Dear Mr Averis,

I competed at British Championships on Friday 17th April 2015 at the London Aquatics Center, which was the pool used in the 2012 Olympic Games.

I was entered into the meet 24th out of 25, and finished a respectable 17th, improving my entry by 8 places which for my very first British Championships is quite good.

I achieved a half a second Pb, which at the level I compete at is quite a huge amount.

Overall British Championships was an excellent experience to compete at, both from a racing point of view, and also because it is the Top Gala in British Swimming. This is the gala from which the Olympic Teams and World teams are chosen, so just to qualify is a huge achievement.

Midland Youth Championships 2015

Last Weekend, Saturday 2nd Sunday 3rd May 2015, I travelled to Corby International pool to compete at the Midland Swimming Championships.

This gala is where the top athletes from around the Midlands Compete against each other.

I qualified for a total of 3 events and was part of 2 Relay teams.

I made 2 finals in my strongest 2 events 50m & 100m Breaststroke, finishing 2nd in both.

In the 100m Breaststroke I finished 2nd, I was 0.18 of a second, of finishing first. The same thing happened in the 50m Breaststroke, I finished second, and I was 0.2 of a second of finishing first.

My coach and I have identified the reason for this, and have already started working on my finishing stroke, to make it stronger, this way it will ensure I get to the wall faster.

My other 2 events went well, and I and my coach identified key points to improve these events.

The 2 Relay teams I was part of finished well, we are hopefully set to compete at the GB Nationals or English Nationals in the summer. This was the first time Belper Marlins had fielded a team to Midlands, so I was honored to compete in a relay team and represent the club, we broke 2 club records in these events.



Me at the Venue for British Championships



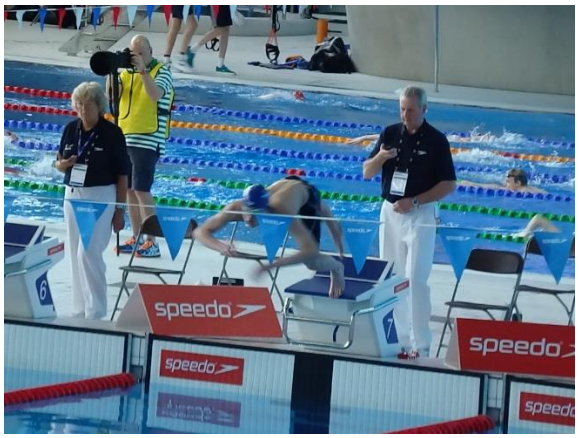
The Pool set up for British Championships



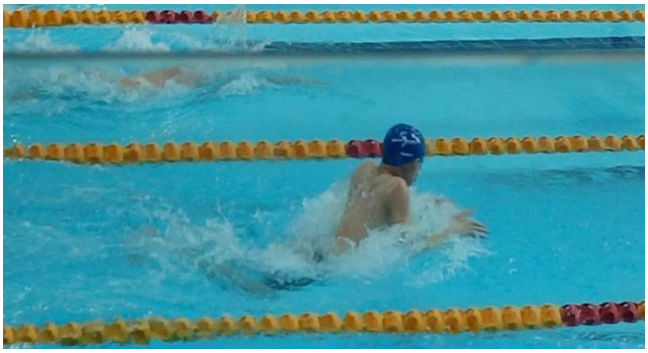
Me with the Pool for British Championships



Getting ready to Race



My Start at British Championships



Me Competing at Midlands

Sincerely,

Joshua Horobin