College Activities

Trinity College First & Third Boat Club

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First and Third has had a wonderful year. In addition to a successful refurbishment of the Boathouse, we have welcomed Steve 'Bomber' Harris as Head Coach and Boatman. Bomber's expertise and knowledge have had a positive impact on the Club overall and our results are beginning to reflect such effective coaching.

Michaelmas Term began with our Lower Boat Captains working very hard and managing to teach over one hundred students to row! As usual, First and Third



The First and Third Club after Easter Term Dinner.



The Winning NW1 Crew.

novices had a successful term, performing well in races such as Emma Sprints and Clare Novices. It was heartening to see the strength and depth of our Novice squad as our NM2 finished only 12 seconds behind our NM1 in the Novice Fairbairn Cup, coming 13th and 7th respectively. NW1 finished Michaelmas Term as the fastest novice women's crew on the river, winning the Novice Fairbairn Cup by over nine seconds. Michaelmas Term for the Senior Squad saw a focus on fitness and learning to row 'Bomber' style ready for future Bumps campaigns!

The Club enjoyed a successful Training Camp in Newcastle in January (and the weather was not as dreadful as it could have been!). As always, the Camp was an effective way of integrating our Novice and Senior squads. A lot of fun was had on and off the water, with highlights including matched VIII racing, escape rooms, and lots of games of 'Mafia'.

Much progress was made in Lent Term, with whole-Club circuits encouraging greater integration of the Club as a whole. We raced both on and off the Cam, sending three boats to Bedford Head in February, and putting out five boats in the Lent Bumps. Our top men's and women's boats both went up in the Bumps – a clear testament to Bomber's effective coaching. Unfortunately, due to poor weather, we were forced to cancel the annual STCS and Talbott Cup. This was a particular disappointment given the new Grenfell-Shaw Memorial Trophy for the fastest women's lower boat. We hope to be able to present this for the first time next year.



Summer BBQ on Jesus Green.

As usual, Easter Term saw a focus on success in the May Bumps. The women's side in particular performed very well, with W2 going up two (and getting very close to two over-bumps!) and W1 going up one. A special mention must go to our M2, who heroically rowed over every day, despite Clare M2 getting continuous whistles on them every day!

First and Third is more than just a rowing club. Throughout the year we have enjoyed many social events, including Boat Club Dinners, the annual firework display, and summer barbecues. I feel privileged to have been part of such a fun and successful Club for the past three years. The members of First and Third are such friendly and inspiring people; I wish them and the Club as a whole all the best over the coming years!