



# Great Marlow School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Update - GMS 2024 Sporting Challenge – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

Just a reminder that building on the success of last year's Sporting Challenge, in 2024 our challenge has a rowing focus and incorporates the Inter-Form and Inter-House Indoor Rowing Competition for Years 7-10. This year's challenge is to support the development of the Marlow & District Schools' Boathouse with the target to raise over £500k to establish our new base for rowing on the new site. At the time of writing, we have raised almost £270k.

As I wrote in my previous communication, to raise further funds, we are looking for all children taking part in the event to gather sponsorship for their participation. The Form in each Year Group that raises the most sponsorship monies will visit the Everyman Cinema in Marlow to watch the George Clooney produced movie 'The Boys in the Boat', the best rowing film ever made which also 'stars' Great Marlow School students.

The donations are being collected on the [Go Fund Me site which can be accessed via this link](#). We have had parents/ carers communicate that it is difficult to record the details of the GMS form that the donation is to be registered for, so we have created an MS form to make this easier for parents/ carers that have had this difficulty. If you have or when you do donate on the Go Fund Me site, [please access the MS form via this link](#). We will use both the details on the site and the MS form to calculate the totals raised by each form. The Team, Form and House in each Year Group which rows the furthest during the allotted time, will also receive certificates and House Points for their endeavours.

We are asking our whole school community to get behind this project to create this legacy facility. It is the intention that this boathouse will sit at the side of the river Thames for the next 100 years. So, as I wrote in my earlier communication regarding this sporting challenge, whilst some current students may not row, their children might and if their children do not row their grandchildren or even their great grandchildren might row in the future.

I will always take every opportunity to promote the importance of physical activity and exercise for improving your physical health and emotional health. This year we will again be welcoming parents/ carers and other members of our community to join school staff to participate in the continuous physical activity challenge as part of this event in the Redgrave Sports Centre Fitness Suite. As it is now 2024, the challenge is 20 hours and 24 minutes of continuous physical activity this year, starting at 4.00pm Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and finishing at 12.24pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. [If you would like to participate in the challenge in the fitness suite by rowing, cycling, stepping, running or exercising in any other way possible in the fitness suite, please register via this link](#). Further information will follow to those that register.

Thank you for continued support.

Kevin Ford

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