

Round 2 of the Secondary Schools Gala



The next section of the schools gala meant that it was now the intermediate girls turn to swim. Tessa Dunford, Charlotte Hyde, Abi Cox and Ione Walker travelled to Gillingham to give their contribution for the school.

The day started well with the relay events first, giving the team chance to shine. First up was the freestyle relay where the team easily qualified for the final with times of Tessa 30.39, Charlotte 31.93, Abi 32.00 and Ione 30.09. The team gave it 100% in the final pushing the other schools all the way to just be touched into third place.

Next was the medley relay with Abi on the backstroke, Charlotte on the breaststroke, Tessa on the butterfly and Ione on the freestyle. Abi gave the team a great lead which was extended by Charlotte. The team qualified in first place for the final. In the final, they improved their overall time by two seconds and went on to win the final, strokes ahead of the other teams.

The evening session meant that it was now chance for the girls to swim individually. First up was Ione in the 100m freestyle. Having not been in competitive training, Ione produced a great performance to swim close to her PB to finish in a time of 1.05.24.

This was to be followed by Charlotte in the 100m breaststroke. Charlotte swam a solid performance to finish in a time of 1.23.20. The final competitor was Tessa who was swimming in the 200m individual medley. She fought hard to finish in a time of 2.37.00.

All three girls qualified for the finals, Ione finishing 6th and Tessa 4th. Charlotte was narrowly pushed into third place and goes onto swim for Kent against Surrey.

Well done to all those who took part and thanks to Martin Dunford for being on poolside and to Ms. Guy for coming to support the team.