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KGSBC SPONSORED ROW 2009 19th & 20th September 2009

Dear Parents and Friends of KGSBC

Every four years, the Boat Club organises a sponsored row from Radley College Boat Club near Oxford, to Kingston Grammar School Boat Club. This is a huge weekend for the Boat Club and has, in past years, generated substantial funds for both the Boat Club and a nominated Charity. The event will run this September and the Boat Club has chosen Cancer Research UK as the nominated charity, which I am sure you will agree is an extremely worthwhile cause.

The 80 mile row is split into two days. The first day starts at Radley College Boat House, Oxford. Meeting at 6.15 am, a safety briefing will be held at 6.30 am, and crews will start to boat from 7.00 am to start their epic journey towards Kingston, with an overnight stop at Henley. Crews will be accompanied along the Thames by safety boats with experienced rowing coaches and first aiders.

On day one, they will negotiate 14 locks, which will also act as useful rest points. Locks will be manned by volunteer parents and staff who will help to feed, water and generally keep an eye on all the rowers as they pass through. There is a 30 minute lunch stop at Pangbourne College Boat Club, where crews will be able to get out and stretch whilst having their lunch. Day one will end after rowing 41.9 miles, at the historic Henley reach. Estimated time of arrival at Henley is between 6.30 pm and 7.15 pm. Boats will be left for the night and rowers can either arrange their own accommodation in Henley (which is limited), or travel home to their own beds. Driving time from Kingston to Henley is approximately 50 minutes.

Rowers will regroup on Sunday morning (6.30 am) to start their second day, with only 38.8 miles and 16 locks left to go! Lunch on Sunday will be at Eton College Boat House. The estimated time for arriving at the finishing line at Kingston Grammar School Boat Club will be between 7.20 pm and 8.00 pm.

A sponsorship form is enclosed and I hope you and your son/daughter will be able to start collecting sponsors over the summer break. Please photocopy the form, or print from the school internet site or the Sherriff Club website if you require more space. There will be a **prize** for the pupil who collects the most money.

Please put the dates into your diary '19th & 20th September'. A reminder will be sent at the beginning of the new school year, with final details.

We will need help on the riverbank with lock parties, catering and general nurturing of the rowers over this marathon weekend. This is being organised through the parents' supporting club, the 'Sherriff Club', who will send you more information shortly. See their website at: www.sherriffclub.org

I have listed some points which may help when collecting sponsors.

1. The Dates: 19th & 20th September 2009.
2. Early starts each day (meeting 6.30 am).
3. The Distance: over 80 miles through 30 locks.
 - Day 1- Radley College to Henley
 - Day 2- Henley to KGSBC
4. The Charity: Cancer Research UK.
5. The Participants: Over 100 rowers, including all current KGSBC members, J14 (3rd year) upwards, ex-KGS rowers, and current and former KGS parents.
6. The target: £20,000. Each participant we hope will raise **over £150**.
7. The Requirements: Lots of support from parents and friends on the riverbank and locks.

Best wishes

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The **KGS**
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Kingston Grammar School Boat Club Sponsorship Form

On the weekend of **19th and 20th September 2009** we are rowing **80 miles** along the river Thames, passing through 30 locks from Oxford to Kingston. We are raising money for Cancer Research UK and the KGS Boat Club; all monies raised will be split equally between the two charities.

Name of rower _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Gift Aid It!!

Gift Aid makes your donation worth more – for every pound you give; we get an extra 28 pence from the Inland Revenue. Just tick the relevant box below – it’s that simple. To qualify for Gift Aid, what you pay in income tax or capital gains tax in this year must be at least equal to the amount we will claim back from the Inland Revenue on your donation. **To enable us to claim Gift Aid your sponsor’s full address is essential.**

Sponsor,s name (block capitals please)	Full Address (block capitals please)	postcode	Gift Aid Please tick	Total amount



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