

# **BOLDMERE SWIMMING CLUB**

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## **BOLDMERE YOUNGSTERS PERFORM WITH DISTINCTION ON NATIONAL STAGE**

Following their best ever finish (2<sup>nd</sup>) in the Midlands Junior League Finals, Boldmere Swimming Club's Juniors advanced into the Speedo Junior National Northern Final at Harrogate, where they were drawn against some of the strongest big 'city clubs' in the country. The young Orcas were far from overawed by the occasion and demonstrated that the club are producing swimmers who could be national stars of the future. Finishing within 50 points of second place Southport, Boldmere were amongst powerful squads from City of Newcastle, City of Liverpool, and Lincoln Vulcans who all totalled well over 100 points, with the mighty Borough of Kirklees taking top spot with 209 points.

Penny Whittingham produced two outstanding performances that demonstrated her vast talent and potential which secured individual wins in the 9Yr Girls 25m Breaststroke and 25m Butterfly - finishing both well ahead of the competition, while in the same age group Elliott Walker swam two super quick club record times to take the Freestyle & Backstroke titles, and Jake Dixon made it a hat-trick for the 9Yrs Boys swimming powerfully to take the 25m Butterfly-in addition to an impressive third place swim in the Breaststroke. Along with Margaret Gateley, Bethany Grant, Jessica Westgate, Charlie Hackett, and Jacob Cross they secured one first, (Boys' Medley), one second, (Girls' Medley) and two excellent third place (Freestyle) finishes in the 9 Yrs Relays which made a major contribution to the points tally. Margaret and Bethany both made brilliant debuts in this gala - following the re-structuring of the age groups after the Midlands Final.

Katie Richardson who battled superbly to take 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 11Yr Girls 50m Freestyle was joined by Lucy Dixon, Caitlin Horsley and Emma Smith to earn valuable team points with 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Freestyle and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Medley Relays, while Hannah O'Brien (2<sup>nd</sup>: 50m Freestyle) and Kristie Hackett (3<sup>rd</sup>: 50m Butterfly) teamed up with Lucy Gale, Victoria Black and Caitlin Horsley to secure impressive 2nd (Freestyle Relay) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (Medley Relay) places in the 12 Yrs age group.

Karol Bukowski, David Carty, Luke Davies, John Friend, Matthew Hyde, Sarah Kelly, Gina Lockett, Bradley Lynch, Caitlin Meade, Charlie Payne, Luke Robinson, Peter Shipway, Givenchy Sneekes, Steven Wilson, and Jordan Youngman, all contributed to a magnificent team performance which included 32 Personal Best and 9 Club Record times in a gala of the highest quality.