

## Medals Mount at Maxwell



27 Leamington swimmers travelled to Aylesbury to compete in the two day Maxwell Open gala, clocking up a terrific 69 PBs, with success across the age ranges from our oldest to our very youngest competitors.

The fifteen year old girls had a storming meet bringing home a stash of medals and showing dominance in their specialist strokes. Sarah Brades displayed her strength in the Backstroke by taking gold in the 50, 100 and 200 metre events and stamping her mark on the Individual Medley by gaining gold in both the 200 and 400m races and achieving a

Midland time for the latter. Sarah then took second place in the 100m IM just behind team mate Maddie Spalding who took the gold. Maddie then went on to gain bronze in the 200m IM and silver in 100m Free, she continued her winning streak by taking first place in the 50 and 100m Breaststroke events and a further one in the 50m Free. Sarah Smith powered her way to first place in the 200m Butterfly and picked up silver in the 50 and 100m events. Sarah then added silver in the 50m Backstroke and bronze in the 100m race. Ellen Stone won bronze in the 100m Breaststroke and secured a Midlands time for the 200m Breaststroke with 2.50.39.

Josh James, 14, had an excellent 100m Butterfly race and saw his PB drop by almost three seconds whilst Sophie Vale also 14 took two third places in the 50m and 100m Breaststroke events.

13 year old, Jess Nash displayed her returning form with an excellent 200m Free and by taking silver in the 50m Backstroke along with bronze for the 200m. Ruby O'Brien picked up bronze in the 50m Free, and 100m IM.

In the 12 year old category Harry Manship added the 200m Freestyle to his collection of Midland times and his continuing good form earned him first place in the 200m IM and 200m Breaststroke, silver for the 100m Free and finally a bronze in the 100m Fly. Team mate Finn Linton swam well to gain silver in the 100m IM and 200m Backstroke, then added bronze in the 100m Backstroke and 200m IM. Lily O'Brien flourished in the 200m Freestyle and knocked nearly six seconds off her best time, whilst Imogen Butler improved her 100m IM PB by 2.5 seconds.

11 Year old Teigan Parker had a great start to the gala by taking two silvers, one in the 100m Breaststroke and another in the 100m Freestyle. The 200m IM event saw her pick up a bronze medal, with a time of 2.45.54 and then she later gained a Midlands time in the 200m Backstroke, which also secured her third place.

The ten year olds came home with a large share of the medals, with Aran Shuttlewood taking 17 seconds off his PB to take bronze in the 200m IM, he then carried on to take three further third place positions in the 50m Butterfly, 50m Breaststroke and the 200m Free and by swimming another fantastic eleven second PB in the 200m Breaststroke netting the gold medal. Mollie Dibb received silver in 50m Breaststroke and an array of gold medals for the 200 IM, 100m Free, 50m Free and 100m Breast in a time of 1.33.93.

Our youngest swimmers showed great promise with nine year old Callum McWhirter taking bronze in the 200m Free and claiming a fantastic five silvers in 100m IM, 50m Fly, 50m Back, 200m Back and 50m Free with a time of 37.82, just ahead of Morgan Bevan who took bronze. Morgan then added another bronze in the 100m IM and secured gold in the 200m Breaststroke in 3.42.67. For the girls, Sophie Woodland won two bronze medals for the 50m Free and 200m IM and silver in the 50m Butterfly. A special mention goes out to Daisy O'Brien who competed in her first open gala, just 1 day after her ninth birthday.

The coaches would also like to say a big thank to all parents for their continued support and taking the time to travel to Aylesbury, and of course to the swimmers who train tirelessly, it's great to see all the hard work paying off.