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**NATIONAL GOLD
FOR VINEHALL
SWIMMERS**



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Boys Squadron wins National Gold with a time only 1 second off national record

Swimmers who reached national finals :

- Stuart Flint.
- Claire Petzal.
- Alex Todd.
- Sophie Petzal.
- Calum Bowie.
- Charlotte Mursell.
- Felix Canetty-Clarke.
- Ginny Maclean.
- Bertie James.
- Christabel Edgar.
- William Howard-Smith.
- Natalya Chapman.
- James Floyd.
- Iona Edgar.
- Warat Thavisin.
- Hannah Boshier.
- Tom Harvey.
- Harriette Blackstone.
- Perry Andrews.
- Chayapa Chutrakul.
- William Colderick.
- Chananda Thavisin.
- Lily Canetty-Clarke.

The swimming squad have had a great school year ending with medals at the I.A.P.S. national championships.

In Michaelmas term the squad had wins against St Bede's, St Andrews, Bodiam Manor and Benenden. The Lent term was very busy with more wins against St Andrews and Bodiam Manor and fourth place in the Tonbridge prep gala. Forty five squad members took part in the qualifying rounds of I.A.P.S. national championships at St Bede's school the dicker in February. Of these twenty three got through to the finals in May, girls at Wolverhampton and boys at Millfield school Somerset.

On May 8th the girls swam their national finals at Wolverhampton - twelve girls competed with the best in the country. The squadron team came a great third winning bronze. The U13 medley and freestyle relays made it to the last eight. Christabel Edgar came fifth in the U13 Butterfly and Lily Canetty-Clarke reached the last ten of the U10 Butterfly.

Friday May 14th we swam in the St Bede's prep gala and came runners up to Cottesmore with eight other schools behind us. A great effort by the senior squad.

On May 22nd the boys went to Millfield school for their national finals. Eleven boys competed in eight finals. In the first event the squadron team won Gold taking 8 seconds off their best time and only missing the national record by one second.

Inter school gala results:

18 th September	away	St Bede's	won	284 - 233
20 th November	home	Bodiam Manor	won	94 - 76
25 th November	away	Benenden	won	128 - 112
4 th December	Home	St Andrews	won	165 - 115
22 nd January	away	St Andrews	won	125 - 114
26 th February	away	Bodiam Manor	won	198 - 184

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, parents and children for their great support this season. A big thank you to Mrs Callard for all her support and help at the events. Also, I would like to thank Stuart Flint and Claire Petzal for all their help in their roles as Captains.

D P Guy



Swimming Captains



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I.A.P.S National Swimming Championships Regional Results

On Thursday 12th February, 43 Vinehall swimmers represented the school at the regional heats of the I.A.P.S national swimming championships. It was a long afternoon with a great numbers of schools taking part. The standard of swimming was very high with some very exciting races. The Vinehall squad swam their hearts out and we ended the afternoon with nine gold medals.

Lily Canetty-Clarke	1 st U10 butterfly
William Howard-Smith	1 st U11 breaststroke
James Floyd	1 st U11 butterfly
Calum Bowie	1 st U12 breaststroke
Boys U11 medley team	1 st
Boys U11 freestyle team	1 st
Boys small schools relay	1 st
Girls U13 medley team	1 st
Girls U13 freestyle team	1 st

Well done to all swimmers that took part. We should find out in the next few weeks how many have got through to the finals in May.



The Tonbridge Team

In the Lent term we swam in the Tonbridge prep gala coming a very good forth behind Holmewood House, Dulwich London and New Beacon.



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Home Gala v St Andrews, 4th December 2003

In our final gala of the term we entertained St Andrews. Years 5, 6, 7 & 8 took part in a very exciting match. We got off to a good start in the individual medleys, leading by 8 points. St Andrews closed the gap on Backstroke to 4 points. After the Breaststroke, Butterfly and Front Crawl we moved in to a commanding lead. We continued to increase our lead through the relays and came out good winners.

With some illness in the squad it gave the opportunity for some new faces to take part. These people were great, Jake Willis-Fleming, Charlie Newman, Mary Fowler, Abigail Bass and Lorne Magill.

Final score Vinehall 165 - 115 St Andrews

The squad has a lot of strength in depth this year, which has shown in galas in which we have finished very strongly in the relays. Well done to all the squad swimmers, you have worked hard in both training and matches. Also many thanks to the parents and teachers for their support.

D Guy

St Andrews Swimming Gala

On Thursday 22nd January we travelled to St Andrews for a inter school swimming gala. The medley relays were the first events and we got off to a very good start winning 3 out of 4 age groups. The individual events were a lot closer and St Andrews closed the gap to just a few points. The final races were the freestyle relays in which our strength showed and we came out good winners. A squad of 45 swimmers took part and all swam out of their skins.

Final score: St Andrews 114 - 125 Vinehall
D Guy

Swimming Gala v Bodiam Manor

On Thursday 26th February the Vinehall swim squad travelled the short distance to Bodiam Manor for their final inter school gala of the season. The gala was very close from start to finish with Vinehall coming out winners by 18 points. It was great that 52 swimmers took part for Vinehall, some for the first time - well done to them and everybody that swam.

Final score: Bodiam Manor 193 - 211 Vinehall

It has been a great session for the team unbeaten in all inter school galas. Well done a great effort by all. We now look forward to see how many swimmers get through to the I.A.P.S. national finals.

D Guy

P.S. Thanks for all the support from everybody involved, Mrs Callard, Parents and Teachers.