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SOUTHAMPTON DIVERS BRING HOME THE MEDALS

Divers from Southampton Diving Academy brought back a clutch of medals from the 2011 National Age Group Championships; a large Southampton contingent of 24 divers taking 10 medals overall.

Gold medallist Nick Egg was on top form in the 12 -13 years platform event winning by a clear margin. Southampton led the field in the event with four places in the top six.

In the girls events Miranda Dibden excelled across all three boards, bringing home silver in both the 9-11 years 1 metre and 3 metre events and just missing out on the medals with a 5th place in the Platform. Sophie Kinnard took bronze in the 9-11 years platform and Madeline Angell won Bronze in the 12-13 years platform. Both Sophie and Madeline came through the talent identification scheme in the 2009 cohort, being two of 30 chosen for the Southampton diving programme out of 2000 school children that were tested, so these were particularly pleasing medals! In the group for 14 – 15 year old platform, Eleanor Phillips took the Silver, just missing out on winning by one point.

Amongst the younger boys in the 9 to 11 years, Harrison Williams also showed his all-round ability winning Silver on the 3 metre and Bronze on the Platform, as well as hitting 6th place on the 1m board. Robbie Brodie won an individual bronze on the 1 metre board, and, together with team-mate Thomas Graham took an exciting silver in the synchronised 1m event. In the same age group, William Osborne secured a bronze on 3 metre.

Director of Coaching Lindsey Fraser said: "This National event sees the divers having to compete on three boards in four days and I was pleased with the way our divers responded to the challenge and made sure that Southampton Diving Academy were very visible on the podium. I was delighted that a number of different divers brought home medals."

Full Results for Top 6 placings: Girls 9-11: Miranda Dibden (1m 2nd, 3m 2nd, Platform 5th); Sophie Kinnard (Platform 3rd); Emily Martin (1m 5th); Girls 12-13: Madeline Angell (Platform 3rd); Girls 14-15 Eleanor Phillips (1m 4th 3m 7th Platform 2nd); Boys 9-11 Harrison Williams (1m 6th, 3m 2nd, platform 3rd synchro 4th) Robbie Brodie (1m 3rd, synchro 2nd); Brandon Foster (1m 5th, synchro 4th); William Osborne (3m 3rd, Platform 5th, synchro 6th); Ben Hufton (Platform 6th); Boys 12-13: Nicholas Egg (Platform: 1st); Scott Palmer (Platform 4th); Jordan Gregson (3m 4th; Platform 5th); James Nicholson (Platform 6th); Thomas Graham (1m 4th, 3m 5th; synchro 2nd); Thomas Wrightson (synchro 6th).

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