

South East School Swimming

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Dear Head of Sport / Head of PE,

With all things being back to normal in September, our intention is to host the ESSA Relay qualification event for Oxfordshire schools.

I trust this finds you well & apologies for the late communication. Our previous Head of Swimming left abruptly at the end of the summer term and we are endeavouring to find our feet; however I am pleased to announce that entries are now being accepted for the **10th Oxfordshire Secondary School's Relay** competition that acts as entry into the **63rd ESSA Secondary Schools Relay competition**. This year the National finals will again be held at The London Aquatic Centre on a date to be confirmed.

This is a competition for three age groups, Junior (Yrs 7 and 8), Intermediate (Yrs 9 and 10) and Senior (Yrs.11, 12 and 13).

I would like to offer your school the opportunity to compete in this years' competition. All events are 4 x 50m Freestyle and Medley Relays for both boys and girls, and the competition regulations can be found on the ESSA website via the following link: (<http://essa-schoolswimming.com/index.php/events/secondary-team-championships>)

The County round is taking place on Thursday 23rd September 2021 at Abingdon School, with a 2.00pm warm up and 2.30pm start. Depending on the number of entries, to reduce the number of people on poolside the male and female events may be split with the female events first, followed by the male events. This will be confirmed in later correspondence.

The event is effectively a time trial, with all the results being forwarded to the national organiser and the top 20 schools in the country being invited to swim in the national finals.

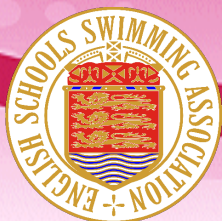
If you wish to enter your school into this competition please fill out and return the entry form by email (pete.bignell@abingdon.org.uk), whilst also sending a hard copy and entry cheque to the address on the entry form. **Entries will close on Friday 10th September at 5.00pm.** All schools will be emailed final details at the start of the following week. **Like previous years I am afraid that we will only be accepting 'A team' entries.**

In addition to this letter, please also find attached an entry form. There is a £5 Divisional entry fee per race (eg Junior Boys = £10.00 for both relays) (Payable to ESSA South East Division), which covers the teams affiliation (inc. insurance) and administrative costs for the event. Final details for the divisional round will be sent to you by email a minimum of 3 days before the event. All correspondence once entries are complete will be by email.

Further details can be found on the ESSA Website: <http://www.essa-schoolswimming.com/>

Finally thank you for your support over the past four years, and we look forward to welcoming you to Abingdon School again for the 2021 event.

Yours sincerely
Dan Mason



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63rd ESSA SECONDARY SCHOOLS' RELAYS 2021-2022

SCHOOL:	
SCHOOL ADDRESS:	Teacher in charge on poolside:
	School telephone number:
POST CODE:	Teacher's email address:

The above school wishes to compete in the Divisional Round of the National Swimming Championships for SECONDARY SCHOOLS' and agrees to abide by the regulations controlling this event.

NAME OF HELPER IF REQUIRED:	DO YOU HAVE AN ASA QUALIFIED OFFICIAL WILLING TO OFFICIATE AT THIS EVENT? YES/NO			
	IF YES: Referee/Judge/Timekeeper			
	NAME	TEL NO.		
EVENTS ENTERED (Please tick relevant box)	GIRLS FREESTYLE	GIRLS MEDLEY	BOYS FREESTYLE	BOYS MEDLEY
JUNIOR: (b. 01/09/2008 - 31/08/2010) Years 7/8 Only				
INTERMEDIATE: (b. 01/09/2006 - 31/08/2008) Years 9/10 Only				
SENIOR: (b. 01/09/2003 - 31/08/2006) Years 11/12/13 Only.				

*AGES ARE EVALUATED AS AT MIDNIGHT ON 31st August/1st September at the start of the academic year of the competition

AFFILIATION FEE & ENTRY FEE: £5 per boys/girls age group/event <i>Please send your cheque payable to: ESSA South East Division with this form to the address below. (Cheques can be brought to Abingdon on the day)</i>	
Headteacher or Deputy Head are aware of school entry YES / NO *Please delete as appropriate	RETURN THIS FORM BY email daniel.mason@abingdon.org.uk and post (with entry fee) to: Daniel Mason Abingdon School Park Road Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 1DE
Date of Divisional Round Thursday 23 September 2021 Abingdon School 1.00 pm warm up	