



MONMOUTH COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL BOAT CLUB

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'Learning to Lead our Lives'



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Dear Parent/Guardian

Visit to Henley Royal Regatta – Thursday 3rd July 2008

Geoff Eddolls and I propose to take members of Monmouth Comprehensive School Boat Club to visit Henley Royal Regatta on the second of its five days. This date will, to our best knowledge, be after the major public examinations. Henley Royal Regatta is the premiere event in the British rowing calendar and it will provide an opportunity for pupils to enjoy some very high standard rowing in a unique atmosphere. It will also come towards the end of a season which has thus far seen a great level of commitment and effort from pupils at all levels of the squad.

Timetable

Leave School:	6.45am	Arrive Henley:	9.15am
Depart Henley:	6.00pm	Expected return to School:	8.30pm

Clothing

Students should bring waterproofs/umbrella and additional clothing as may be necessary for a day spent outdoors, even if the weather is looking fine upon the morning of departure.

There are no dress standards for general access to the regatta, although students will be representing the school and hence a certain standard is expected (uniform is not necessary). There will also be access to the Main (Stewards') Enclosure at the heart of the regatta for those pupils who would like to take advantage of it. This enclosure has strict dress standards in accordance with tradition, which must be adhered to. They are:

"Gentlemen are required to wear lounge suits, or jackets or blazers with flannels, and a tie or cravat. Ladies are required to wear dresses or suits with a hemline below the knee and will not be admitted wearing divided skirts, culottes or trousers of any kind. Ladies are encouraged to wear hats." (information provided by Henley Royal Regatta)

Food

Once again, we intend to have a riverside picnic for lunch, with each student contributing food. The details of this picnic will be finalised closer to the date with students taking the lead in organising this. Given the late return date, students should ensure that they have either sufficient food or money for further meals as required by the time spent away from Monmouth.

Cost

The headteacher has given consent for this trip based upon payment being made entirely through voluntary contributions. The cost of this trip will be £22.00 (this benefits from a number of generous donations of tickets from outside supporters of MCSBC, which alone are worth £26 each). This cost includes the transport, riverside car parking, an entry pass for each pupil to the Public (Regatta) Enclosure at the regatta and access to the Stewards' Enclosure at the regatta. Cheques must be made payable to "MCSBC" and must accompany the reply form to secure places.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. We will take EITHER 15 students OR 30 students as we need to fill the minibuses to meet these costs. Reply slips and cheques need to be returned to myself, not the School Office. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail as above or directly on 07966 390349.

Yours faithfully

Dan Cowton
MCSBC Coach

P.S. Should you wish to know more about the event, the website is www.hrr.co.uk.

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

Name of Student _____ **Form** _____

I agree that my child may take part in the special activity to _____

An Emergency contact telephone number is _____

I wish to make you aware of the following medical information regarding my son/daughter relevant to this activity.

I am aware that:-

1. Except for visits abroad insurance arrangements are the same as for pupils in school, i.e. that the Authority only provides cover against proven or agreed negligence by the Authority and its employees.
2. I should consider making my own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for my daughter/son for school activities in the UK.

I give permission for my daughter/son to travel in minibus/coach/private car.

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian) _____ (Date)