

**PRESS RELEASE**

**RUGBY ARTISTIC SWIMMING CLUB**



# **MEDAL SUCCESS FOR RUGBY'S ARTISTIC SWIMMERS AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Swim England National Championships is the highest-level competition for artistic swimmers, with this year's event being held at the Harvey Hadden Sports Village in Nottingham.

For Rugby, 18 swimmers from the club had qualified to represent their club in a total of six events, competing against the best Junior and Senior Swimmers in England.

Day 1 started early with the Technical Solo event and Rugby's Eve Young produced an outstanding performance to 'Queen, Love of My Life' to secure silver in both Junior and Senior Age groups.

In the Technical Duet, Imogen Ravenhall and Matilda John swam a base mark free routine to place 5<sup>th</sup> in the Junior Category. Young also swam in this event, with her GB partner Robyn Swatman from Walsall to take the Gold in the Senior category.

Next up, the Acro Routine event and Rugby's Rebecca Harper, Natalia Rodrigues, Emilia Owen, Amy Buckley, Alexa Holland, Beatrice Banks, Saranne Black, Poppy Williams, Chloe Barrett-Leafe performed their Chicago routine in a really close category and improved from their regional competition to place 7<sup>th</sup>.

The final event of the day was the Free Team, where the squad of Tyra Watson, Eve Nelson, Olivia Barry, Olivia Eaves, Chloe Bartholomew, Williams, Owen, Buckley, Ravenhall and John, swam their Pink Ladies themed routine securing Silver in this highly competitive category. A fantastic achievement for them.

Day 2 saw Rugby's Young swim again with her partner in the Free Duet event which they will be competing internationally with over the coming months, claiming gold in the Senior Category.

The final event of the weekend was the Technical Team event, with Barry, Eaves, Nelson, Ravenhall, Bartholomew, Young, Watson and Molly Doolin swimming their high-energy routine set to the dance anthem 'Everybody Dance Now' in a hugely competitive and highly talented field, just missing out on a medal by 2 points, to take 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Head coach Hannah Secher commented "I'm so proud of the swimmers and their performance. I think it's important to share that this competition is the highest level our young swimmers can compete at. National Championships is a prestigious event and to qualify is an achievement in itself. With our young swimmers studying for both GCSE's and A Levels, battling injuries and increased training - to place second in the Free team event, 4<sup>th</sup> in Tech team and with significant improvements and achievements in solo, duet and acro events, is a testament to everyone's hard work and determination."

If anyone is interested in trying artistic swimming, contact head coach Hanner Secher at: [rugbysynchro.headcoach@gmail.com](mailto:rugbysynchro.headcoach@gmail.com)