



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Tuesday 2nd April

As you may be aware one of the sports we offer at school is rowing. In year 7 your son has the opportunity to row for a half a term in the Summer which will give him enough time to gain basic skills on the water. He will have the option to choose rowing as his main games option (excluding A team rugby and hockey players) from the start of year 8 in September where he can develop his skills and start racing against other schools.

On a games afternoon the boys need to meet at the minibus outside reception in their uniform ready to leave at 1:30. Rowing takes place on Powell's Pool in Sutton Park at Boldmere gate. Your son should bring normal games kit to row in and I recommend keeping a towel in his kit bag in the unlikely event that he should capsize. The mini bus will bring the boys back to school for around 3:40. You are of course welcome to pick them up from the water yourself at 3:25.

In addition to the games afternoon, we also offer an after school junior rowing session on Wednesday afterschool from 4:00 till 5:30 at Powell's Pool in Sutton Park, we are not able to provide transport down to the water for this so session so you may decide to take your son but most boys choose to walk down, if your son does walk to rowing he must be in a group to ensure his safety. He will only be eligible to attend the after school session for the half term block he is rowing as his games option. Finally, your son will also be eligible to attend the rowing morning fitness session for the rest of the year, which is on Thursday mornings from 7:30 till 8:30. All additional sessions are not compulsory but are encouraged to improve your son's fitness and rowing ability.

Due to the cost of offering rowing at the school we are forced to charge for the activity, which is £35 per half term. The access to the water is through green metal gates at the end of the Miller and Carter car park. To secure a space in the first block please fill in the slip below and return a cheque payable to BVGS to Mrs Foster in the school club office next to the staff room. Boys will be allocated either the 1st or 2nd half term block to learn to row. Despite the length of terms differing there will be 4 water sessions available for games afternoons in both owing to the additional disruption in the 2nd half term with exam week and the half day at the end of term. Rowing is usually a very popular option so it's unlikely your son will be able to row in both.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

I. Bousfield

Head of Rowing

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Year 7 Rowing

Name: _____

Is there any medical information staff should be aware about? Yes / No (If yes please explain on the reverse of the slip)

Will your son be travelling on the minibus back to school? Yes / No

If no, please state how he will travel home. _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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