

AGM 2022 - LTS & Academy Report

2021 started off as 2020 ended with a lockdown meaning swimmers were out of the water for 4 months. Fortunately, since April we have been back in the water and have remained in it. In the summer of 2021, the club worked with local primary schools for year 6 students and provided school swimming lessons for all those who were not having lessons at that time. This was an incentive due to DCC not resuming swimming until September. This was a great success and a massive thanks to all the teachers and volunteers involved.

LTS

- We have now resumed our normal group sizes of 8 after various restrictions have now been lifted.
- Currently only 10 spaces left to be filled within the learn to swim programme (5 Tuesday and 5 Sunday). We are hoping to have some of these filled in the coming weeks thanks to Helen liaising with potential new starters.
- We have recently set up a young volunteers scheme in which we are getting swimmers to engage in teaching prior to their 16th birthday in hope they will go on to gain their level 1 teaching. This also means we are able to provide children who need the extra attention the support they may need.

ACADEMY

- Rising Stars in 2021 proved to be yet again a massive success and we saw great potential coming from swimmers in all Academy groups.
- Since returning from COVID, we have found the extended sessions for Academy 2 and 3 have been a massive help to swimmers with some progressing through Academy groups in just as little as 4 months.
- Most recent change is to Academy 1 in which they are now swimming twice a week. This will hopefully build their stamina and improve the quality of technique by Academy 2. We also hope this will get swimmers into the habit of 2 weekly sessions earlier.
- Currently have 2 available spaces in the Academy. This will be 1 space at the beginning of March.
- Competition plans for Academy have been sent out to all swimmers with Rising Stars dates. Hopefully dates for the Sputniks Novice competition will come through soon. Behind the scenes we are hopeful of a junior league to be set up between other local clubs to help build the development of swimmers.