

Dover Lifeguard's Swimmers in Action at Kent Secondary Schools Gala.

Dover Lifeguard club was well represented at the first weekend of Kent Secondary schools swimming gala with swimmers from a number of schools across the area.

In the junior 100m butterfly Megan Curtis of Dover Girls Grammar (DGGS) produced a determined swim to win her heat in a time of 1.20.83. Ebony Wright (St Edmonds) produced a 2 sec personal best of 1.29.94 and Alice Latham (Sir Roger Manwoods) recorded 1.39.15.

The junior girls 200 IM had Katie Latham storm to the final in 2.41.80 and she then pushed her time back to finish 2nd overall in a time of 2.40.31. Milly Furneaux (DGGS) continued her recent good form to record a personal best time of 1.23.82 in the junior girls 100 breast. Grace Beer (Sandwich tech) was also in good form to touch in 1.37.51. The junior girls 100 freestyle produced a solid performance from Gemma Lawson (DGGS) and she finish just outside her best in 1.10.22, a good performance as she was swimming out ahead of the rest of the field in her heat. Megan Basford (DGGS) showed her credentials of being one of the best backstrokers in the county with a fine swim in the heats to continue to the final and she was just touched into 2nd place , she will now go on to represent Kent against Surrey in the inter county competition.



Dover Girls Grammar were also in the relay events in the evening session and the team were really firing on all cylinders as they stormed to the final in both the medley and freestyle events.

In the freestyle final the team swam well but were just edged into 4th place. In the medley final the girls had qualified just 0.01 sec ahead of the rest of the field and it looked like it would be a close event. Megan Basford grabbed the lead with a strong first leg on the backstroke in 33.89 and team mate Milly Furneaux held this lead with a 39.48 on the breaststroke leg. Megan Curtis took on the butterfly leg and she was in blistering form with a time of 35.05 to leave Gemma Lawson to hold on for victory with the team in the lead going into the freestyle leg . Gemma is recognised as one of the lifeguard's best anchor legs on relays and she showed the same determination as she led the DGGS team home with a 30.79 leg on the freestyle for the team to finish 2 seconds ahead of their heat time with clear water between them and the rest of the field.