



Name: Mark Tuddenham
Date of Birth: 6th May 1997
Date Joined WSC: 2013
University: University of Southampton
2015-2018: BSc Computer Science
2019 – current: PhD Computer Science

My Time at Woking Swimming Club:

Loved team spirit at all the galas and open meets. Had great fun as well as training hard which led to team successes.

My coach was Vince Ayling and I trained with Callum F, Hazel F, Dom H, James C, Alex S, Hannah B.

Memorable moment was Vince in tears when we qualified for the 2014 National league B finals.

Proud to have been part of the team that competed in the National League B finals at Cardiff and part of the free and medley relay teams that swam at the British Champs and Nationals.

Personal achievements were to be first Woking swimmer under 2:00 for 200m Free and obtaining several club records of which a few still remain!

My time at University:

Swam for the university, went each year to BUCS and made it into some finals. Great to meet up with a good number of the old WOKS squad representing different universities.

Somewhat less training than at Woking and definitely a lot more drinking!

Also played water polo for the university with a team that made the UPolo finals in 2018.

Continuing to swim with the university as I am back at Southampton, although now the 'old man' of the team!



Having worked for BAE Systems for a year after graduating I decided being a student was more fun and so I'm back doing a PhD in Machine Learning, specifically on the optimisation of differentially parametrised functions.

No plans to stay in academia and will be looking for a job in industrial research or a start-up when I have completed my PhD.