

On the penultimate day of September, WSSC swimmers Samuel Chamberlain, Charlotte Creasy, Oliver Creasy, Thea Pendleton, Thomas Williams and Elizabeth Wright headed to the London Aquatics Centre to participate in a very special 2024 edition of 'Sprint with the Stars'. With the involvement of numerous Olympians, including WSSC's own Angharad Evans, the swimmers had the opportunity to race with some of the UK most celebrated swimmers.

Elizabeth Wright (17) produced exceptional swims, posting new best long course times in the 50m freestyle and 50m breaststroke. Elizabeth set the fastest heat time to line up alongside Paris Olympic breaststroke finalist and local girl Angharad Evans in the final, only to be pipped by her into second place. The session also saw Elizabeth post the fastest time for the 50m freestyle final in the 15 years and over category, this time beating the star, double Olympian and World and European Championships medalist Lucy Hope (swimming in her seventh final in quick succession) in the final. Elizabeth had the honour of being interviewed by Adam Peaty after both of her stunning finals.

Fifteen-year-olds Samuel Chamberlain and Thomas Williams both competed in the 50m freestyle and 50m butterfly events, seeing both qualify for the finals to swim against Olympic and world champion James Guy (butterfly) and Alex Cohoon (European Gold medallist and Olympic finalist) on freestyle. Samuel finished just off the podium in fourth place in both finals, with Thomas taking seventh in both finals, the boys setting new long course personal bests in both events on the day.

Brother and sister Oliver (12) and Charlotte Creasy (15) raced Paris Olympic backstroke finalists Oliver Morgan and Katie Shanahan respectively in the backstroke races, with Charlotte finishing in fifth place in the final and Oliver in tenth. Oliver also posted a new best time in the 50m freestyle and was unlucky not to make the final in a stacked field.

Thea Pendleton, 10, rose to the occasion on her first visit to the London 2012 Olympic venue, taking an astonishing 7.54 seconds off her previous pb long course 50m breaststroke time to take fourth place in the final behind Angharad and two other exceptional ten-year-old breaststroke swimmers. Thea made the most of the day by taking a two-hour breaststroke technical masterclass with Angharad Evans after the racing had finished.

The swimmers had a great time with the finalists treated to Olympic-style introductions with walk-ons accompanied by fireworks, cheers and applause.



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