

Seagulls Progress

At the end of January the best swimmers in the South of England competed in the Zonal Championships at Crystal Palace.

All those present had already achieved Regional Qualifying times and the winners at this prestigious event qualify to compete for a place in our National Squads.

Two girls and two boys from Hastings Seagull swam and produced outstanding performances and in doing so; achieved personal best times.

15 year old Charlotte Rouncivell, a welcome newcomer to the club, produced a personal best time of 1.12.34 in her age group 100m backstroke.

The determined and consistent Jodie Shoesmith competed in both the age 13 years 100m and 200m breaststroke events and produced a personal best time of 2.58.03 in finishing 16th in the latter.

In the boys events; 16 year old Courtney Mattocks swam with his customary smooth technique in three events; 50m freestyle, 100m freestyle and 100m backstroke.

Courtney achieved personal best times in all three; the pick of which was 26.28 in finishing 16th in 50m freestyle.

15 year old Tom Creed swam in four events, further demonstrating his exciting potential in reaching the final of the 100m breaststroke with a personal best time of 1.12.99 in his Heat.

Tom then went on to better this time in the Final by almost a second in achieving his overall 8th place.