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Dear Millfield Swimming Community,

As we come to the end of the season, it seems fitting to outline to the community what we have been up to and set some direction going forward. Since my last communication we have had students competing at the Sette Colli International in Rome, the European Junior Championships in Helsinki, the European Championships in Glasgow, the British Summer Championships & Swim England Summer Meet in Sheffield, the Welsh and Scottish Summer Meets in Swansea and Glasgow, and the Bulgarian, French, Finnish and Spanish National Championships respectively. The success throughout the summer has been truly phenomenal. At the British Summer Championships, we came away with 31 medals in total (more than any other club in the country). We also managed to have a positive improvement percentage at the British Summer Champs for the fourth year in a row (again one of the only clubs in the country to do this); twelve individuals from the Millfield team came away with national titles from the championships and a total of 21 school records were broken in the process. Special mentions go to Rachel Anderson (who came away with 4 individual titles from Sheffield), as well as Will Mitchell, William Ellington, Lily Booker and Kieran Bird who also picked up individual titles. Elsewhere, Jakob Goodman helped the British team to a European Junior bronze medal in the 4x200m freestyle relay and Brodie Williams achieved huge personal best times and a gold medal from the 4x100m medley relay at the European Swimming Championships. There was an impressive haul from the OM contingent at the European Championships with James Guy (2008-2017), Cameron Kurle (2008-2017) and Brodie Williams (2013-Present) coming away with 5 Gold and 2 Bronze between them. I would personally like to congratulate all the pupils on their efforts throughout the summer and also thank the tireless commitment of all the staff over the season as a whole.

As we move towards the start of a new school year, we look forward to welcoming all the returning and new students into the Millfield environment. We also wish our graduating class all the best as they start their new adventures. The start of term is always a busy one and for our new students the most important element is effective integration into school life; a lot of sociological and emotional energy gets used in the first couple of weeks as students settle. I have attached the full squad structure for the 2018/19 season, which will function as a working document given the busy and dynamic nature of Millfield life. I have also attached the autumn term fixture list, which is a complete document and obviously not all swimmers will need to attend all the meets. During the first week the schedule will be reduced and all-inclusive to ease us back into the swing of things. We will have a full team meeting, which will outline the direction and general logistics going forward. All these details will be sent out closer to the start of term and disseminated through house parents and our website, etc. We will aim to get started in the full squad structure as soon as possible. If you have any other questions prior to the start of term, please feel free to get in touch based on the information in the squad structure document.

As mentioned in my last communication, we have had a leadership change within the Millfield environment; we look forward to reaping the benefits of having Gavin Horgan as our new Headmaster and Dr Scott Drawer as our new Director of Sport. There is a real positive buzz around campus about these appointments and I personally look forward to continuing to develop under their leadership. Millfield swimming has always been an integral part of the Millfield community and under this leadership team we look forward to continuing to build on this legacy.

On a personal level, it has been truly wonderful to continue to welcome Harold into the world over the last couple of months. The whole process has been so rewarding and has given me some fantastic motivation moving forward. Zoe is a wonderful mother and for the benefit of everyone Harold seems to be taking on her good looks. He is a vibrant soul who doesn't seem overly interested in the whole sleeping process. He has certainly enjoyed his first couple of dips in the water down at the local Greenbank open air pool. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable break where you can enjoy some quality family time and recharge the batteries ready for another exciting school year.

Yours sincerely,



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