



THE KING'S SCHOOL  
C H E S T E R

From the Director of Rowing  
Mr J.A.D.Blackham

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Dear Parent,

**Re: New Kit 2009**

Website address: <http://www.crewroom.biz/teamroom/default.aspx>

Club Username: [kingschester](#)

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The purchase of rowing kit is extremely important for all rowers and recently the club has reviewed the club kit. The new rowing kit is now available for purchase from our new supplier, JL. Having the right kit is important for all the athletes and not only protects them from the elements but also plays a big part in the building of a team. JL kit is renowned for its quality and is currently the most progressive and well designed kit maker for rowing on the British market. The kit they produce will easily last your son's/ daughter's duration at the school and hopefully on into university and club rowing.

The main items of kit can therefore be bought from JL. The 1<sup>st</sup> ordering window will be this week, from Wednesday (4/11/09) until next Monday (9/11/09) at 9am. To get your order with this batch and to get the prices quoted on the website you must order within this timeframe. Details of the kit, options and sizing are all also available on the teamroom option on the website, however if you do have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Later this term there will also be a second set of orders. This will be from a local supplier and will be for hoodies, t-shirts, lycra shorts, holdall bags and team socks. As these items are less specific for rowing they are being ordered from a local supplier at a lower cost. Details of these items will be posted on the website before the end of the month. As these are less specific by nature the turnaround time for these is greatly reduced.

Essentially the kit has now been standardised across the squads, both boys and girls will also wear exactly the same colours. The kit has also been simplified so it is not only practical but also smart.

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I have listed below a guide for each year group along with what is expected as a minimum requirement:

### **J14's**

Although none of the kit from JL is essential wear many of the items will be very useful, especially through the winter months. A splashtop and/or purist turtleshell is advised, leggings will also be of much use. The lycra unisuit is not essential for J14's but many chose to wear them. The white long sleeve shirt will also be of use as they are very practical for rowing in the winter months.

#### **Minimum requirements:**

All J14's will be expected to have the club t-shirt, lycra shorts and socks for racing in (available later this month)

### **J15's**

Again all the items listed on the website will be of use. If not already purchased, a splashtop and/ or purist turtleshell is very much recommended by J15 level, as are leggings.

#### **Minimum requirements:**

All J15's will be expected to have a lycra unisuit, long sleeve white tech top and socks (available later this month) for racing in.

### **J16's & Seniors**

As kit has been purchased in the past there will be a transition stage from the old to the new kit. The new kit will not be essential wear on race day for the seniors until the 2010-2011 season, however as the new kit is purchased crews will begin to compete in the new kit. Socks (available later this month) will be essential for the 2009-2010 season, as will the long sleeve white tech top.

Finally, it is very important that once the new kit has been purchased that it is labelled and looked after by the athletes. The kit is expensive to replace and must be taken care of. Every effort is made at the club to ensure lost kit is put in the lost property buckets, however it is very difficult to return kit to those who have not got it named. Please therefore make sure that every piece of kit is named before it is brought to practice. Once ordered the kit will take 4-6 weeks for delivery, as soon as it arrives at the school it will be passed onto the students for labelling at home.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions about the kit.

Yours sincerely,



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