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## Annual Report 2021-22

Dear Swimmers and Parents

Our swimmers truly exploded back to winning ways from the aftermath of the covid pandemic. With a full year of uninterrupted training the scheme and club really got back to business with the best set of results for a long time. A short synopsis of success would reveal –

- Salford Top Club at Lancashire Championships
- Three International Swimmers – Joseph Stout & Amelie Blocksidge selected for the England Youth Team; Theo Clyne selected to represent GB at the Maccabiah games in Israel; Joseph also selected to World Schools Championships in France.
- Open Water National Champions – Amelie Blocksidge and Katie Lee. Open Water Medallist – Ella Blocksidge [Bronze]
- Amelie Blocksidge 5 Gold Medals at British National Championships
- Further British National Medal winners – Joseph Stout [Silver 200 Fly], Max Adams [Bronze 800 Free], Gabby McCulloch [Bronze – 100 Breaststroke].
- British Nationals Finalists – Grace Jackson, Alex Volkovoy, Lauren Bradley-Holt, Max Adams, Katie Lee, Ella Blocksidge, Joseph Stout, Gabby McCulloch and Amelie Blocksidge.
- Medal winners at English National Championships – Chiara Fellone [Gold MC 200 IM 200 Free], Cara Tohill [Silver – 200 Fly, Silver 1500 Free], Alice Volkovaya [Silver 200 Free], Connor Hartley [Silver 1500 Free], Alex Volkovoy [Silver - 200 Free], Nicole Adeyeye [Silver 50 Free], Amelie Blocksidge [Silver 100 Fly], Katie Lee [Bronze – 100 Fly]
- English National Finalists – Gracie-Louise Potts, Alissa Boslem, Grace Jackson, Alice Volkovaya, Nathan Lockett, Katie Lee, Amelie Blocksidge, Lucia Lesti, Oli Bottomley, Gabby McCulloch, Luke Adams, Ben Ross and Nicole Adeyeye.
- National Distance Programme – Katie Lee & Amelie Blocksidge
- 5 Swimmers selected for Lancashire Katie Lee, Oli Bottomley, Joseph Stout, Gabby McCulloch and Amelie Blocksidge.
- 10 Swimmers selected for the National Age Group Talent Development Squad – Luke Aitken, Oli Bottomley, Katie Lee, Grace Jackson, Ben Ross, Gabby McCulloch, Lucia Lesti, Amelie Blocksidge, Alissa Boslem and Alice Volkovaya.
- Diploma in Sporting Excellence Programme – Joseph Stout & Alex Volkovoy
- Para Swimming Talent Pathway – Chiara Fellone
- NW Schools team competing at the English Schools Championships - Max Adams, Joseph Stout, Oli Bottomley, Katie Lee, Amelie Blocksidge and Gabby McCulloch.
- 85 Medals at Regional Championships; 153 Medals at Lancashire County Championships

We have achieved an amazing set of results in the past 12 months, probably one of the most successful seasons in our history with such a diversity of success across many different events and competitions. Many swimmers have elevated themselves from County level to Regional level and from Regional to National level. All these achievements have been the accumulation of hard work and effort from the swimmers and coaches supported by the endeavour of parents and club volunteers.

It has been reported that over the past 18 months some 160 Head Coaches have left the profession, there has also been an exodus of swimming teachers which has made the landscape of competitive swimming very different and much more challenging than ever before. As a development scheme

and club our journey has not been without its own challenges and we remain overly short of support coaches and club volunteers and officials. A big thank you to all the parents who have come forward to help the club deliver essential operations for the swimmers and to the coaching team – Dan Austin, Danielle Naylor and our casual coaches.



A big welcome to Tom Nelson who has recently joined the coaching team. Tom has some good coaching experience at different clubs under his belt and has made a very smooth transition into life at Salford.

Massive thanks to the Executive committee - Alison Flannery, Debbie Ross, Kim Aitken, Nicki Bottomley, Susan Lee, Tracy Poole, John Bailey, Richard Teasdale, Claire Hoey and Mark Lucas. It is this group of people who have really helped steer the club back to running essential operations like training camps, social functions and galas. In particular we are really pleased to get our home gala programme underway once again and this has been down to the endeavour of Kim Aitken and John Bailey who have been the driving force in this most welcome resurrection.



Some more good news for the club is that we restarted training camps and a large group of swimmers thoroughly enjoyed Stonyhurst along with all the amazing life long memories that such a camp provides. Our top end of the scheme is now due to revisit Torremolinos in Spain, many for the first time and this is something to really look forward to. Our Club Presentation evening was given a John Bailey makeover much to the delight of all in attendance – big thanks to John who has also been a great help in his assistance with coaching cover for the club and scheme.

We urgently require more parents to help out in essential volunteer roles of swimming officials, timekeepers, gala volunteers and team managers. This usually involves attending a governing body course which generally lasts half a day or a few hours. ***If you are not already involved please consider dedicating a small amount of your time so we can provide your children with the many different opportunities described.*** Speak to a member of the committee, group reps or the coaches for more information – your help is massively appreciated.



Once again thanks to SCL for providing the facilities, opportunities and environment that allow our swimmers to thrive and achieve the success that reflects so positively upon the City of Salford.

Good Luck to everyone for the new season. Let's build upon the epic success of this past season.

*Yours Sincerely*

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