

RADLEY COLLEGE

Abingdon
Oxfordshire

A leading independent boarding school
for boys aged 13–18

Boys Church of England

About School

Founded in 1847 by William Sewell, Radley College is an academically selective independent full-boarding school for boys aged 13–18. Located approximately five miles south of Oxford in Oxfordshire, the College is set within more than 800 acres of grounds, combining historic buildings with extensive modern academic, sporting and co-curricular facilities. Radley has its own railway station, approximately a 10-minute walk from the College, with connections towards Oxford and London. London Heathrow Airport (LHR) is the nearest major international airport, approximately 77 kilometres (48 miles) from Radley College and around one hour by car, making the School accessible for families travelling from both the UK and overseas.

Radley provides a broad education that extends well beyond the classroom. As a full-boarding school, boys are encouraged to take an active role in a wide range of academic, sporting, artistic and co-curricular activities throughout the week. The College places particular emphasis on character development, leadership, responsibility and participation in the wider community. Boys have opportunities to become involved in sport, music, drama, art, academic societies, clubs and other activities, with the boarding environment allowing them to make use of the College's facilities and participate fully in school life beyond normal lesson hours.

Admission to Radley College is selective, with the two main entry points being Shells (Year 9, age 13) and Sixth Form (Year 12, age 16). For Year 9 entry, Radley offers several routes, including the Radley List, Open Entry, Scholarship entry and the Radley Keys Award for a small number of boys from state primary schools. For the standard Year 9 admissions routes, candidates normally sit the ISEB Common Pre-Test in Year 6, together with the submission of a Head's report and an interview for shortlisted candidates. Scholarship candidates are assessed separately in Year 8 and do not normally need to sit the ISEB Common Pre-Test. For Year 12 entry, candidates must normally be aged 16 by September of the year they join. Applicants attend an Assessment Day at Radley, where they sit examination papers in two of their chosen A-Level subjects and take part in two interviews. Selection considers academic potential alongside co-curricular achievements, motivation to contribute to College life, references, interviews and other relevant assessment information. Radley also offers funded places and Radley Keys Awards for eligible candidates. If you have any questions about the admissions process, contact Scholar Gateway – we're here to answer your questions and guide you through every step.

University Destination – 2025

- Oxford and Cambridge 7.3%
- Ivy league 1%

Entry Process

SCHOOLS GUIDE TO 2028 ENTRY (RADLEY LIST & OPEN ENTRY)	
w/c 5 th May 2025	Radley List Entry Information sent to parents.
2 nd June 2025	Deadline for parents to complete the Radley List Entry Form.
w/c 2 nd June 2025	Open Entry Information sent to parents.
2 nd July 2025	Deadline for parents to complete the Open Entry Form.
September 2025	Radley confirms list of entrants to schools. Schools provide Radley with a list of boys who have SEN requirements and qualify for extra time.
20 th September, 11 th October, 15 th & 29 th November 2025	Michaelmas Term Open Days
5 th November 2025	Deadline to receive confidential Head's Report for each candidate.
4 th , 11 th 13 th , 25 th , 27 th November 2025	Radley List Assessment Days at Radley. Boys will be given a short-written task and interviewed. Parents and boys will also have the opportunity to visit two Socials.
28 th November 2025	Deadline for all boys to sit ISEB Common Pre-Tests.
December 2025	Shortlisting results for Open Entry candidates sent to schools & parents.
13 th , 15 th , 20 th , 22 nd , 27 th January & 3 rd , 5 th February 2026	Open Entry Assessment Days at Radley. Boys will be given a short-written task and interviewed. Parents and boys will also have the opportunity to visit two Socials.
By mid-March 2026	Final results sent to schools and parents.

Students

770

Total Students

770

Total Boarders

Percentage of Boarder stay over the weekend 100%
Percentage of International Students 12%

Fees/term

Boarding £ 19,200

Information in year 2026

Educational

Programmes offered

- GCSE/IGCSE
- A Levels

School Ranking



Academic Results

GCSE	9(A*)	8–9(A*)	7–9(A*–A)	4–9(A*–A)
	39%	65.4%	89%	99%
A-LEVEL	A*–A	A*–B	A*–C	A*–E
	23%	67%	87%	100.0%

Location

Nearest Airport:
London Heathrow
1 hour drive from Airport



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