

BRITISH AND ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019



BR*Head Coach Ian Scrivn, Archie Dunne, Ned Sharp, Archie Minto, Harvey Pennington FR*Madison Turner – Paige Fenton – Sophia Basaraba

2019 has seen an unprecedented seven Skipton SC members qualifying for this summer's British and English national swimming long course championships. The championships will run over two weeks and will be held at Glasgow's Tolcross and Sheffield's Ponds Forge.

Ned Sharp, 15, from Long Preston, a pupil at Settle College will be returning to the British championships to defend his 16-year age group 50m fly British title that he gained last year. He will also be competing in the 100m fly, 50 and 100m free, where he will hope to finish in all events. Sharp will also compete in other strokes and distances, the 200 Free and 200 Fly at the English nationals.

Ned will be joined by Archie Minto, Archie Dunne, Harvey Pennington, Paige Fenton, Madison Turner and Sophia Basaraba. Qualification at British and National level is testament to the hard work, dedication and commitment that these swimmers display on a daily basis.

Archie Minto, 16 of Ilkley, qualified for an exceptional seven events across both competitions. British Champs in Glasgow will see him swim in his favoured stroke, the

butterfly in the 100m and 200m distances, he will also compete in the 200IM, 400IM, 100m and 200m Backstroke and the 50m fly at English Nationals.

2019 will see Archie Dunne, 16, of Bingley, compete for the first time for Skipton at English Nationals in two events over the week, Dunne has gained qualification times in the 50 freestyle and 50 fly.

Harvey Pennington, 14 of Colne, a pupil at Park High School has worked hard this year and following on from success at North East Regional level has gained a place at English Nationals in the 100m free, a great achievement at such a young age

Sharp, Minto, Dunne and Pennington will also compete at the British Championships as a 14/16-year men's team in the 400m free relay, 400m medley relay and the 800m free relay, an astonishing achievement to be one of the top 25 teams in Great Britain.

Paige Fenton, 15 of Silsden and a pupil at South Craven School, having competed at English Nationals last year, this year has seen herself take it a step further and will be competing at the British Championships in her favoured breast stroke in the 50 and 100m events and 200m breaststroke at English nationals.

Madison Turner, 15, a pupil at West Craven School in Barnoldswick, has also seen her hard work pay off this year by qualifying for the British Championships as well as English nationals in a remarkable six events across both competitions. At British, she will compete in her strongest and favoured stroke, the back stroke in the 50, 100 and 200m. Competing at English nationals in 200IM, 400IM and 400m free, 2019 is her most successful year to date.

Sophia Basaraba, 14 of South Craven, who has a sought-after place on the England Talent Pathway for swimming, gained her place in 100 and 200m backstroke events at English Nationals, after picking up silver and bronze Medals at the recent North East Regional Age Group Champs.

Skipton SC are extremely proud of all their achievements and wish them all the very best of luck!

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