



Skiptons Age Group Swimmers Shine At North Eastern Swimming Championships

Harvey Pennington (14), of Park High School, Colne, successfully qualified for seven events in the Age Group Championships for 11–14years at Leeds. Pennington's astounding performance in the 100m freestyle coming 4th place in 57.94, has earned him a place in the 2019 English National Championships this summer. Finalling also in the 50, 200m, 400m free, 50m and 100 back. The talented swimmer was fresh from competing at the open championships at Sheffield, where he accomplished 2 great personal bests in the 50m with a time of 27.00 seconds and 400m free. He also played an integral part in the Men's 14-16 years 400m free relay and 400m Medley relay teams, where amazingly the talented Skipton Team won Bronze medals in both events, no mean feat against larger city clubs like Leeds, Sheffield and Newcastle. The team have successfully qualified to compete in both events at this year's British Swimming Championships in Glasgow in July.

Talented Jack Jenkinson (12) of Ermysteds Grammar School, had an amazing championships, qualifying in an staggering fifteen events across all four strokes and distances. Choosing to compete in thirteen, he finalled in eight events (50m, 100m, 200m, 400m free, 50,100m,200m fly and the 200IM, an astounding achievement. After two unbelievably focussed swims Jenkinson was crowned North Eastern Champion by taking gold in the 200m and 400m freestyle, both of which gave him two new club records.

Keelhan Behan (12) of Settle College successfully competed in five events in his first long course championships, finalling in the 50m free and 200m breast, and achieving a remarkable 4th place in the 50m breaststroke final in a time of 36.16 and first reserve finalist in the 50m fly.

Will Oliver (13) of Ermysteds Grammar School raced the 50, 100, 200m breaststroke, 50, 100 and 200m backstrokes and the 400IM, gaining a number of personal best times

Sam Smith (11) of Ermysteds Grammar School had a great meet, qualifying for eight events and finalling in four, and making personal bests in all bar two events. Successfully gaining three club records for an 11yr old boy in the 50m free in 29.30, 100m free 1.05.54 and 100m fly in 1.11.13

Rowan Box (11) of Embsay, swam the 50m breaststroke and Joe Burgess (12) of Ermysteds Grammar School, competed in 3 events in their first long course regional meet, a great experience to swim at this level.

Sophia Basaraba (14) of South Craven School, fresh from competing at the Open Championships, competed in 5 events of the 50, 100 and 200m back and the 100 and 400m free and amazingly finalled in all of them. Her best placing was achieving silver medal in the 100m back and a bronze in the 200m back. Basaraba's great performances have gained her English National Championship qualification this summer in all backstrokes disciplines.

Lily Pratt (12) of Skipton Girls High School, successfully qualified for 5 events at the age group championships, swimming the 50 and 100m free, 50, 100 and 200m back, achieving personal bests and

narrowly missing out in the 50m free final. The talented swimmer like Pennington and Basaraba, also qualified to compete in the 50m free in the Open Championships, a great achievement at such a young age.

Kaye Fenton (13) of South Craven, qualified for 6 events, coming 6th in the 50m back final, making personal bests in majority of the others inc 200IM,200m free and 100m back, she was also reserve finalist for the 50m and 100m free.

Charlotte Kenneth (14) of St Mary's Academy, Menston swam the 50, 100 and 200m breaststrokes. Katie Simpson (12) of Giggleswick School, competed in the 50m breaststroke, achieving a personal best. Poppy Dunne (10) of Crossflatts Primary School, competed in two events at her first North Eastern championships and her gutsy performance of 30.54 seconds led to a place in the 50m free 11/12 year girls final, coming 8th, an amazing achievement at such a young age.

