

Stratford Sharks swimmers have continued this seasons fantastic form over another weekend with the clubs younger swimmers holding centre stage.

Firstly at the City of Coventry Level 1 Open Meet, 15 swimmers represented the Sharks in great style were they delivered 9 top 3 places from a total of 48 swims including 9 Midland Age Group Championship Qualifying times and 3 new Age Group Club Records.

The first medal fell to William Foster in the 10yrs 400m Individual Medley, a fantastic club record and Midlands time gave him a well earned 3rd place in this extremely tough event.

Josh Walker added a new Midlands time to his collection in the 100m Freestyle with a new personal best for 7th in the 14yrs 100m Freestyle before joining William Foster in the 200m Backstroke with William taking another club record for 10th in the 10yrs age group with Josh 3rd in his age group.

The next medal fell to Seren Mahon 2nd in the girl's 10yrs 50m Fly a position matched by William Foster in the 10yrs 200m Freestyle in a Midlands time with Aleksander Forsyiaik also gaining a qualifying time in this event taking 4th in the 13yrs age group.

Kathryn Lythgo took the first gold medal of the day in the 10yrs 200m Freestyle in a Midlands qualifying time quickly followed by the clubs second 1st place from Seren Mahon in the 10yrs 100m Fly.

Taking his second medal of the day Aleksander Forsyiaik came 3rd in the 200m Breaststroke in a new 13yr club record.

In the first event of the second day, Christian Clements secured his first ever Midlands qualifying time with 5th place in the 11yrs 400m Freestyle with Josh Walker securing 2nd place in the 14yrs age group narrowly edged out by 3/100th of a second but in a much improved long course personal best. Kathryn Lythgo took 5th and a Midlands time in the girl's 10yrs 400m event.

A swimmer having a very good day was Christian Clements, having secured his first Midlands time in the morning session he added his second in the 11yrs 200m Individual Medley. The final medal was delivered by the clubs youngest competitor of the weekend 9yr old Robin Hughes taking 1st place in the 50m Breaststroke, winning by over 5 seconds in his age group.

Another swimmer adding her name to the list of Midlands Age Group Championship qualifiers was Ysabelle Caswell (10) who not only competed at Coventry on the Saturday but who also went to the Haden Hill Swimming Club Open on the Sunday morning in Wolverhampton where she secured her place by gaining the necessary qualifying time in the 200m Breaststroke. Along with Ysabelle the clubs other qualifiers are Kathryn Lythgo, Olga Hall, Lucy Castle, William Foster, Christian Clements, Aleksander Forsyiaik and Josh Walker a fantastic achievement and testament to the hard work from the swimmers and Coaches as Josh was the clubs only qualifier last year.

On a busy weekend, which meant some of them missing the Sunday of the Coventry competition, five of the clubs young stars, Lucy Castle, Ellen Price, Olga Hall, William Foster and Aleksander Forysiak were selected for the Warwickshire County team who travelled to Milton Keynes for an inter-county competition.