



Name: Hazel Ferguson
Date of Birth: 27//11/1998
Date Joined WSC: 2005 (age 6)

My Time at Woking Swimming Club:

I joined Woking SC almost as soon as I move to England and was lucky enough to grow up training with my amazing teammates and coaches all the way through until I left to go to university. Training and competing at Woking was without a doubt one of my most fond memories of my childhood and allowed me to meet some of my closest friends who are still to this day such an important part in my life. I started out in Associate 3 and still remember the excitement of the infamous Diddy Championships (I still proudly have all the participation ribbons stashed away!).

Later in my swimming career, I was lucky enough to travel all across the UK to compete in the Surrey County, South-East Regional, National and British Championships for many years and even got to compete in Nice, representing the South-East Region out in France. Some of my greatest achievements include medalling in both individual and team events at Nationals, holding various regional and county records and achieving a junior silver medal position at the British Championships under the fantastic coaching of Vince and Mark.

I always enjoy reminiscing with my old swim friends, remembering the awesome Cyprus swim camps that we were lucky enough to go on (and not forgetting the equally fun but slightly less glam weekends to Crystal Palace!), as well as the numerous weekends spent at various pools across the country chasing PBs and proudly representing the club at open meets and galas.

My years at Woking were some of the most enjoyable and formative years of my life, and I am so grateful to all the coaches and volunteers who have put in countless hours to keep the club thriving and have fostered such an inspiring and nurturing environment for us to develop both in and out the pool.

My time at University:

My success at WSC allowed me to be awarded a Sports Scholarship at the University of Birmingham, where I continued swimming for the first two years of my degree. It was fantastic to compete at BUCS and see so many old WSC swimmers representing their Universities.

In third year, I decided to take lacrosse back up and absolutely loved travelling the country to compete for the university team on BUCS Wednesdays.



What now ?

I am now continuing my studies for my Medical degree, taking an extra year this year to gain a second degree, a BSc in Urgent and Emergency Care.

I have also switched my focus onto running and am currently training for a Marathon next year. (Thank you to swimming for years of forming a baseline fitness!!)