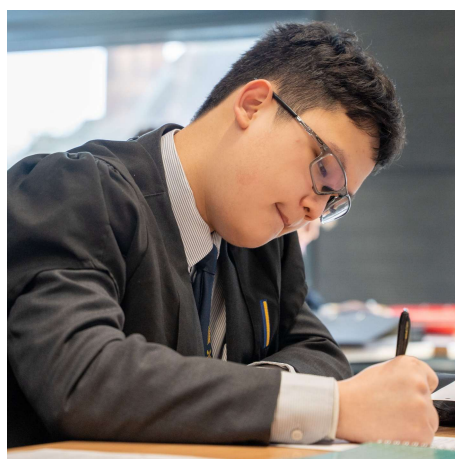
Historians in America

Thomas (6.2, G) and Giles (6.2, K) attended the residential pre-university course on American History at the College of William & Mary in Virginia, having won the Malcolm Robinson Memorial Fund Scholarship. They worked with archival sources on America's foundation and Civil War, visited sites of historical significance, read for and wrote university-level essays, and participated in seminars taught by academics at the second-oldest institution of higher learning in the US.



A New Memorial

A new memorial has been dedicated at St George's, Ypres, to all those from Radley College who fought and fell in WW1. A wreath was also laid during the Last Post



History Research

Four 6.2 historians – Giles (K), Steve (H), Ryan (L) and Csombor (D) – worked in archives as research assistants to bestselling historian Tim Bouverie for his upcoming book on the Cold War. They

relations to the spread of communism, from high politics to the voices of ordinary people.



Smale Casket

Congratulations to K Social, who won the Smale Casket having last won it in 2016.

They should be very proud of their average of 35.7 distinctions per boy over the course of the last academic year.



Academic Colours

Well done to the 22 boys who received academic colours in the Warden's Assembly for achieving 10 9s or more in their GCSEs, and a special mention goes to Sam (6.1, F) who was one of the top performers in the country in Cambridge OCR's GCSE Art and Design: Fine Art.



China Trip

Eight Radleians joined pupils from Queensbury Academy, a comprehensive school in Luton, for a two-week internship in Beijing. Part of a Futures and Partnerships initiative, they worked with JD.com, one of China's leading global e-commerce businesses, giving them



Cowes Week

The Radley Sailing team raced against established adult teams from around the world in the SB20 Fleet, coming third out of 22. With thanks to OR George Vaan (2021, D) for the photos.



National Hockey Success

Congratulations to William (H, 6.2), who was selected to represent the Oxford Hawks Talent Academy at England Hockey's National Festival in July, competing for the Talent Academy Cup. Having won all of their regional matches during the season, the squad went on to win the Cup and become National Champions. William finished as joint top goalscorer of the tournament.



Three Peaks

6.1s Ned (A), Harry (J), James (K), Toby (C) and Walter (A) took on the National Three Peaks Challenge, climbing Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon in just 21 hours and 43 minutes. The challenge involved around 23 miles on foot and 10,052ft of ascent, with rain and cloud on Ben Nevis, strong winds and darkness on Scafell Pike, and persistent heavy rain on Snowdon. Throughout, the boys demonstrated exceptional fitness, resilience, teamwork and good humour, while raising well over £2,000 for Help for Heroes.

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 5th September

Rugby v Warwick

Rugby v Oakham

Rugby v Cheltenham

Rackets v Harrow

Rugby v Cokethorpe

Squash v Bradfield

Upcoming Events

Reset – an exhibition of works by the artists of Magdalen Road Studios and Associates.

4th - 24th September

Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1pm-5pm

Sewell Centre Gallery

Recital Series 2026/27 Opening Concert with Marcus Farnsworth & Libby Burgess

Monday 14th September, 8pm

Silk Hall

Book tickets [here](#).

Taiko Meantime

Thursday 24th September, 8pm

Theatre

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](#)**.



Shells' First Day



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