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On Saturday 12th December eighteen Girls and seventeen Boys from Hastings Seagull SC travelled to the Pool in the Park in Woking for the Third and Final round of this year's ARENA National Swimming League. We swam against five Clubs and our swimmers produced their normal high level of PBs – ten in the individual events and seventeen County QTs and although swimming against very strong clubs in this final round we managed to win 4 individual races and two relays. These and the overall performances by our swimmers gave us fourth place in the night and tenth place in the South East Division of the National Swimming League. Woking, Horsham and Elmbridge were the teams who beat us but we finished ahead of teams from Southend and Erith.

Our individual winners were Courtney Mattocks Boys under 15 100m Backstroke, Tom Heskett Mens Open 100m Backstroke, Nathan Thomas Mens Open 100m Breaststroke and Tom Creed Boys under 15 100m Breaststroke. Our Relay team winners were Boys under 11 4x50m Freestyle – Luke Cooper, Austen Evans, Robbie Earl, Ben Horner and the Boys under 15 4x50m Freestyle – Courtney Mattocks, Angus Siberry, Sam Moon and Tom Creed. One other Performance of note was in the Mens Open 100m Freestyle when Sam Small went sub 60secs for the first time when he achieved a time of 58.93. On Friday evening 18th December the Presentation of awards and trophies will take place at the Rugby Club in the William Parker Sports College grounds.