

12th May 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

Rowing Programme

I am writing to let you know that as a college, and with thanks for the continued support of the Isle of Ely Rowing Club, we are in a position to continue our Rowing Programme next year.

This means that we can offer 32 students the opportunity to row once a week on the river. Unlike previous years, I would like to try and have all new starters engage in 4 'taster sessions' across the final 4 weeks of the year. This means we will be inviting students to start rowing from 16th June 2026.

Whilst this is an extremely exciting opportunity the reality is that we expect this opportunity to be popular with both existing participants and new starters and with limited spaces available, we will prioritise students already involved in the programme and subsequently in year group order starting with Year 11. We ask that your child provides a brief statement to highlight their reasons for wanting to participate in the rowing programme and their commitment to it. Should we fill all 32 spaces we will create a waiting list and prioritise these students for future enrolment.

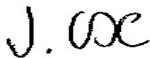
As part of the programme, students will be expected to meet at 7.00am at the rowing club (Kiln Lane, Ely). Students will then travel on the minibus directly back to college in time for the beginning of first period at 8.50am. They will miss tutorial. There will be a group of 16 students completing sessions on a Wednesday and a different group of 16 students undertaking training on a Thursday.

Whilst we have secured some funding to support coaching and training, to develop the sustainability of the programme at Ely College there is a need for us to register and affiliate all students with the Isle of Ely Rowing Club for insurance purposes. If successfully selected for the programme we will therefore be asking for an annual contribution of £120 with the opportunity to spread across termly payments. There is some scope to provide support in the event of hardship through some bursary funding however this will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Payment will not be expected for the taster period but be charged from the start of the new academic year in September.

If at this stage your child would like to be considered as part of the programme it will be necessary to complete the below expression of interest form (on pages 3 and 4) and return to Mr Coe's office by 3pm on Wednesday 20th May 2026. A decision will be made regarding grouping allocations by the end of the half term and you will receive further information at this point.

For those students already engaged with the rowing programme this academic year, sessions will continue until the end of the academic year as normal.

Kind regards,



Jason Coe

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I give permission for (Student Name) to continue / start to be involved in the Ely College Rowing Programme based on the details as outlined above.

· I would be willing to make an annual contribution of £120 to affiliate with the Isle of Ely Rowing Club at the point of successful application to the Ely College Rowing Club (Termly payments possible).

· I would need to access the Hardship fund in order to support the payment of the £120 affiliation fee.

Name.....

Signature Date.....

