

25th February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

National Indoor Rowing Championships

We are extremely pleased to be able to offer an exciting opportunity to your son/daughter. As part of our growing investment in rowing at the college we have entered 12 students in the National Indoor Rowing Championships held at the Copper Box (Olympic Park) Strafford on 15th March 2019. Your son/daughter has been selected based on their aptitude shown during either their 6 week rowing taster blocks or their initial taster session.

The event is held indoors on Concept 2 rowers and involves students completing a set time row: details of which have been outlined below. We will also be entering 4 boys and 4 girls in the team event (*details to be provided in due course*).

Individual Races					
Male			Female		
Yr 7 Boys		2 mins	Yr 7 Girls		2 mins
Yr 8 Boys		3 mins	Yr 8 Girls		3 mins
Yr 9 Boys		4 mins	Yr 9 Girls		4 mins

Students will need to meet at the college at 6.30am on 15th March and we will be travelling via minibus to the Copper Box for registration at 8.30am. Students will require a full lunch, snacks for the day and plenty of drinks. Refreshments will be available at the venue for a cost. Students should wear Ely College sports kit, with suitable trainers for the rowing element of the competition, and are encouraged to bring track suit bottoms and jumpers for the time when not competing.

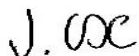
We appreciate that this is a new experience for students, and one they will not be familiar with, but are hoping the experience will be a highly engaging and inspiring one. An indoor rowing session will be held on a Wednesday lunch time for practice. I am also hoping students may want to come and practice pre-school 8am-8.30m, post school 3.00pm-4.00pm or at lunch with a friend, and this will be agreed by me as part of any discussion.

In order to help with the cost of entry and travel we are asking for a £10 donation, this trip is being subsidized by the Rowing funding obtained from Tesco Community Bags Collection. For this visit to take place, we ask you to make a total contribution of £10. Although such contribution is voluntary, in reality we have no alternative source of funding. If sufficient contributions are not received to make the visits financially viable they will be cancelled and all contributions will be refunded. In cases of financial hardship, any requests for the contribution to be waived will be treated sympathetically; please contact the Principal in writing. If you qualify for Pupil Premium Grant support, are still in receipt of free school meals, and would like to apply to access some of this funding towards this trip, then please tick the relevant box on the reply slip. This will be evaluated on a case by case basis. As these are educational visits and are taking place in school hours, we are not permitted by law (Education Act 1996) to exclude from such a visit a student of parents choosing not to contribute to the cost.

As part of the event there are a number of activities being held during the course of the day in the Copper Box around careers in sport, increasing lifelong participation and fun competition activities. Students will, therefore, be allowed to walk around the venue in groups of no less than 3 and be given a clear meeting point where a member of

staff will be throughout the course of the day. If you have any queries please contact me via email: jcoe@elycollege.co.uk Please may we ask you to complete and return the reply slip below to the Finance office.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Coe
Curriculum Leader – PE



National Indoor Rowing Championships – Mr J Coe

Name of Student _____ Form _____

- I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the Indoor Rowing championships.
- I have made payment via cheque/WisePay for £10.
- My child is eligible for pupil premium grant support and is still in receipt of free school meals and I would like to apply to access some of this funding towards the trip.
- I give/do not give permission for both the college and London Youth Rowing to take photos for promotional/advertising purposes.

Medical conditions to be aware of _____

Please provide 2 emergency contact details which will be available throughout the course of this day.

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Signed Parent/Carer _____ Date _____

Please return this slip to the Finance Department. Thank you.