

City of Cambridge Winter Open Meet Level 2 Short Course

EIGHT Hoddesdon swimming club members travelled to the City of Cambridge to compete in their Winter Open Meet on the weekend of 13th, 14th and 15th January 2012.

The first session on the Friday evening was for the 400m freestyle distance event. Max McCusker, pupil at Bishop's Stortford College, won the gold medal for the 12yr age group with an eleven seconds pb time of 4.50.24. Georgina Fisher came 4th with a pb time of 4.54.03 in the 13yr girls and sisters Emma and Charlotte Longden both achieved pb times and both came 5th in their respective age groups 11yr and 14yr, Emma 8 secs and Charlotte 4 secs personal best times. Chloe Richards came 9th with a time of 5.02.15 in the 14yr and Kaitlyn Walsh came 11th with a time of 5.17.04 in the 13yr age group.

Saturday 15th January, day two, saw Max win another gold medal in the 100 Butterfly with a 2 sec pb of 1.12.52. Charlotte Longden, also a pupil of Bishop's Stortford College won a gold medal in the 100 Backstroke with a time of 1.10.80 and came 3rd in the 200 freestyle in a time of 2.14.82 and 4th in the 200 Individual Medley in a time of 2.34.96. Emma Longden continued to pb in the 200 freestyle coming 14th in a time of 2.42.57 and 100 breaststroke finishing 11th in a time of 1.36.00.

Sunday 16th January, day three, saw Max claiming 2nd places in the 100 Individual Medley, 50 freestyle and a 3rd in the 100 freestyle; Charlotte came 3rd in the 50 freestyle, and 4th in the 200 backstroke; brother Sam Longden who has recently returned to competitive injury following a shoulder injury swam personal best times in the 50 and 100 freestyle just missing the 1 minutes barrier for the 100 finishing in the time of 1.00.01. Younger sister Emma, finished 16th in the 100 freestyle and Chris Smith finished 9th in the 50 freestyle.

City of Derby Open Meet Level 1 Long Course



GEORGINA Pryor, pupil of Herts & Essex High School for Girls, Bishop's Stortford and member of Hoddesdon swimming club travelled to the International Pool, Ponds Forge in Sheffield to compete in the City of Derby Level 1 LC meet. The event which continues to attract swimmers who wish to qualify for the London 2012 Olympic Trials in March included Becky Adlington, Fran Halsall, Liam Tancock and former Hoddesdon SC member Lucy Charles who now competes for Hatfield SC.

Georgina achieved personal best times in the on the Saturday the 50 Back 34.30 and 50 Butterfly 31.26, swimming close to her personal best in the 200 back 2.38.26. The 100 back 1.13.46 was close to her pb and her favoured event 100 butterfly Georgina finished 7th out of the 13yr olds in a time of 1.08.68 which was a 1 second pb.

Coach Mary Wright said "Georgina had some excellent swims, especially for this stage in the season. It was fantastic for her to compete against some of the best swimmers in the country, and to show she was quite capable of rising to the challenge. "