

Ballymoney Swimmers make a splash in National Swimming Championships

Ballymoney ASC swimmers Liam Webb, Eoin Mullan and Téa McWilliam, put their club well and truly on the map at the end of July, when they competed at the 2018 Irish National Division One Championships in Dublin.

16 year old Liam, and 15 year old Eoin each taking part in their third Division 1 Nationals, and 12 year old Téa, taking part in her first Division 1 National finals, excelled in the Championships which drew some of the best swimmers not only in Ireland, but from as far away as the US, Canada, the Middle East and even Hong Kong to name but a few.

Over the 5 day event, Liam was delighted to obtain a PB in his 50M Freestyle, Eoin 4 PBs in the 100M and a huge one in 200M Free, before adding another in the 200IM event and another big PB in the 200 Fly, before Téa managed to obtain massive PBs in all 4 of her events, these being the 50M and 100M free and the 100M and 200 Backstroke events.

But Eoin went one step further in the finals of both the 100m and 200m Butterfly events, firstly obtaining his best 100m time, to win the overall Bronze medal and more importantly obtain a much coveted Ulster Squad consideration time. Eoin then went onto further success in the final of the 200m Butterfly, taking over 7 seconds off his best ever time and bringing home his 2nd Bronze of the Championships.

Speaking afterwards, the absolutely delighted trio, were full of thanks and heaped lots of praise on their coaches at Ballymoney ASC, Swim Ulster, as well as their fellow swimming club friends at club and regional level and to their families for all the help and support given to him.

A club spokesperson commented, 'for any swimmer to make it to this event is a terrific personal achievement and we are so very proud of them all. But for Eoin to go one step further and gain an Ulster consideration time and win two medals at this level, well it's the stuff of dreams.'