

## On Behalf of the Chase Swimming Club Committee

Head Coach Paul Grainger

Welcomes

Darren Barber as our new Head Junior Coach

Darren will take over from the excellent work that Kate Mullinder has done with our Juniors over the last 2 years.

From 1<sup>st</sup> September, Darren will take full control of our Junior Development, Junior Competitive and Intermediate squads, under the Chase Coaching scheme headed by myself.

Darren's Background is an ideal fit for the progression of our young swimmers to reach their potential to National level and beyond.

A swimmers himself, and breaking many regional records, Darren gained selection to the British International Team with his performance at the National Championships where he won Gold in the breaststroke event. Darren continued his swimming career at University and made finals at the BUCA Championships.

Now a teacher at a local primary school, Darren has gained valuable coaching experience over the last 3 years taking his Junior League teams up from division 2 to the higher regions of the premier division.

Adding to that, his work with the Birmingham University Coaching team has added to his experience and earned him a coaching role on the 2016/17 West Midlands Talent Programme.

We eagerly look forward to welcoming Darren to our club and the Chase Coaching Team on September 1<sup>st</sup>,

This starts a new era for our club and our junior swimmers and we kick off with one of Darrens coaching philosophies-**DREAM BIG WORK HARD**

**Paul**