



Dear swimmer, parent and member,

I hope you enjoyed the Easter break and thought it was an appropriate time, nearly 3 months since the AGM, that I sent a communication on some of the key areas at the moment and issues that came out of the recent squad forums;

1. School relationship – A recent meeting was held with the School where they expressed their satisfaction with the progress of BSC and I am very pleased to be able to confirm the following;
  - The extension of the hire agreement until December 2013, with the opportunity to negotiate the 2014 hire in the Autumn.
  - Agreement to extend the hours on Monday and Friday to 9.30pm commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> April. I attach the updated timetable which will be posted on our website. It has enabled us to move the Masters sessions to take out current overlapping and provide an additional half an hour for Academy on Monday. This is in addition to the recently agreed earlier starting times on Monday and Thursday.
  - Use of the Dojo on Sundays for land training which we intend to commence from 28<sup>th</sup> April.
2. Pool space – The pool hire agreement includes for a 2 week period close down in August. The committee have been informed there will be a pool closure at the school over the summer starting from at the beginning of July and are awaiting final confirmation of details. We are currently in discussion with other pools to explore possibilities of additional pool time and again we will let you know when there are any confirmed details. We will be reintroducing the Tuesday morning session from 6-7.30am. This session will be open to all swimmers from regional, county and CDT.
3. Head of Swimming – We have started interviews following our recent advert. These are continuing and we will keep you informed of developments. As you will appreciate this is a key appointment which we will not rush into until we have the person that best suits our club and can work with us to develop our potential.
4. Coaches – Amanda Edwards is settling in well as CDT coach as well as covering other squads. We are still looking for a lead Academy coach. In the interim Romilly Hunt (Bute House coach) will be joining the coaching team to cover some sessions. Roxanna Roman has agreed to continue coaching some of the Regional sessions.
5. Swim 21 – We have met with the ASA and produced a schedule of items to be completed prior to attaining accreditation. We are working through these items and will meet again with the ASA in May to review progress. The School are also aware of this position and pleased that we are progressing towards accreditation.
6. Club Kit – The School appreciates the cost of kit and has agreed to allow SPBSC marked items to be used but new kit will have no reference to either St Pauls or SP. We are currently looking at rebranding the logo and discussing with suppliers on producing kit with the rebranding. We will be issuing the shortlisted 2 logos to the club for feedback shortly.
7. 100 day plan – This has been issued showing the progress made to date and future areas to complete. We are now working on the Annual plan.

8. Squad movements – There are criteria set for each squad and there will be reviews carried out at the same time as club trials. In addition, coaches will be monitoring swimmers for potential interim moves. If you have any queries please speak to coaches.
9. Fees – Robin Wiseman has completed the review of the current position following the £25,000 increase in pool hire costs when the partnership with the School ended last year. He will be advising of the new fee structure shortly. Inevitably there needs to be an increase to cover the additional costs but we have looked to relate this to the squad pool time as much as possible. All amendments to standing orders should be in place for 1<sup>st</sup> May.

I would like to thank the coaches and committee members for their hard work and support during the last 3 months and look forward to building on the progress made to date.

Enjoy your swimming and regards

David Brandon

Chairman