

Dear Swimmers and Parents,

Website

We have a new website! Gabriella Miko has kindly been working away and has constructed a fantastic new website whilst we decide on our future more permanent solution with or without Team Unify. We are still constructing some of the pages, but the site will go live on Tuesday. The link is www.barnessc.org We will post the new address on the old site.

Welfare Officers

We now have a full complement of Welfare Officers. Vernon de Silva will be joining Ellie as her male counterpart. Vernon comes from a Management Consulting background where it is important to be able to listen, communicate and facilitate constructive actions that bring people together. His son, Kiran, swims in the Academy Squad. As soon as the DBS checks have been finalized they will be taking up their roles with help from their mentor. They will be liaising with the ASA to ensure that we follow all the guidelines with regards to our children's safety and wellbeing and will also be in charge of future DBS checks for club volunteers.

This is excellent news for the club and we welcome Vernon to his new role.

New Swimmers and Squad Movements

After the recent trials, a number of new swimmers will be joining the club across most squads. Their joining date is March 1st. Please welcome them all and help them to settle in. In addition, the coaches have highlighted a number of swimmers who they feel should be moved up a squad, so we will be notifying those swimmers next week. This squad change will also be from March 1st.

Head of Swimming

Next week an advert will be going out on the ASA website for a Head of Swimming for BSC. We are looking for a candidate who will help take the club forward, be able to communicate effectively with the entire membership, work well with our other coaches and work effectively with the committee and the requirements on committee governance. Most importantly it is also about working with us all in order to put in place the best structure to enable the club to remain swimming at St Paul's well into the future.

March 7th Training Cancellation

Due to an interschool gala, there will be **no training** on March 7th. Good luck to any of our club members swimming in this gala. Go get some school records!

Lost Property

We have a huge amount of lost property, there are shoes (well one - look out for the hopping boy), watches, drink bottles, t-shirts, sweat shirts, goggles, swimming costumes, towels, trunks, books and training shoes. We can attribute quite a few of these items to the SPS boys, but I don't think any of them wear pink, so check your wardrobes!

There is a small pink zipped hoodie, a pink speedo swimming costume, a black and patterned costume (rather nice), an spbsc towel, about 5 spbsc t-shirts, 25 drinks bottles, a spbsc hoodie, 3 towels, a pair of trainers, lots of black boys trunks and loads of goggles and watches. Please can swimmers or their parents check the basket or ask one of the committee members as we put some of the Barnes specific items in the cupboard. If not collected the school plans to throw it all out at the end of next week.

Yours Kate Cheeseman

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