

## **Inter County Junior Invitation Gala, Fenton Manor Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010**

The first county gala of the new year saw a junior County team (11 to 14 years) finish a creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> at Fenton Manor. The gala was won by a strong Cheshire team, with a winning margin of 55 points ahead of Leicestershire. Worcester County finished 4<sup>th</sup> with Shropshire in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

The 39 strong Staffs team won seven events, with twelve 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes. The pick of the performances came from 12 year old Joseph Hulme with 2 individual wins in the 200m IM (2.30.05) and 100m Butterfly (1.11.05). Other individual winners were Connor Cartlidge (11 year old 50m Backstroke), Edward Martin (11 year old 50m Butterfly), Matthew Birks (14 year old 100m Freestyle), Kieran Smith (14 year old 200m IM) and Chloe Johnson (12 year old 100m Backstroke).

Chloe and Matthew both had solid swims in other events, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 12 year old girls 200m IM and 14 year old boys 100m freestyle respectively.

Throughout the gala Staffordshire battled hard with Leicestershire for the runners up position, with both teams level on points with just 8 races to go. However, Staffs were unable to maintain this push and just lost ground on Leicestershire over the final few races of the day. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish for the team was still a good performance. Well done to all the swimmers involved for their efforts and performances; and Thank You to the Captains, Dani Amson and Alex Dawson.

### Final Points Positions

1 <sup>st</sup> Cheshire	213 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Leicestershire	158 points
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> STAFFORDSHIRE</b>	<b>150 points</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Worcester County	121 points
5 <sup>th</sup> Shropshire	105 points

### Staffordshire Team:

Megan Ashley, Molly Banks, Amy Colclough, India Cotton, Jessica Dow, Christie Ghent, Kay Goulden, Lara Hadlington, Alice Holmes, Chloe Johnson, Zoe Lewis, Danielle Mullinder, Euphemia Nash, Lauren Pate, Holly Shepherd, Jessica Smith, Georgia Walters, Katherine Whitehouse, Byrony Woolley, Jack Beardsmore Fraser Birks, Matthew Birks, James Booker, Connor Cartlidge, Ben Gibson, Grant Hamnett, Joe Hulme, James Jackson, Edward Martin, Adam Maskery, Joshua Pachocki, Mitchell Page, Ben Roberts, Adam Silvester, Kieran Smith, Joshua Steele, Matthew Stevenson, Peter Sullivan and Marcus Williamson.