



Press Report Beachfield Swimming Squad at the Gravesend and Northfleet SC Open 3rd and 4th December

Nine Beachfield Swimmers were in action at Medway Park at the weekend in the licensed Gravesend Open. Daisy Richards won 5 gold medals as well as two silvers and a bronze for some excellent swims in the 9 year old age group. She also obtained a handful of Kent Championship Qualifying/Consideration Times. Sister Holly also won 8 medals in her age group including one gold, 4 silvers, a bronze and two fourth place medals. Lily Durnford won 3 golds, 1 silver and a fourth place medal and earned two Kent Qualifying/Consideration Times. Freddie Dolman won 2 golds, one silver and two KQ/CTs. Grace Dolman scored a strong PB in the 200m Freestyle and a fourth place medal in 100m Fly. Samuel Dickinson won a fourth place medal in this event, despite feeling unwell, and brother Edward won gold in his only race - the 50m Free - in a PB time of 27.04 which is also a Kent Qualifying/Consideration Time. Polly Thomas won a silver medal in 100m Fly and gained a PB, a KQ/CT and a fourth place medal in 50m Br (40.01). Lois Duchesne won 2 gold medals in her only two races, both PBs and KQ/CTs. It was a very successful gala for Beachfield who achieved 11 KQ/CTs, 14 PBs and 32 medals all told.

Club Chairman Carl Fitzpatrick stated "It was a fabulous gala for Beachfield and with only a couple of licensed meets to go before the Kent Championships, we already have 20 different swimmers qualified to swim in the County Championships, in a record 98 different events! This is a big achievement for our small club, punching well above our weight, and a testament to the hard work of the swimmers and their coaches" The Kent Championships are held in January and February at the 2012 Olympic Pool in London and also at Crystal Palace.