



Jesus College Boat Club

Cambridge University



Rowing at Jesus

The boat club is by a considerable margin the largest and most popular sporting society at the college, and is possibly the largest college sports society in the university. Over 90% of people who join have never had any experience in the sport before and as such the club has one of the best set ups in the entire country for coaching beginners. It is also the only opportunity most people get to take up the sport completely for free!

There are races all round the year and with the majority of any new year signing up to at least try the sport it is a fantastic way to join a lively social scene and get out into the open.



Bumps

The bumps racing is the highlight of the entire year. It is a crazy and chaotic style of racing unique to Oxbridge in which boats line up in a very long line and aim to hit or 'bump' the boat in front before being caught from behind. The next day boats bumped swap places and the process repeats for 4 days, with boats rising up and down the river. It is exhilarating and the photos around give a taste of what it is like to bump or win the coveted blades!



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Rowing is a sport around which there is much confusion. The boat club is unique among college sport societies and amongst boat clubs around the country.

- The sport is genuinely completely open to anyone. There are no subscriptions fees and everyone is welcome straight into the club. We regularly have people starting who have never played sport in their lives!
- There is space within the club for people of all commitment levels. If you have the drive and time to train a lot then we have the coaching and set up to get you very far, possibly even ending on the Thames in the boat race.
- Equally, if a casual paddle and bit of exercise every now and then is all you're interested in, then we have space for this too! Every year, Jesus has the most eights entered into Fairbairns and bumps, and we are one of the very few colleges with the equipment and set up to accommodate all levels.
- The boat club is well funded, and has an unparalleled range of boats.
- The set up includes a full time head coach and boatman to make sure the technique is being taught properly and any equipment damages don't cause any problems. There is even an on site physio to help deal with any injuries that arise (although from rowing these are rare).
- The boathouse is located incredibly close to college at just a few minutes cycle (much closer than any other college). It is also just over the river from Midsummer Common, where we host an annual BBQ on bonfire night, with the best view of the fireworks.
- The boat club has one of the most lively social scenes in the college with regular events of all kind and of course the notorious termly boat club dinners.
- The college itself has a university wide reputation for sport of any kind, largely the product of the boat club.

We would love to hear from you! There are always more questions, so for more information contact:

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