

Media release for Southampton Diving Academy

Graz

A team of 6 youngsters from the Southampton Diving Academy travelled to Graz, Austria to take part in the GAK-Wasserspringen International Youth Meet on 1st – 3rd July and came back with a clutch of medals and 4th place in the team event.

Diving in fiercely competitive fields against representatives from 10 countries across Europe, the group did well to return with 2 gold and 3 silver medals.

The most successful member of the team was Jack Clewlow (15) who came back with a gold and 2 silver medals. His gold came in the highboard event, where he seriously outclassed all the other divers in the competition.

Bethany Watts (9) also made a very good showing in the highboard event, taking gold with a clear lead over her rivals in the final event of the meet. Diving up an Age Group for the event, Bethany did amazingly well to defeat some competitors 4 years her senior!

The other medallist was Jack Howsham (12) who also triumphed on highboard, when he took the silver medal only 12 points behind one of the home team in the Boys' C Group event. Diving well throughout, his medal was well deserved.

Several of the youngsters were diving up an Age Group, making their results all the more remarkable. They were Bethany Watts, Stephen Lingard (10), Rachel Holland (10) and Ciaran Allen (10).

Christian Brooker, coach for the meet, was delighted by the outcome. "For most of the younger members of the team this was their first opportunity to train and compete in an open air pool," he said, "so to have come back with such great results is really impressive. I was proud to be leading the team."

Full results:

1m: Ciaran Allen, 13th; Stephen Lingard, 15th; Jack Howsham, 8th; Bethany Watts, 18th; Rachel Holland, 15th; Jack Clewlow, silver

3m: Ciaran Allen, 17th; Stephen Lingard, 14th; Jack Howsham, 13th; Bethany Watts, 8th; Rachel Holland, 13th; Jack Clewlow, silver

Platform: Ciaran Allen, 4th; Stephen Lingard, 8th; Jack Howsham, silver; Bethany Watts, gold; Rachel Holland, 5th; Jack Clewlow, gold

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Please note photo opportunities can be arranged.