



20 June 2025



RTW monsoon NEWSLETTER

Please do take the time to read the whole newsletter so that you don't miss any important notices relevant to your swimmer - especially training time changes highlighted in **RED**

PARKING AT KENT COLLEGE

It has been brought to our attention that parents are still not adhering to the parking rules at Kent College. Please see a reminder of those rules at the end of this Newsletter



SUMMER BREAK

Every year we take a summer break. Our last session will be on Sunday 27th July and will return to swimming on Monday 18th August.

We return to a reduced training programme for the first week and back to full programme on 01st September



Callie Ann's 50m Pool for Kent Campaign - IMPORTANT

Callie-Ann Warrington from our Performance Squad, who as many of you will know is a Paralympic Silver Medallist, has a current campaign running for a 50m Pool facility in Kent the provision of which will be of enormous benefit to our swimmers. This campaign has now sparked the interest of the BBC and Callie-Ann is also due to meet with Sports England to state her case. There will be an official launch on 05th September and survey responses will form an integral part of this campaign and its success

As a club, we need to help to support the case and we are asking **every member** to complete the following survey as soon as possible

50m Pool Survey

For Swim School Members, please complete the following survey

50m Pool Swim School

Please also consider signing Callie-Ann's petition to support this vital resource for our swimmers

50m Pool Petition

Thank you for your co-operation



South-East Regional Open Water Camp



On Sunday, 15th June, Jasper Yau (Age Group 2) attended the South-East Regional Open Water Camp. During his time there, he learnt some skills such as sighting and corkscrew turn that made his open water swim faster.

Jasper said "I was fortunate enough to be able to participate in this event. It was a great experience and I hope I will be able to come back next year."

Well done Jasper!



Swim England National Awards 2025

Nominations for the Swim England Awards 2025 are now open to the public with a closing date of Sunday 06 July 2025

With many different categories available, you can nominate Coaches, Volunteers & Officials as well as your club for recognition

If you would like to vote please use the [Nomination Form](#)

For a list of the full criteria, please follow this link: [National Awards](#)

The information page is available on the Swim England website: [Website](#)

The Swim England Awards Ceremony will take place on Saturday 29 November 2025 in Birmingham



Aquatic Diploma in Sporting Excellence (DiSE)

Applications for the DiSE 2025-2027 programme are now open to candidates that fulfil the eligibility and performance criteria and will be going into school year 12 in September

For more information details of the programme can be found here: [DiSE Swimming](#)

Applications can be made here: [DiSE Applications](#)

The closing date for applications is Thursday 10 July

If anyone wants to talk to swimmers on the programme, please do speak with Hayden, Hannah and Tom in Performance, who have just competed the Diploma, or Lilia, Jess and Aubry also in Performance who started the programme in Autumn 2024



South East Regional Open Water Championships

Congratulations to the following swimmers who have qualified to compete at the South East Regional Open Water Championship 2025 taking place at Mercers Lake on 29 June:

Stan Sleightholme	1KM
Rose Irwin	1KM
Grace Holmes	2KM
Reese Huckle	3KM
Lilia Fornasier	5KM

Wishing you all the very best of luck!

Merchandise for the South East Regional Open Water Championships is now available to purchase with a current ORDER WINDOW 1 (13th May - 22nd June) - Items will be sent to your home address in time for events on the 29th June 2025. Please use the following link: [SwimPath](#)



Monson Club Kit

There have been lots of questions about kit of late especially since we have not been ordering from our core supplier for a while for numerous reasons.

We are currently in the process of doing a full kit review and looking to change supplier, so please bear with us. Our plan is to have new kit available to order from September for the new season.

We will not be changing massively. Instead it will be an evolution of where we are today. We are looking to streamline the design so we get maximum flexibility across core and competition kit, to reduce lead times and most importantly to ensure all kit is performance lead in fabric and style.

Thank you and thank you for your patience while we evolve.



Race to Recycle Programme

Aquatics GB have launched an initiative to recycle racing suits to support athletes and reinforce their commitment to sustainability.

Athletes can donate pre-loved racing suits at selected Aquatics GB events which are then recycled and redistributed to athletes who may otherwise struggle to afford them

For more information please use the following link: [Race to Recycle](#)

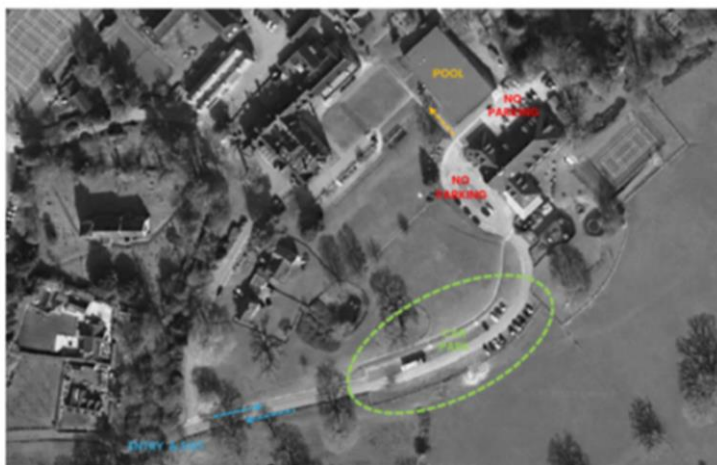
The eligibility criteria for applying for a pre loved race suit is here: [Eligibility](#)

PARKING AND RULES AT KENT COLLEGE

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FOR SWIM SCHOOL LESSONS
AND SQUAD SESSIONS THAT
TAKE PLACE MONDAY TO
FRIDAY

- Please park in the main car park as you enter the school grounds near the field.
- As indicated, swim school, squad members, coaching and teaching staff are NOT allowed to park around the school roundabout or in the gravel car park to the rear of the school building closest to the pool whilst their lessons or squad sessions take place.
- Swimmers should walk up the short slope from the car park to the pool building.

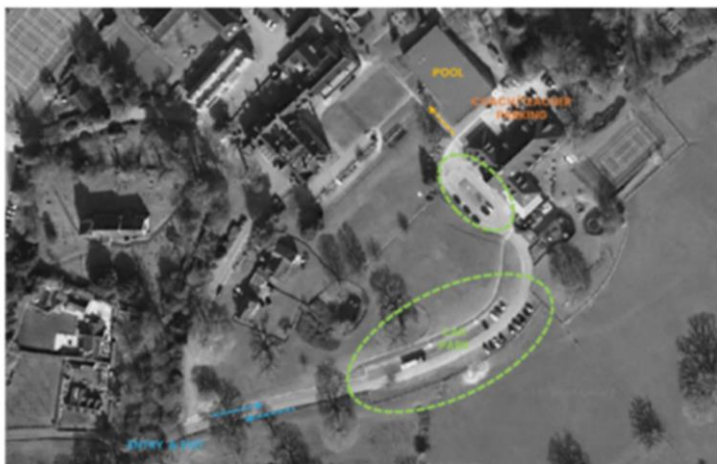


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KENT COLLEGE

FOR SWIM SCHOOL LESSONS
AND SQUAD SESSIONS THAT
TAKE PLACE AT THE
WEEKENDS

- Please park in the main car park as you enter the school grounds near the field.
- The school roundabout may also be used for parking.
- Swim school and squad members are NOT allowed to park in the gravel car park to the rear of the school building closest to the pool whilst their lessons or squad sessions take place.
- Coaching and teaching staff are allowed to park in the gravel car park to the rear of the school building closest to the pool.
- If parking in the main car park, swimmers should walk up the short slope from this to the pool building.



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GENERAL : KENT COLLEGE SITE - As Kent College is a boarding school all our swim school and squad members should also comply with the following rules whilst on-site.

Please do not use any of the facilities, including the swings outside the pool.

Please do not walk around the school site unless sticking to the public footpaths.

DOGS : KENT COLLEGE SITE - Whilst dogs are permitted on the school site, this should only be if you need to take them somewhere whilst waiting for a squad session or swimming lesson to conclude. Please do not use the school site as a parking area before heading off on a long walk with them.

Please also note the following :

Dogs are not allowed in any pool building.

They should be kept on a lead at all times.

Please always clean up after your dog.

Please only walk on public footpaths and not around the school site with them. The closest footpath is in the bottom field next to the main car parking area. Thank you for your co-operation



IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE: PERSONAL PROPERTY

Regrettably we have had an incident where a swimmer has had some of their belongings taken from a changing room, so please do remind your swimmers to look after their belongings

This is a reminder to all our members, to please leave valuables at home or leave with parents when in the pool.

When swimming at our pools and especially the public pools, please use lockers available and secure the lockers as, unfortunately, neither the pools nor the club cannot be responsible for any losses or damage to personal belongings.



Monson OneTeam Hours

A gentle reminder that our OneTeam policy asks all families with a swimmer in a competitive squad to complete 6 hrs of volunteer time in a calendar year to avoid incurring the charge set out in the OneTeam Initiative.

Please don't forget to log your volunteering hours using the following link: [OneTeam](#)

If anyone is unsure how this scheme works please do get in touch with our [membership secretary](#)

Upcoming Timetable Changes

No changes this week

Easy Fundraising – www.easyfundraising.co.uk

We are always looking for ways to raise money for our club and this way is simple. Please follow the link below to register, every time you shop online/via the easy fundraising app a donation is made to Monson, whether it's a £5 purchase and we get 1p, or if you buy car insurance through compare the market and we get a £12.30 donation.

It doesn't cost you anymore than your purchase and the retailers, who range from Amazon, Ebay, Halfords, M & S and 100's more provide the donation.

Easy Fundraising

Every person that registers via this link, Monson get a £5 so please share it around to aunts and uncles, grandparents etc it really does all make a huge difference to our club.

CLUB CONTACTS

In order to streamline communication, please use the following email addresses.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

If you would like to add anything to the newsletter, please email monsonnewsletter@gmail.com. Please ensure that any content is received by midday Thursday for inclusion in that week's newsletter

For any coaching related queries:

Performance & Junior Performance -
[Karen Bradbury](#)

Age Group 1 – [Richard Smith](#)

Age Group 2 - [Katie Bowman](#)

Age Group 3 - [Alex Counsell](#)

Development - [Della Clout](#)

Academy 1 & 2 - [Sarah Williams](#)

Youth Squad 1 - [Richard Smith](#)

Youth Squad 2 - [Vicky Turton](#)

Junior Squad - [Jan Annan](#)

Water Polo - [Tim Price](#)

For any other queries

General Club enquiries - [Sueli Armada Bennett](#)

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