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Newsletter

Chase Swimming Club



Welcome to our second Chase Swimming Club newsletter of 2023. Though the production of this newsletter, we hope to provide parents, swimmers and volunteers with relevant and topical information on a more regular basis.

A good club is one where there is a team effort from parents, club supporters, teachers and coaches. We are looking forward to working with you this season to make Chase Swimming Club a success for everyone involved.

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Message from the Chair



Dear Members,

The 2022/23 competitive season ended on a high with the great results we saw for our senior qualifiers at British & English Nationals and I now hope you have all enjoyed a well-deserved summer break.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our swimmers & parents for their patience during the period of unease whilst the committee worked really hard in finding a new Head Coach.

I would also like to thank the teachers & coaches in our club who have worked so hard this year to develop the swimmer's potential. All the fantastic results we achieved last season would not have been possible without the army of dedicated volunteers who have worked behind the scenes to make all this happen. You are all hugely appreciated.

We have seen a number of seniors leave the club for university or successful at joining a squad club. These are some great achievements.

This means we do have some spaces in the squads so please spread the word or share any posts you see on social media. Lets provide other swimmers the benefits & enjoyment of the sport & club that you have with us.

The 2023/24 season is now upon us with a new Head Coach in place, we have lots of leagues to look forward to, Club Champs, Roebuck Autumn meet and Roebuck Distance meet. Lets start the season smashing PBs and qualifying for counties and regionals.

A plea of assistance from me to you as parents. The club's future is in your hands. A lot of the operating of the club is done by volunteers supporting the running of day to day things as well as competitions. There are spaces on the committee and we also need Team Managers, Timekeepers and Officials.

If you can offer any time or support with any of the above please do get in touch with any member of the committee.

Looking forward to another great season on poolside with you!!

Charlotte Killeen

Welcome Marc – New Head Coach



Chase Swimming Club starts the new Season with a new Head Coach Marc Soulsby. Marc comes with years of experience in coaching and swimming at all levels from teaching young children learning to swim to coaching older swimmers being coached for national qualification.

‘Hi all, it’s a great honour to be the new Head Coach of Chase Swimming Club, it’s a club I have admired from a distance for a number of years.

I very much look forward to working with swimmers, parents and the committee to continue the work already done and to continue the success of Chase.

The success of the club is a partnership between the above mentioned, coaches, swimmers, parents and committee. Communication and being open and honest is the key to success, I’m always available to chat as and when needed.’

Marc Soulsby

National Championships 2023



I would like to congratulate all of our swimmers who competed at both the British Summer and English Summer Champs! A total of 8 swimmers represented Chase across the two championships: Bethan Cooke, Charlotte Surrell, Caden Sutton, William Taylor, Esme Sledge, Eve Killeen and Isabel Owen. Before the Championships we spoke of the importance of not being satisfied with qualifying alone, but wanting to produce personal best performances which put swimmers into finals and fighting for medals. The swimmers performed magnificently. At British Nationals we achieved 1 x British Bronze Medal (Bethan Cooke 50 F/c), 3 x Finals & 5 x Top 10 Finishes! At English Nationals we achieved 2 x English Silver Medals (Isabel Owen 100m Br/st & Bethan Cooke 200m Bk), 1 x English Bronze Medal (Isabel Owen 200m Br/st), 9 x Top 10 Finishes and 9 x Finals. After a long two weeks, the swimmers should be incredibly proud of their achievements, with one of the most successful years in Chase's history across all measures'

Ross Hill



Fundraising



You may or may not be aware that Chase are looking to do considerable fundraising this year. As a club, we have decided on updating the club kit for swimmers, coaches/staff and officials and we have got lots of new parents wanting to embark on training programmes to support the club by having more qualified coaches, team managers and officials for events. All of these will incur costs, and they all require safeguarding training, which means costs start to mount up. We are looking for sponsors for our new club kit – please ask me for a sponsor pack if you know any company that might be interested.

The club is lacking in swimming equipment so we would like to support the purchase of new kit and equipment like backstroke ledges to use in training to support competition preparations. The coaching team have requested that swimmers complete some long course training at the new Sandwell Aquatics Centre or other 50m pools in the run up to Counties and Regionals. All of this adds up and we want to be able to pay for as much of it through sponsorship and generated funds.

I recognise as a parent myself that the costs for training and attending open meets add up and we want to subsidise these other costs as much as we can. If we can generate a surplus, then this can also fund days out and social events for the children, which we'd love to have more of. (please complete the social activity survey)

So far, we have established a small Fundraising group that have already met once and regularly chat over WhatsApp and have managed to secure some great raffle prizes for our Club Championships so far! We are always looking for new people that might be able to offer their time or support in some way so please reach out if you can offer anything.

Please support us in asking friends and family to complete raffle books, you will be provided a number of these with a covering letter and instructions so we hope you win one of the many great prizes! the more you sell the better chance you get at winning a prize. We are also looking for prizes for both upcoming Roebucks as well as our Presentation evening (date TBC).

You may have seen that we are now an official cause on South Staffs Lottery. It costs only a £1 week to have a go and 50p of every pound goes to the club. Please encourage friends and family to play. We are looking to raise £1300 via this method and it only needs 44 more people to buy a ticket – or less if you fancy a couple of goes per week. There are always good prizes on offer and has better chances than the National Lottery – plus it supports local good causes (including us!)

The club are also active on easyfundraising. This is a website that gives the club money at no cost to you. It's also an app you can download and it's really simple to do. Just click on the app or the website (once you've created an account and nominated Chase as your cause) and click through to the website you were going to use anyway. It automatically sends a donation to the club.

So all your Amazon or Tesco shopping can really add up for the club. There are numerous retailers signed up so have a quick glance to see if your regulars are on there. Purchasing car insurance or holidays can generate some of the largest donations but every penny counts.

If you can offer any support in the way of fundraising, please drop me a message.

Thank you

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New Club Kit



Club kit – Poolside t-shirt

Poolside t-shirt for swimmers



Poolside t-shirt for coaches
and team managers



The club is pleased to announce new club kit has been selected. We have updated the t-shirt design that swimmers will wear on poolside and the coaches and team managers. A new t-shirt will be made available to all swimmers in Academy, Junior Development, Juniors, Performance Development & Seniors.

We have also been able to produce an external club kit which will be made available on the club shop within Swim Manager for parents to purchase as soon as its available. This will also be available for parents to purchase if you want to support the club and wear the colours!

Further details will soon be released with how to purchase the external club kit.

Learn To Swim



It has been lovely to see lots of new faces coming through the door over the last few months.

A huge thank you to Paul Grainger who has been kept busy contacting our new swimmers and arranging trials, and a big well done to our Learn to Swim team who have worked hard settling our new swimmers into their groups.

Despite having many new swimmers join, we still have vacancies. Therefore, if you would like to help grow our Learn to Swim, please ask others to email us at learntoswim.chasesc@gmail.com to arrange a trial.

We have recently held two sessions where children have been able to achieve badges and it has been great to see so many children progressing. Well done everyone!

Unfortunately, Annabelle Ebanks will be leaving us in September to continue her studies at a University in London. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Annabelle for all her support and wish her the very best of luck.

If you, or anyone you know have their Level 1, or Level 2 in teaching swimming and would be interested in joining our Learn to Swim Team, please contact Paul Grainger by emailing paul.grainger5@btinternet.com

A reminder that there will be no lessons on Sunday 17th September due to Chase Club Championships taking place.

Fun at Cliff Lakes



On Saturday 2nd September saw end of the season fun for all swimmers who took part in the Cliff Lakes visit in Tamworth.

40 swimmers met up to slip, slide and bounce their way around the five parks and took on the challenge over 80 minutes. Callum Yates our new Junior Coach even took on the challenge of being frog marched around the course by swimmers. He was joined with a handful of parents that loved being big kids themselves.

There was lots of fun, laughter and most importantly team building outside of swimming and training.

Thank you so much to Adrian Street for organising the visit, on behalf of the swimmers and parents.

Social Survey

We would love to hear your thoughts and feedback on the types of social activity you would like the club to organise. Please take a few minutes to answer the short questionnaire by clicking on the link in the whats app group.

Calling Masters Swimmers



MASTERS SESSIONS

Enquire within:

INFORMATION.CHASESC@GMAIL.COM

For those who simply want to keep fit, or who are slightly more serious about their swimming and wish to compete in Masters Competitions.



If you havent already emailed your details and you want to take part in Masters, then please do so – We cannot book or allocate pooltime to Masters sessions unless we have the right numbers.

Goodbye from Ross...

Goodbye!

In my final edition of the coaches' report within this newsletter, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Chase swimmers and parents the very best for the future both inside and outside of the sport. I look forward to watching how swimmers progress from a far and will always be wishing every success for the club.

It is with a heavy heart that I am leaving a club which I have been a part of since the age of 12. However, for a variety of reasons I believe that this is the right moment for me to step away and continue my journey elsewhere. Over this time, I have been involved in the club in multiple capacities as a swimmer, swim teacher, assistant head coach and finally as head coach. Over this time, I would like to thank many members of the club. The number of people I wish to thank is extensive and as a result I cannot name everyone, however these include Callum Yates, Kane Murcott, Tatiana Allmark, Kate Caddick, Andy Cooke, Stuart Taylor, Helen Causer, Hannah Buick and Caitlin Cooke. Most importantly however, I would like to thank Paul Grainger. As my coach, colleague and later mentor, Paul has shaped my own journey in the pool and on poolside as a coach. I am forever indebted to him, and I am glad to call him a friend first and foremost. I would like to finish by saying, I wish Chase all the best for the future and hope to witness the successes of its swimmers in the future at open meets and gala's!

Thanks
Ross Hill



THE BEST WAY TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AND YOUR CLUB



Chase Swimming Club is a successful club run by a team of supporters who all give their free time for the benefit of the swimmers.

As a club, we rely on the commitment of parents and volunteers who help the club, whether this be daily, or on an occasional basis.

There are many different ways in which you can help support the club and in doing this you will get to understand the sport in more depth, and as a result learn the best way to support your child.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Charlotte Killeen by email at ckchair.chasesc@gmail.com, or please feel free to speak with John Dyer or Jodie Bottomer.

Please contact Sally Dyer if you would like to explore becoming an official, or Time Keeper. Sally can be contacted on official.chasesc@gmail.com or 07921525214.

Thank you for your support!

How you can get involved?

- Team managers
- Tickets and raffles teams
- Fundraising
- Officials
- Medal organisers
- Social committee members
- Club committee members
- and many others