

## **Winsford Head Coach Report – AGM May 17<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Winsford Swim Team over the last 12 months have performed to an exceptionally high level with Winsford being ranked as top club in both Cheshire West and East, top club in the north Midlands and top 2 club in Cheshire County. Winsford again continue to go from strength to strength with more and more swimmers reaching higher levels.

Over the past 12 months some of the more notable highlights:

- Top Club – North Midlands, 3x the amount of points from the second place team.
- Top 2 Club in Cheshire County.
- Top 8 Club – North West of England.
- 3 North West Winter Regional Junior Champions: Ethan Jones, Jay Cushen, Henry Oliver.
- Crusader League Champions for 5 years on the bounce.
- NW Arena Premier League for 7 Years, of which making the A Final in 5 of those. This year finishing our highest place ever 7<sup>th</sup>. Only club in Cheshire East & West in Premier League.
- Best National Championships ever, with 5 English Medals from 4 different swimmers (Ethan Wright, Izzy Kay, Jay Cushen, Finn Armitt).
- Welsh and English Summer National Medallists and Champions and British Finalist.
- Izzy Kay on England Talent team, Finn Armitt, Marcus Cook on DISE Program.
- 2 British National Qualifiers: Will Murray, Jay Cushen.

As you can see our success over the last 12 months has been nothing short of phenomenal, with Winsford Swim team punching well above its weight, time and time again. We have had much success over the last decade but I think this last year has been our best ever, ranking second in Cheshire, gaining our best position in the Arena League, and having our most successful National Championships ever being the stand out achievements. Success doesn't just arrive through chance, it is planned for. Success only comes about through hard work, commitment and a first class attitude.

Many thanks to all our swimmers who contributed to our clubs success over the last 12 months; we have without a doubt some of the best swimmers in the NW of England. The attitude when at training is second to none with all swimmers training with great focus and determination.

I would also like to thank all coaches and teachers who have spent many hours on pool side trying their very best to help our swimmers to improve. We have a superb range of coaching and teaching staff that make such a valuable contribution to our club and our swimmers. Special thanks to Daniel Stone, Alex Law, Michael Secker, Nigel Woodbridge, Claire Brown and Jenny Zwijnen who are so valuable to our swimmers and our programme. What is also very pleasing to see is so many of our swimmers helping out on the teaching and coaching side of things, giving back to the club and our younger swimmers, thanks to all those who volunteer on pool deck.

I would also like to thank Barry and all the committee who make my life very easy, by allowing me to get on with my job of coaching, whilst they do the difficult parts such as running a swimming club with hundreds of members. Not only would I like to thank the committee but also all parents who give up their free time to help our club, volunteers are the back bone of our club, and it is these people who help our club to be so successful. Winsford Swim team is without doubt the best run club I have ever been a part of and a leading example for how clubs should be managed.

Many thanks to all who have contributed in any way to our success. The last 12 months has been a record breaker in more ways than one, and one too look fondly back upon. But now we look forward to the next 12 months, I am sure it will be an absolutely fantastic year for our swimmers and our club.