

Norwich School J16 4+ with their National Schools Regatta gold medals. From left, Oli Udy, Gabriel Davis, Rory Cruickshank, Harry Hook and James Anderson-Brown.

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Norwich School's boat club enjoyed success at the National Schools Regatta on the Olympic rowing lake at Eton Dorney.

The J15 boys raced in first and second eights and both boats dominated their time trials and semi-finals, giving them favourable lanes for their respective finals. In the first VIII final Norwich School won its first ever gold medal for an eight, holding off challenges from leading schools Bedford, Cheltenham College and Westminster. In the second VIII the crew brought home the school's first second VIII bronze, missing out on silver by 30cm after a two-kilometre race.

The J16 boys raced in the

coxed four event, and were one of the favourites after securing silver at the Inter-Regional Championships in April. Having traded times with Kingston Rowing Club throughout qualifying the boats were level after 1,900 metres of the final but the Norwich School crew pulled away in the last 100 metres, to win by a third of a length.