

Michaelmas Second Half-Termly Newsletter

Overview

An exciting final to the X-Mas Pudding Regatta signalled the end of a hectic (and wet!) Michaelmas term for the Boat Club. Medals at: Northwich, Agecroft and, of course, The Head of Lune, along with some huge erg improvements characterise the success the club have had both on and off the water. Unfortunately, conditions have not been forgiving for most of the term meaning a lot of training has been on the dreaded (for some) rowing machine. Nonetheless, the club has persevered and made the most of the days where we have managed to make it onto the water.

Head of The Lune

This year's Head of Lune saw the successful introduction of several new crew combinations. A win for a new J15 quad along with clubs fastest crew being a totally new combination really demonstrate the depth of talent the club has. Wins for the school in: J16 double, J15 Quads, J16 Quads and J18 Single along with high placements in the Open and J18 Quads show the value of the training and effort that's being put in.

Crew of the Day goes to: Toby S, Holly M, Phoebe B and Adam B for an excellent time of 8:39 having not rowed together before let alone raced.



X-Mas Pudding Regatta

The X-Mas Pudding Regatta this year was in the words of James Proctor, “really competitive.” Very perceptive stuff James. With, shockingly, no bribery this year it was Vixen who just managed to edge out the competition to win. However, in light of the dominance of the Vixen Crew (Thomas, Joseph, Maximillian and Aiden) claims have been made that the formation of this crew wasn't entirely fair, I'll allow the people to come to their own conclusion on that case...



Gym Times:

Monday After school, Tuesday lunch **AND** after school, Friday Lunch.

Races:

Junior Head of the North: 18th January

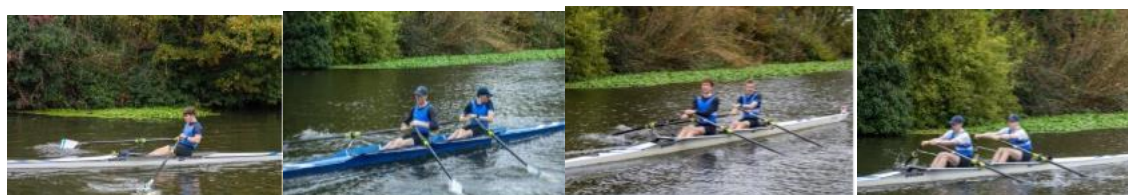
North-West Time Trials: 8th March

Northwich Head Race 2025 Report

We had 12 crews racing on 08/10/2025 at Northwich. In division 1 Tom Birkbeck topped the timing sheets in J18 1x band 2 with a 10:14.1, winning the only medal of the day. Next was Wilbur Rose, with a 10:24.9, and rounded out by Edward Shawcross with an 11:12.9.



In division 2, Alfie Shawcross and Eddie Otley had a repeat performance, being the fastest double of the day with a time of 9:41.2, followed by the Gallaghers on a 9:47.2. Close behind were Edward Potter and Ned Griffin with 9:47.9, then Alex Jones and Joe Birkbeck with 9:59.7. Lastly, George Cookson and Tom Birkbeck finished with a 10:11.2 after a superb recovery from a misadventure into a tree.



In Division 3 The fastest crew of the day was the J18 4x- (the J17 quad racing up a year) with a time of 8:58.8, closely followed by the J16 4x- with a 9:03.3, and the final quad being the J15 4x+ with a time of 9:45.7. A special mention to the WJ18 2x as one of the few all-girls LRG SBC crew to race away from Lancaster, finishing with a time of 11:59.0.



Head of Lune Race Report

LRGS had its home race from Head of the Lune, with a great showing of medals as was to be expected.

In Division 1 the Gallagher brothers were racing a pair for their first official event, beating Eddie O and Alfie S by 1.1 seconds with a time of 9:27.6, Tom Birkbeck was top of the J18 singles with a rapid time of 9:20.6, After a scratch from James Proctor, and George Cookson falling behind the Band 1 J17 singles was lost, but Edward Potter pulled a victory LRGS in J17 band 2 singles with a time of 9:50.3, closely followed by Adam Blackstone who raced a 9:54.1. Wilbur Rose lost the Band 1 J16 singles to Agecroft RC but rowed the fastest time of the singles with 9:20.1.



In Division 2 both Band 1 and Band 2 J18 4x-s raced, unfortunately no medals were won due to the Band 1 crew losing to Agecroft and the other Band 2 crew scratching before the finalised draw. One of the J15 4x+ raced for a time of 9:14.0, coxed to victory by George Cookson. The two J16 doubles that raced came 1st and 2nd, besting the Agecroft double who were disqualified for cutting out of the buoys. Congratulations to Stan and Charlie who were the winning double with a time of 9:31.7. We had 3 J15 singles who race, but all failed to claim the top spot. The WJ18 2x raced again, coming 2nd to Agecroft.



Division 3 was an exciting division with many near crashes, luckily not many were from LRGSBC crews. The J16 4x- were set on the medal, despite Wilbur Rose already having raced 2 events, and, with good steering from Freddie H safely secured the medal with a time of 8:40.5. The other J15 4x+, coxed by Edward P, lost to the crew who raced earlier

after a bad line on the final stretch caused them to hit the buoys. The 2 J15 doubles failed to take the top spot, but credit to Alex Wilkinson who steered a near perfect line on the final stretch to overtake Harrison and Ethan to secure a time of 10:25.3. Finally, we had a brand new Mx 4x- out, who came 3rd with a time of 9:24.6

