

YEOVIL SWIMMERS CELEBRATE SUCCESS AT REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Over the last three weekends, senior swimmers from Yeovil District Swimming Club have been competing at the South West ASA Regional Championships. The Youth Championships took place first at Plymouths Life Centre, with ten swimmers from the club aged 15 years upwards achieving the qualifying times to compete against the regions fastest swimmers. Jacob Bailey, Francis Balch, Aaron Bartlett, Jessica Carroll, Fay Graham, Elisha Hawkins, Phoebe Kelman-Johns, Jasmine Moore, Jake Mowbray and Harriet Watts raced in a variety of events from 50m sprints to 1500m freestyle.

Many of the swimmers gained places in the finals for their events with medals awarded to: Jessica Carroll who recently competed in the British Championships in Sheffield: 50 breast stroke (gold) and 100 breast stroke (bronze), Harriet Watts: 100 back stroke (gold), 50 and 200 back stroke (bronze) and Jasmine Moore: 50 butterfly (bronze).

The next two weekends saw the slightly younger team swimmers compete at Hengrove Leisure Centre in Bristol and Millfield School in Street. The Age Group Championships are for young athletes aged 11 to 15 years and YDSC entered six qualifiers - Anya Evans, Jack Mitchell, Isabella Moore, Georgie Payne, Connor Perrin and May Purbrick. All swimmers managed to achieve personal best times, even under the pressure of racing in a high level competition.

Head Coach Rebecca Richards and Assistant Head Coach Aaron Rickhuss, both successful athletes in their own right, train young swimmers in pools in Yeovil and Sherborne seven days a week alongside the clubs volunteer coaches. Always on the look out for up and coming talent to add to their team, if you are interested in joining then apply for an assessment at www.ydsc.co.uk