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GLASGOW ACADEMY

Dear Parents

Rowing - Schools Head
London 19th - 20th March 2012

The Glasgow Academy intends to be the first Scottish school to contest Championship Eights at the Schools Head in London on 20th March this year. Over 300 boats take part in this race and together with National Schools and Henley Royal Regatta these races are regarded as the grand slam events for all the top rowing schools in the country.

The race itself is on the Thames over the boat race course from Mortlake to Putney and will take about 20 minutes.

Despite what our young gladiators may think, we are not going to win this event, but to race well against schools like Eton, Radley, Shrewsbury, Hampton and Abingdon will give us a starting point on which to improve over the coming years. Also, how well we race will give us an indication of whether we are of a standard to compete in the Princess Elizabeth Cup at Henley Royal Regatta in July this year.

Our eight actually races quite fast but still has a lot to learn. Having rowed with them recently I am encouraged that we can make significant improvements leading up to this event and beyond.

We would fly down to London on the Monday and prepare for the race which will be on Tuesday afternoon. The cost of the trip will be £255 which includes flight to London, all meals, accommodation and local transport.

The detailed itinerary is on the attached page and if you are happy for your child to take part in this trip then I would be pleased if you could return the attached permission slip with a cheque for £255 made payable to The Glasgow Academy to the PE department (your child's name and Rowing - Schools Head should be written on the back). Please also complete and return the Parental Consent Form which is attached.

Yours sincerely

Iain C Somerside
Rowing Coach