

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2020

Stay safe! That's all that really matters.

We are in the worst crisis the world has known since the Second World War and the only thing that matters is that we all stay safe.

We miss you all and we want you back in the water just as much as you want to return, but that's not possible at this time.

But the pools *will* reopen and we *will* all come back and start again, but we can only guess when that will be.

When we return it will be special, it will be a declaration that our lives have returned to some sense of normal. A return to the vital routine that defines a swimmers life.

There will be a celebration.

I predict a major celebration!

My eldest son Ben is a NHS Consultant specialising in respiratory medicine. He's on the front line ceaselessly working in the most chronic circumstances. When the whole nation claps for the NHS on Thursday nights at 8 pm, I couldn't be more proud of him and his colleagues who selflessly care for and protect us from this unseen enemy.

My younger son Andrew says they are our true super heroes!

Ben won national medals as a teenage swimmer and gives credit to his swimming career for the dedication, discipline and time management he needed to become a doctor.

We want to return to normal and get you all back In the pool as quickly and as safely as possible. We want you to resume training for your future.

Richard Garfield Chief Coach





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COACHES CORNER

A quick message for Junior County A & B

I am sure you are missing swimming as much as I am missing seeing you all. Keep your chins up, stay active and have fun. I will be attending every morning session with Jordan and I look forward to seeing you all there in the comments!

This will pass, and soon we will be back in the pool training and having lots of fun!

Nick Brookes
Junior County A Lead Coach



...From the Academy.

I hope everyone is staying safe during these surreal times and finding lots to keep themselves occupied. I have immersed myself in gardening, audio books and long walks with my dog along the coast so it's not all bad news but I do miss the structure of the working day and daily face to face contact with everyone.

I am sure parents will have found the sudden and unexpected holiday rather challenging to say the least! However, situations like this can also bring out the best in people; it has certainly reminded me what is important in life and of course in danger of being taken for granted.

I know I speak on behalf of all the Academy teachers and coaches when I say that we are all really missing the interaction with our swimmers and witnessing their ongoing progress. We are all very proud to be part of this amazing aquatic family and I hope that when the Club does reopen we will all return with renewed vigour, enthusiasm and an appreciation of the return to a free and unhindered existence without restrictions or limitations

Thank you to every one of you for your ongoing support of our Club, we look forward to seeing you all back again in the water very soon.



Reasons to Cheer!

There is no doubt that dealing with the ongoing pandemic is causing its challenges. Swimmers are missing being in the pool, coaches are missing coaching and parents are missing driving....Well, maybe not the latter but these are certainly



challenging times for everyone. I wanted to take this opportunity to shine a light on the huge number of successes we have recently enjoyed.

The period of training and competition between September and December has become commonly understood as the 'short course season'. This gives swimmers the chance to race fast in the shorter 25m pool with the focus on improving turns and race skills. Off the back of an exhilarating Winter Regional Championships we took our largest ever team to Winter National Championships with 20 Guildford City and 7 University of Surrey Swimmers: all of which posted either season or personal best times.

Furthermore, we undertook the challenge of competing against some of the best clubs in London and the South East at the Hillingdon Open Meet where we took home the top female swimmer award.

The Club takes a lot of pride in our team competitions. This season has been no different with swimmers, coaches and parents working hard to ensure we continue our history of success dating back to 1998. Before Christmas our junior swimmers won the Junior Arena League South Final and placed second in the National Final. This success was further followed through with the Senior Arena League with us finishing 4th at the national final in Cardiff in March. We proudly won the relay challenge. A great achievement by everyone involved.

Our first few competitions of 2020 has also seen the club retain the Tinlin (top club) Trophy at the Surrey Championships for the 16th consecutive season and also walk away from the Wycombe Open Meet with the Top Club trophy. From a coach's perspective we were impressed by the commitment to racing through both meets. Competing immediately after the Christmas break can always provide challenges but it was pleasing to see swimmers focus on process while showing a real enthusiasm to make technical improvements.

On behalf of all our coaches we wanted to congratulate everyone on the successes we have had to date. These are achieved through us working together as a team and supporting one another. Keep up the great work!

Lee Spindlow
Lead Coach
High Performance Squads



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STRENGTH & CONDITIONING



Jordan Niblock **Strength & Conditioning**

Jordan's YouTube Sessions are

Getting Noticed!

I am a coach at Folkestone Sport Centre SC a small club down in Kent and support Jason Ransley with the swimmers

coaching - we are all volunteers at the

club, so were busy trying to find a way to

keep the swimmers engaged whilst we all cope with the challenging times we are

It has been awesome to see one the of

challenges but to be so altruistic with the training and information is truly

commendable and really shows such a

@Jordan - it's really hard doing FB Live,

but you are doing great ...my 17 year old daughter is doing most of the sessions on

catch up so it fits with her study regime and my 15 year old boy (when he puts his

phone/laptop) also down does some ...so

personally, thank you too ... Please also

pass on my thanks to Demie, she's also doing a great job stood out there in the cold

doing the video work ... as they say behind every great guy is an amazing partner !!!

All the best to you all @ GCSC now and in the future - look forward to seeing you in person poolside at an Open sometime.

Please keep up the great work!

Kind Regards, Neil Strange

Repton Manor Osteopathy

great commitment to the Sporting Spirit.

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currently in ...

Morning Gents.

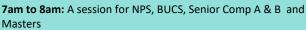








specific parts of the club.



8am to 9am: A session for Regs, County A, B & C and Junior County A & B

These sessions will be live streamed through the Guildford City Swimming Club Facebook Live and have specifically been programmed in the morning to help people maintain a normal routine. Simply 'like' the page to access sessions.





Lee Spindlow **Lead Coach, High Performance Squads**

Strength & Conditioning....the opportunity

With school closures taking place and an increasing number of people self-isolating the role of land training or strength and conditioning increases greatly. As a Club we are always keen to maximise the position we have never been shy when it comes to developing weaknesses. Therefore, we believe that our current position gives us an opportunity to develop our athleticism and ultimately improve our performance in the water.

We now live in a world where being a traditional 'swimmer' isn't enough to get to the top of our sport. You will commonly hear stories of swimmers who transfer skills from other sports (commonly Gymnastics) into the pool to achieve great things. Therefore, during this period where swim hours may reduce, we are challenging all swimmers across the club to work hard to improve all aspects of their athleticism. This includes flexibility, mobility, strength, control, balance to name a few. Improving these areas will allow us to swim faster for longer with better skills when life gets back to normal.

Weekly Training Programme: These are being designed specifically foreach squad and will be communicated via TeamUnify on a weekly

Daily Challenges: Jordan, our full time Strength & Conditioning Lead Coach will be setting small challenges specific to each squad on a daily basis. These challenges will be fun but developmental in nature and will allow swimmers to compare times with each other.

Live Sessions: Jordan will also be hosting daily training sessions through Facebook Live. There will be two sessions every day aimed at

We believe this will promote metal wellbeing alongside development of

Please come and join in the fun!





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PERFORMANCE SUPPORT

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At Guildford City we are driven to allow each swimmer to achieve their full potential. We are also very aware that there are many different components that make up a successful swimming performance. As a result of our drive we have been exploring some of these less well-known contributing factors.

Training is just one part of the bigger picture. The use of all aspects of Sport Science into the everyday training is becoming more and more important. Here at Guildford City we have been looking into some of those areas for the benefit of our swimmers. We are very fortunate to have two Sport Scientists working with us who have collated information to help all club members. This research and guidance that they have found we want to share with the wider swimming community.

Facebook Live Presentations through the Guildford City Swimming Club Facebook page to take place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons at 6pm. Presentations will consist of a small presentation followed by the answering of questions.

Questions can be asked up to 48 hours in advance of each presentation through gcscquestions@gmail.com with Sessions being made available on the GCSC YouTube channel.

Handouts will be available for the sessions through Lee Spindlow along with some practical application ideas.

The presentations are taking place at 6pm to allow those still at school to have access to the information. Simply "like" or follow the Guildford City Swimming Club Facebook page to have access to the content.

The topics have been carefully considered for the benefit of all ages. Improving these aspects of your swimming/lifestyle can have a massive performance benefit in the pool!

Торіс	When?	Question close
Sport Psychology: Coping through Coronavirus	30/03/2020	28/03/2020
Nutrition: Healthy eating	01/04/2020	30/03/2020
Sport Psychology: Motivation through coronavirus	06/04/2020	04/04/2020
Nutrition: Adjusting nutrition through coronavirus	08/04/2020	06/01/2020
Sport Psychology: Developing a "Swimming Pool Free" Routine	13/04/2020	11/04/2020
Sport Psychology: Maintaining Motivation from Session to Session	15/04/2020	13/04/2020
Nutrition: Off Season Nutrition - Ideas to Stay in Shape	20/04/2020	18/04/2020
Sport Psychology: Improving Time Management Skills	22/04/2020	20/04/2020
Sport Psychology: Goal Setting in the Training Environment (Pool & Land)	27/04/2020	25/04/2020
Nutrition: Training Day Nutrition Guide	29/04/2020	27/04/2020

Please come and join us!

Lee Spindlow
Lead Coach, High Performance Squads
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STEVE'S TECH TIPS

Tips for aiding muscle memory for swim technique on land.

- **1.** Find a clear area where you have access to an undistorted reflection via a dressing mirror, or conservatory/patio window. *Make sure you have enough space to do this prior to starting!
- **2.** You can practice body position & arm movements from three different positions using your reflection to assist you & make + adjust/control the movements & technique.
- **3.** Firstly: "Head On", leaning towards the mirror/window means you can practice alignment, streamlining, hand/arm entry, catch & press on Fly, Breaststroke & Freestyle.
- **4.** Secondly: "Side On", means you can practice both sides of your body/ arm movements on Fly, Breaststroke & Freestyle. You can do this by either standing, or leaning side on to your reflection. Remember to practice from both sides.
- **5.** Thirdly: "Underneath" (standing with your front toward the reflection) means you can practice the underwater movements on Fly, Breaststroke + Freestyle & Backstroke recovery together with entry/alignment.
- **6.** You can play some games using this method. Try having someone video you whilst holding the technique with your eyes open (from each position) & then try the same task with your eyes closed & compare the two. How close were you with your control/muscle memory with your eyes closed, to that of when you completed it with your eyes open?
- **7.** Kick practice: You can practice your kick movement for flutter kick by adding this to your land exercise repetoit. Front / Side / Back in streamlined position. You can develop & progress this into the same three movements via log rolls too. Can you control the roll & keep your balance? This will also aid & improve core stability.
- 8. Breaststroke leg movement practice: On your front (with arms out front in a comfortable position, or streamlined), practice the heel/leg recovery (minimise knee movement). How far can you get your heels up to your bottom? Now having reached the highest point; how far can you turn your feet out & allow lower leg to rotate outward & backward. Keep the feet turned out for as long as possible & complete the kick by bringing the heels together first, prior to finishing with squeezing the soles of the feet together.



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CYPRUS WARM WEATHER TRAINING CAMP

February half term saw the Club take 14 High Performance Swimmers from the National Performance Squad and National Youth Squad out to Cyprus on the Clubs first training camp for just over two years. The camp was designed to allow HPS swimmers to spend a week focussing on developing their training and educating them on how to perform at the highest level.



Sessions were structured around both physical and emotional preparation for Olympic Trials but also Giving the swimmers the chance to work together, enjoy the experience and to develop a strong team spirit.

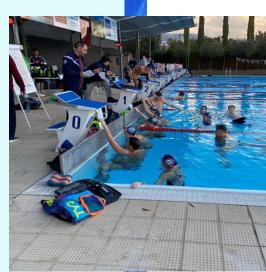
Swimmers were challenged over two swim sessions per day plus strength and conditioning sessions with the key objective of preparing for Olympic trials in April. Lead HPS Coach, Lee Spindlow commented that 'it was always designed to be a tough and challenging weeks training but the Coaches have been impressed with the attitude and commitment from all swimmers.'

The camp was superbly well organised by Janette Smith and Caroline Wood and supported by Chief Coach Richard Garfield and Specialist Coach Lewis Dunford. Richard Garfield, Chief Coach also commented that he was pleased to see every swimmer step up and challenge themselves over the course of the week. The success of the Camp was resounding and we are now looking to organise our next Camp in 2021.









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INDIVIDUAL GOLD



MEDALLISTS

Girls 100 Breaststroke

Daisy Johnson Grace Ashley Jessica Harmer Connie Mortimer Amy Fowlds

Boys 100 Freestyle

Finlay Richardson
David Hammond (SUNS)

Girls 200 Freestyle

Lexi Taylor
Lottie Roberts
Pearl Griffiths

Boys 200 Breaststroke

Finlay Richardson Fergus Thompson James King (SUNS)

Girls 100 Butterfly

Lexi Taylor Alicia Irwin Lottie Roberts Paige Coombs

Boys 100 Backstroke

Finlay Richardson Fergus Thomson

Girls 200 IM

Lexi Taylor Tegan Matthews Jess Harmer Louise Bressler Naomi McGuire

Boys 200 Butterfly

Finlay Richardson Ben Rowett

Boys 100 Breaststroke

Finlay Richardson James King (SUNS)

Girls 100 Backstroke

Tegan Matthews Jess Harmer Elena Eardley Elizabeth Eardley Tilly Hansen-Hamilton

Boys 200 Freestyle

Finlay Richardson Alistair Roberts

Girls 200 Breaststroke

Daisy Johnson Tegan Matthews Charlie Cope Louise Bressler

Boys 100 Butterfly

Finlay Richardson
David Hammond (SUNS)

Girls 100 Freestyle

Lexi Taylor Tegan Matthews Lottie Roberts Pearl Griffiths

Boys 200 IM

Finlay Richardson Fergus Thompson Felix Brockdorff James King (SUNS)

Girls 200 Butterfly

Scarlett Sim

Girls 400 IM

Tegan Matthews Elena Eardley Naomi McGuire

Boys 200 Backstroke

Finlay Richardson Fergus Thomson

Mixed 1500m Freestyle

Freya Taylor Millie Emmans (SUNS)

Boys 400 IM

Fergus Thomson Felix Brockdorff

Girls 200 Backstroke

Tegan Matthews Lexi Hughes Elena Eardley Tilly Hansen-Hamilton

Boys 400 Freestyle

Finlay Richardson

Girls 400 Freestyle

Lexi Taylor Louise Bressler

Boys 50 Breaststroke

Sam Neald (SUNS)

Girls 50 Backstroke

Keira Oxley Tegan Matthews Jess Harmer Megan Grover Tegan Drew (SUNS)

Boys 50 Butterfly

Chris Finch (SUNS)

Girls 50 Freestyle

Lexi Taylor Jess Harmer Darcy Revitt Amy Fowlds Paige Coombs

Girls 50 Breaststroke

Grace Ashley Charlie Cope Connie Mortimer Amy Fowlds Alicia Pollard (SUNS)

Boys 50 Backstroke

Fergus Thomson

Girls 50 Butterfly

Alicia Irwin Lottie Roberts Lottie Jackson Tegan Drew (SUNS)

Boys 800 freestyle

Dan Donovan

Girls 800 Freestyle

Tegan Matthews Louise Bressler Pearle Griffiths

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INDIVIDUAL SILVER MEDALLISTS

Girls 100 Breaststroke

Jessica Ottey Louise Bressler Naomi McGuire

Boys 100 Freestyle

Filip Price Ewan Taylor

Girls 200 Freestyle

Tegan Matthews Louise Bressler

Boys 200 Breaststroke

Felix Brockdorff Cameron White

Girls 100 Butterfly

Scarlett Sheppard Scarlett Sim Lottie Jackson

Boys 100 Backstroke

Felix Brockdorff Brogan Hyde

Girls 200 IM

Hanna Szabo Holly Hopwood Darcy Revitt Pearl Griffiths

Boys 200 Butterfly

Thomas Duddridge Filip Price

Boys 100 Breaststroke

Thomas Williams
Felix Brockdorff
Charlie Trotman

Girls 100 Backstroke

Lexi Hughes

Boys 200 Freestyle

Fergus Thomson Mackenzie Russell

Girls 200 Breaststroke

Grace Ashley Naomi McGuire Amy Fowlds Tilly Hansen-Hamilton

Boys 100 Butterfly

Filip Price Ben Rowett

Girls 100 Freestyle

Hanna Szabo Jess Harmer Louise Bressler Darcy Revitt

Boys 200 IM

Alex Cook Filip Price

Girls 200 Butterfly

Holly Hopwood Amelie Shaw Tilly Hansen-Hamilton

Mixed 1500m Freestyle

Amelie Shaw Elena Eardley

Boys 400 IM

Thomas Duddridge

Girls 200 Backstroke

Grace Ashley Jess Harmer

Boys 400 Freestyle

Fergus Thomson Felix Brockdorff

Girls 400 Freestyle

Tegan Matthews Amelie Shaw Caroline Laursen

Girls 50 Backstroke

Elena Eardley Charlotte Moores

Boys 50 Butterfly

Fergus Thompson Filip Price David Hammond (SUNS)

Girls 50 Freestyle

Tegan Matthews Lottie Roberts Morgan Penney (SUNS)

Girls 50 Breaststroke

Tegan Matthews Jess Harmer Louise Bressler Naomi McGuire Lucy Moores

Boys 50 Backstroke

Matthew Taylor

Girls 50 Butterfly

Lexi Taylor Jess Harmer Paige Coombs

Boys 50 Freestyle

Fergus Thomson Filip Price Rory Huggins (SUNS)

Boys 800 freestyle

Fergus Thomson Felix Brockdorff Ben Tritton (SUNS)

Girls 800 Freestyle

Amelie Shaw Naomi McGuire Millie Emmans (SUNS)

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INDIVIDUAL BRONZE MEDALLISTS

Girls 100 Breaststroke

Holly Westhead

Boys 100 Freestyle Mackenzie Russell

Girls 200 Freestyle

Hanna Szabo Amelie Shaw

Tilly Hansen-Hamilton

Boys 200 Breaststroke

Thomas Williams Charlie Trotman

Boys 100 Backstroke

Brayden Jose Alex Cook **Toby Stewart**

Girls 200 IM

Jessica Ottey **Grace Ashley**

Charlie Cope Flena Fardley

Genevieve Moller-Butcher

Boys 100 Breaststroke

Alex Paton Kai Jackson

Girls 100 Backstroke **Charlotte Moores**

Boys 200 Freestyle Thomas Duddridge

Rory Quirk

Girls 200 Breaststroke Holly Hopwood

Connie Mortimer

Boys 100 Butterfly

Felix Brockdorff Julien Marabotto (SUNS)

Girls 100 Freestyle

Paige Coombs

Girls 200 Butterfly

Lottie Roberts Freya Taylor Paige Coombs

Girls 400 IM

Holly Hopwood Charlie Cope

Genevieve Moller-Butcher

Boys 200 Backstroke

Kian Hooker

Mixed 1500m Freestyle

Thomas Duddridge Ben Tritton (SUNS) **Madison Emment**

Stella Gamsky Pearle Griffiths

Boys 400 IM

Dylan Fuller

Kai Jackson

Girls 200 Backstroke

Lexi Taylor Megan Grover

Darcy Revitt Paige Coombes

Boys 400 Freestyle

Ben Tritton (SUNS)

Girls 400 Freestyle

Charlie Cope Elena Eardley Pearle Griffiths **Boys 50 Breaststroke**

Felix Brockdorff Alex Paton

Cameron White

Girls 50 Backstroke

Lottie Roberts

Paige Coombs

Boys 50 Butterfly

Rory Huggins (SUNS)

Girls 50 Freestyle

Alicia Irwin Tegan Drew (SUNS)

Girls 50 Breaststroke

Daisy Johnson Lois Wong

Ciara Wimble

Boys 50 Backstroke

Finlay Richardson Alex Wrzesinski

Filip Price

Brogan Hyde

Girls 50 Butterfly

Ella Humphries

Violetta Pflug

Boys 50 Freestyle:

Chris Finch (SUNS)

Boys 800 freestyle:

Thomas Duddridge

Girls 800 Freestyle:

Madison Emment Elena Eardley

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RELAY GOLD MEDALLISTS

Girls 16 & Over 4x100 Freestyle Relay

GUIS A Team: Caroline Laursen Pearle Griffiths Paige Coombs Tilly Hansen-Hamilton

Boys 16 & Over 4x100 Medley Relay

SUNS A Team: Julien Marabotto Sam Neald David Hammond Chris Finch

Girls 12-13 4x50 Freestyle Relay

GUIS A Team: Jess Harmer Tegan Matthews Charlie Cope Lottie Roberts

Boys 12-13 4x50 Medley Relay

GUIS A Team: Fergus Thomson Thomas Williams Charlie Clarke Jamie Tappin

Girls 4x200 Freestyle Relay

GUIS A Team: Caroline Laursen Pearle Griffiths Louise Bressler Tilly Hansen-Hamilton

Boys 10-11 4x50 Freestyle Relay

GUIS A Team: Oliver Lineham Will Radford Dmitry Belonogoff Finlay Richardson

Girls 10-11 4x50 Medley Relay

GUIS A Team: Lily Johnson Daisy Johnson Lexi Taylor Freya Bennett

Girls U16 Freestyle Relay

GUIS A Team: Elena Eardley Louise Bressler Lottie Roberts Darcy Revitt

Boys 16 & Over 4x100 Freestyle Relay

SUNS A Team: Chris Finch Viktor Rusinov David Hammond Sam Neeld

Girls 16 & Over 4x100 Medley Relay

SUNS A Team: Tegan Drew Morgan Penney Millie Emmans Amie Buttle

Boys 12-13 4x50 Freestyle Relay

GUIS A Team: Jamie Tappin Charlie Clarke Joe Wey Fergus Thomson

Girls 12-13 4x50 Medley Relay

GUIS A Team: Tegan Matthews Charlie Cope Lottie Roberts Jess Harmer

Boys 4x200 Freestyle Relay

SUNS A Team: Chris Finch Viktor Rusinov Ben Tritton Sam Neeld

Girls 10-11 4x50 Freestyle Relay

GUIS A Team: Freya Bennett Daniela Vacca Keira Oxley Lexi Taylor

Boys 10-11 4x50 Medley Relay

GUIS A Team: Finlay Richardson Dmitry Belonogoff Oliver Lineham Will Radford

Girls U16 4x100 Freestyle Relay

GUIS A Team:
Jess Harmer
Naomi McGuire
Connie Mortimer
Darcy Revitt

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RELAY SILVER MEDALLISTS

Girls 16 & Over 4x100 Freestyle Relay

SUNS A Team: Tegan Drew Millie Emmans Morgan Penney Amie Buttle

Boys 16 & Over 4x100 Medley Relay

GUIS A Team: Matthew Taylor Charlie Trotman Ben Rowett Andrei Belonogoff

Boys 12-13 4x50

Medley Relay GUIS A Team: Fergus Thomson Thomas Williams Charlie Clarke Jamie Tappin

Girls U16

Freestyle Relay GUIS B Team: Jess Harmer Connie Mortimer Lottie Jackson Naomi McGuire

Boys 16 & Over 4x100

Freestyle Relay GUIS A Team: Sam Crew Andrei Belonogoff Dan Donavan Ewan Taylor

Girls 16 & Over 4x100 Medley Relay

Caroline Laursen

GUIS A Team: Tilly Hansen-Hamilton Amy Fowlds Paige Coombs

Boys 4x200

Freestyle Relay GUIS A Team: Toby Stewart Andrei Belonogoff Dan Donovan Rory Quirk

Girls 10-11 4x50 Freestyle Relay

GUIS B Team: Jessica Ottey Ella Humphries Sofia Vacca Lily Johnson

RELAY BRONZE MEDALLISTS

Boys 16 & Over 4x100

Medley Relay GUIS B Team: Toby Stewart Cameron White Brogan Hyde Ewan Taylor

Boys 12-13 4x50

Medley Relay GUIS A Team: Fergus Thomson Thomas Williams Charlie Clarke Jamie Tappin

Girls 12-13 4x50 Freestyle Relay

GUIS B Team: Holly Westhead Amelie Shaw Alicia Irwin Amelie Radford

Girls 4x200 Freestyle Relay

SUNS A Team: Amie Buttle Tegan Drew Morgan Penney Millie Emmans

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