

Rebecca Richards

It is with sadness that I must announce the resignation of Head Coach, Rebecca Richards.

On Thursday April 25th I received an email from Rebecca that contained a doctors note signing her off with for the next 6 weeks.

On Saturday 27th I received a further email tending her resignation with one week's notice. The email states that she is suffering from health issues and cannot continue to work. As she is currently away on sick leave, she will not be returning to coaching again.

This is a huge shock for us all after such an anguished search for a new coach and the promising start she had made. But I am sure you will join me in putting aside our own needs and offering Rebecca our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

ALL SWIM SESSIONS ARE ON as per the new timetable.

We are grateful to Paul Dollery, who will take up the early morning sessions on a Monday and Friday as well as Friday evening.

Clodagh Dear will be acting Head Coach and take the evening sessions and Saturday morning. She will handle all correspondence and gala administration. AJ and Rob will assist with coaching as needed.

Also joining is Meghan Thomas, an experienced ASA level three coach, who will take on Wednesday mornings and assist on Monday and Thursday training.

I am aware that the selections you made for preferred times have not yet been processed by Coach.

We will analyse the requests but, until you hear otherwise, please **attend the times that you have chosen**.

If there are to be any changes, we will contact you again by email.

Land training will go on hold until I can find a suitable coach.

I am sorry for the disruption that is caused by Coach's departure, so soon after replacing Chris White. I know that, even after her short stay, the swimmers will miss her. So will I.

Be assured, the coaching team will continue to strive to offer the highest quality training possible to the swimmers.

David Perry