

After the conclusion of the final weekend of action at the Suffolk County Swimming Championships, West Suffolk Swimming Club finished in a very creditable overall third place (second in the relay rankings) out of ten teams from across the county.

After their gold medal performances in Sunday morning's 400m Freestyle event, India Clement finished as the leading female swimmer in the 10/11 years category, with Matthew Baker the leading male athlete in the 17 years and over category. With the points from all races totted up, Samuel Chamberlain was the second placed male in the 14 years group (having taken the silver medal in the 400m Freestyle event that morning) and Charlotte White, taking on only selected races before a week of international competition in Dubai, was third placed female overall in the 17 years and over category.



India Clement and Matthew Baker

In the relay events, the 17 years and over men's Freestyle relay quartet of Matthew Baker, Jake Thomas-Mansfield, Luka Page and Archie Chamberlain were pipped into silver medal place on a fingertip finish. Matthew, Jake and Luka, joined by Myles Turner, also took second place in the Medley relay, in a thrilling race contested right to the final touch. The 17 years and over women's all-Haverhill Medley relay team of Molly Peacock, Elizabeth Wright, Charlotte White and Cerys Williams (pictured below) took bronze in another tight race, with another third place on the podium for Elizabeth, Charlotte and Cerys with team mate Alice Clark in the Freestyle event. These races took Castle Manor pupil Elizabeth Wright's medal tally to five, with individual bronzes in the 100m and 50m Breaststroke events and silver in the 200m Breaststroke event.





The 14/15 years foursome of Thomas Williams, Samuel Chamberlain, George Everett and Edison Lorejo (pictured above) took bronze in their Freestyle and Medley relay events and the girls' 12/13 years age group ensemble of Poppy Moore, Emily Sinclair, Freya Reed and India Clement (who swam in both the 10/11 and 12/13 age group teams) repeated this feat, taking bronze in their Freestyle and Medley relay events. Capping off the medals for West Suffolk's relay teams were Matthew Blackwell, Harry Wagstaff, Albie Widdicks and Jack Bandy (below) who took third place in boys' 10/11 years freestyle relay.



Head coach Dan Pilbrow was delighted and encouraged with the performance of the squad over the course of the Championships, commenting that the new talent emerging with the younger swimmers from the Club boded very well for future competitions.

West Suffolk Swimming Club is holding trials for aspiring young swimmers over the coming months. If you are interested in registering or would like to learn more, please email squad coach Dawn Jason on dawn.jason@westsuffolkswimming.co.uk.