

Media release for Southampton Diving Academy

Barcelona

Members of the Southampton Diving Academy travelled to Barcelona to compete in the prestigious annual International Club Competition which attracts teams from all over Europe.

Competing in a very challenging environment the team of ten did outstandingly well to come back with 9 medals between them, 4 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze.

Emily Alderman (13) succeeded in taking medals on all 3 boards: gold on 3m and bronzes on 1m and highboard.

Team mate Chris Mears (12) in a return to form after recent injury, performed very well to take gold on 3m and silver on 1m.

Also making a good showing Jack Clewlow (15) took joint gold in highboard with Callum Johnson, a member of the British International squad.

Emily, Chris and Jack all made scores that would earn them a place in the National Junior Olympic Programme at a designated meet.

In the senior category Gary Hunt (21), who made his debut with the British International squad earlier this year, took gold on highboard and bronze on 1m. Both scores were personal bests, with his performance justifying his place on the national squad.

Tom Owens (20) also scored two personal bests which earned him the silver medal on highboard.

Both Gary and Tom made scores which confirmed their eligibility for funding on the Talented Athlete Support Scheme for the coming year. In addition Gary's score was a FINA 'A' Olympic qualifying score.

Director of Coaching, Lindsey Fraser, was delighted with the outcome. "I am thrilled with these results," she said. "It was a fitting end to a very successful season for the elite squad. Next year the sport moves into a new era with very much tougher targets for the divers to meet, but with these

results I am confident that Southampton Diving Academy is going to be able to continue to feature at the forefront of the elite section of the sport.”

Full results:

1m

Chris Mears, silver; Emily Alderman, bronze; Georgia Wingrove, 13th; Jack Clewlow, 4th; Adam Purkis, 13th; Ellie Steel, 6th; Gary Hunt, bronze; Tom Owens, 4th

3m

Chris Mears, gold; Emily Alderman, gold; Georgia Wingrove, 11th; Jack Clewlow, 6th; Adam Purkis, 13th

Highboard

Emily Alderman, bronze; Georgia Wingrove, 5th; Jack Clewlow, gold; Adam Purkis, 6th; Patrick O'Reilly, 6th; Dayne Mulford, 8th; Gary Hunt, gold; Tom Owens, silver

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Please note photo opportunities can be arranged.