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Dear Parent/Carer

**Rowing**

I am writing to inform you of an extremely exciting opportunity available to students at the college. In partnership with the Isle of Ely Rowing Club we are looking to run some taster sessions on the River Ouse. This is the start of an initiative that we hope will lead to the establishment of a regular group of Ely College students training for regatta competitions both nationally and locally. The initiative is being supported financially through our recent Community Grant awarded from Tescos.

The taster session is open to all students from years 7-10 and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis with a maximum of 60 spaces. The format of the taster session will be based on two elements, a college based session held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September from 3.15pm to 4.15pm and will cover technical work on our college "Ergos" along with boat management and safety. This will be delivered by The Isle of Ely Rowing coaches.

The second part of the taster session will then involve students attending Ely Rowing Club on the River Ouse for a one-hour practical session delivered by qualified coaches and with appropriate safety equipment provided i.e buoyance aids. This will take place during a number of time slots on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September (1 hour slots with 15 students). These times will be confirmed following sign up of students with a view to matching ages, gender and potentially ability based on Monday's session.

Following this taster session, it is hoped to raise a group of a minimum of 16 students who would like to commit to train on a regular basis and ultimately compete for Ely College. The details of these sessions would be agreed with coaches from the Rowing club and with student voice central.

It is expected that this opportunity will be extremely popular and as a result I am expecting the spaces for the taster to fill quickly. In order to secure a space please complete the permission slip below. The closing date for all returns will be Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours faithfully

*J. Coe*

Mr J Coe  
Curriculum Lead PE



To: Mr J Coe – PE Department

I give permission for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the above Rowing Activity taster sessions.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact number: .....

Medical Concerns: .....

