

Cotswold League Final on 16 May at Hutton Moor

Clevedon	267 points
Cirencester	271 points
Penguins	242 points
Bishopsworth	234 points
Wellington	234 points
Henleaze	241 points
Cinderford	199 points
Brockworth	181 points

The Cotswold League consists of 20 clubs from Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wales and at the end of 4 rounds of galas the top 8 teams compete in the A final; the next 6 clubs in the B Final and the lower 6 clubs in the C Final.

A total of 44 Cinderford swimmers competed throughout the heats, putting in strong performances to earn Cinderford a place in the A final. Very strong opposition in the final meant 16 of the 24 individual events were won by swimmers achieving times, faster than District qualifying times, just off the upper limits set for the first time this year in the Cotswold League. 26 Cinderford swimmers swam in the final and with a great team spirit filling in gaps where swimmers were not available. Although finishing in 7th place overall, everyone put in their best effort swimming as close to or improving their PB times.

As always the 100m IM started proceedings with Luke Mills improving his time and Ceris Westlake finishing 2nd with a new PB. Bon Fox de Vere took 2nd place in the 50m breaststroke before 13 year old Gabby Stephens snatched 1st place in the 15/u 50m backstroke race and Nia Westlake followed this with a win in the Open 100m butterfly. The 13/u 4 x 25m freestyle relay team of Hannah Desmond, Emma Clarke, Hannah Kibble and Gabby Stephens finished in 2nd place. Maddie Worgan took 2nd place in the 15/u 50m breaststroke and in the 100m backstroke Carrie Nicholls finished 2nd with Josh Peck finishing 3rd with a new PB and Evan Jones improved his 25m freestyle time.

Hannah Kibble fresh from the SW Regional's earlier in the afternoon finished in 3rd place with a new PB in the 11/u 25m butterfly and Thomas Cottrell improved his 25m butterfly time by over 6 sec. Gabby Stephens swam into 2nd place in the 50m freestyle and Craig Collett improved his 50m backstroke time on the first leg of the relay by over 2 sec. In the Open 4 x 50m medley relay the drama happened behind the blocks with one of our swimmers almost fainting and Zea Levy, whose 11th birthday was last week, stepping in to swim the last 50m freestyle leg of the relay in a time of 33.57 sec; one race later she swam in the 11/u 25m backstroke finishing in 3rd position.

Gabby Stephens, having a great night, took the first place in the 13/u 50m butterfly and in the Open 100m breaststroke Todd Montague finished 2nd and Nia Westlake 3rd. In 15/u 50m butterfly: Sarah Boundy and Craig Collett improved their times, Craig by over 8 sec. Ceris Westlake swam into 2nd place in the 100m freestyle, Hannah Kibble achieved 3rd place in the 25m breaststroke with Cameron Day improving his time and Hannah Desmond improved her 50m freestyle time by 2 sec. The final Open 4 x 50m freestyle relays saw Maddie Worgan improve her time to help Carrie Nicholls and Ceris and Nia Westlake win the women's relay and George Fear, Josh Peck and Frazer and Todd Montague take 3rd place for the men. Other swimmers who contributed on the evening were Alex Cleal, Finlay Stuart-Gunter, Christopher Hadfield, Morgan Jones, Maya Powell and Lily Brice.