



Beachfield Swimming Squad had a very successful Medway Championships fifth round on Saturday at Medway Park, Gillingham. BSS scored 60 league points, equalling their previous best at any round in any previous year. This should guarantee the club third place in the league for 2016 behind Maidstone SC and Black Lion SC. 39 Personal Best Times were also achieved on Saturday from BSS swimmers.

Club captain Oliver Durrant won a gold medal and a Medway Champion trophy in the blue riband event the 100m Freestyle, in a personal best time of 56.74 secs. Oliver also won a silver medal in the 100m individual medley also in a personal best time. Polly Thomas won a silver medal in 100m Butterfly as did Brandon Harris in 100m Freestyle in his age group, both in personal best times. There were seven bronze medals won by Matilda Durrant (x2), Lois Duchesne (x2), Samuel Dickinson, Rachel Gearing and Oliver Durrant. In addition, there were a further 8 medals awarded to BSS swimmers for finishes between 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, including a fine 4<sup>th</sup> place medal for Edward Dickinson who broke 1 minute for the 100m Freestyle for the very first time (59.76) – a key landmark in any swimmer's career.

Automatic Kent Qualifying Times for the January Championships (to be held at Crystal Palace and the Olympic Pool in London) were achieved by Matilda, Brandon and Genevieve Hunter and Consideration Times by Oliver, Samuel, Lois and Edward. So far BSS have 11 swimmers qualified to swim at these championships, including 9 year old Daisy Richards who achieved 3 Kent Consideration Times at a licensed meet in Beckenham on the following day, where she also won two golds, two silvers and a bronze – all in personal best times.

BSS Head Coach Peter Withey stated "Medway 5 was probably the best meet for our swimmers since I've been at the club. There were some outstanding swims and a great team spirit. We have some very important meets coming up and I hope that this result will encourage our swimmers to train even harder in the run up to the Kent Championships and in preparation for the next round of the National Swimming League in November"