

Wey Valley Head Coach's Report 2016-17

1. Competitions Update:
 - a. Junior Cup Win (Sept 2016), fantastic result, provides bright future.
 - b. Arena League success. Round 3 win beating Godalming, West Wight, Andover and Chichester
 - c. Cranleigh Open: massive turnout and string presence.
 - d. Surrey County Championships: large entries, excellent swimming, future stars emerged, medals won and clubs talking.
 - e. Swimmers nearing SER qualification, excellent progress considering low county attendance 1 year previous.
 - f. Rother round 1, experimental, giving swimmers opportunities, different events, different people. Successful
 - g. Club Champs: very well organised, slick running, thanks to Sarah Gregory, Sharon Giles, Mark Edwards, & Helga Mephram for their efforts and thanks to everyone who volunteered to help out.
 - h. Summer Sprints coming up: expectations of fast swims. Times will be used to select round 1 Arena League team.
 - i. Arena League dates 2017: October 14th, November 11th, and December 9th. Encourage parents to save these dates now as we want a full strength team available for all 3 rounds.
2. Captains:
 - a. Thanks Cass and Tash for their efforts over the last 12 months. Welcome new Captains: Olivia Giles and Matt Danton.
3. Coaching and Staff:
 - a. Lara and Chloe's efforts are tremendous and have largely contributed to the success of Wey Valley over the last 12 months. Lara returning in September. Chloe departing end of July. Thanks to Chloe for her time, commitment, patience and drive to ensure the junior swimmers continue to develop.
 - b. Request for parent volunteers to assist with coaching. Reason parents will be around longer than swimmers and usually sit in the balcony anyway.
 - c. Praise for the Learn to swim programme, Dave, Heather, Lara, Ella, Chloe and all the assistants who contribute.
4. Swimming:
 - a. Squad structure. Wey Valley caters for most types of swimmer. Mutli-sport, academics, casual/social swimmers, and competition swimmers. What the club is missing is a higher level of performance swimming. New top squad being discussed at committee meetings and once the details have been finalised, the members will be informed.
 - b. All squads including learn to swim to have a clear promotion and remain in squad criteria. Gives more clarity to parents, swimmers and coaches, and ensures the swimmers get the type of tuition they need.
5. AOB:
 - a. Great first year, enjoyed my time so far. Looking forward to the future.