



Press Release
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LIMITED PLACES REMAIN FOR THE 2008 STANDARD CHARTERED GREAT CITY RACE AS ENTRIES SOAR

Places are fast running out for the 2008 Standard Chartered Great City Race, which this year takes place on Thursday 17th July at 19.15 through the closed off streets of London's square mile. To enter your team before places run out for the 5k run, which supports Breakthrough Breast Cancer, simply visit www.cityrace.co.uk and follow the instructions.

England cricketer Alastair Cook helped to launch the race earlier this month at Standard Chartered Bank's new head office in the City of London by participating in a treadmill challenge alongside Standard Chartered's European Chief Executive **Brendon Hopkins** who commented, "*The Standard Chartered Great City Race is now in its fourth year and has firmly established itself as the most popular event of its kind within the City and it is no surprise that demand for entries has been higher than ever before. As the 17th July fast approaches we expect entries to hit this year's limit of 7,000 very soon so runners are strongly advised to sign up quickly to avoid disappointment.*"

Entries must be made by teams with a minimum of four runners. The race is a not-for-profit event with entry fees costing £25 per runner with £5 going to the race's official charity partner, Breakthrough Breast Cancer, the UK's leading charity committed to fighting breast cancer through research, campaigning and education. Breakthrough is also encouraging participants to raise sponsorship money for its vital work online at www.justgiving.com/cityrace and is offering the top fundraising team a fantastic prize of 18 tickets to see Lee Evans at the O2*. The remaining entry money is funnelled back into the City of London to support a number of their ongoing projects including the 'Young at Heart' programme and the 'Milwall Community Scheme'.

The race, on 17th July, is a unique 5k team race which passes by some of London's most notable landmarks including the London Stock Exchange and St Paul's Cathedral. Last year the race attracted over 6,000 entries and its popularity is set to soar even further this year as team's from the banking, accountancy, legal, insurance and media fields all battle it out to be crowned with their coveted industry prize.

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For further information on the race please contact:

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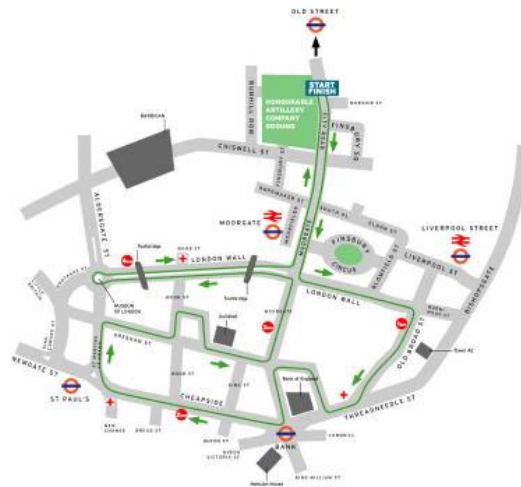
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Race Route Map:



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*The competition prize has been kindly donated by Standard Chartered Bank. The closing date for the competition is midnight 15 July 2008.

Only money received by Breakthrough before midnight on 15 July 2008 will count towards the fundraising total. Please note, to allow time to process manual (postal) donations the last date for receiving money off-line will be 10 July 2008. For the avoidance of doubt, off-line donations received after 5pm on 10 July 2008 will not be processed for the competition.

All entrants must be aged 18 or over and registered as a participant in The Standard Chartered Great City Race. Further terms & conditions apply, visit http://www.breakthrough.org.uk/you_can_help/events/running_events/the_standard.html for full details

Breakthrough Breast Cancer is the UK's leading charity committed to fighting breast cancer through research, campaigning and education. The charity needs to raise £25 million each year for the next three years to support its vital work.

Breakthrough Breast Cancer is delighted to be the beneficiary of this fantastic event and your support is greatly appreciated. We would like to encourage as many runners as possible to raise additional funds for this worthy cause by raising your own race sponsorship for the charity.

Over 44,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year and it claims the lives of more than 1,000 women every month.

To find out more about fundraising for Breakthrough call 020 7025 2483 or email running@breakthrough.org.uk

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