



The Art of Butterfly

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This course is for competitive club swimmers aged 9 - 16 years whose main stroke is butterfly and or for competitive swimmers who simply want to improve their Individual Medley through this highly technical form stroke. Nick Gillingham is a technical perfectionist when it comes to the art of swimming, with an eye on what makes the difference. He has a deep passion and desire to support the development of swimmers to allow them to reach their full potential. He has a natural flare for coaching and will leave you highly motivated and prepared.

The 5 hour day includes 2¼ Hours Pool Time, Keynote Presentation, Q&A Session and Photo Opportunity with Championship Medals. The course prides itself on low numbers with unprecedented lane space across the pool. The key note talk is highly insightful with educational and humorous anecdotal stories themed around mental skills, psychological development, handling pressure (nerves & arousal), competition stress and motivation with insightful video clips adding extra colour to the theme.

The methodology applied for the stroke technique, through the application of carefully selected developmental and progressive drills addresses body position (movement & balance), legs (pattern & efficiency), arms (shape & effectiveness), breathing (head position) and timing (rhythm/flow & tempo). The technical session also has a focus on the butterfly dive start and turn. Elite demonstrations throughout this practical and educational session will support the learning process. Parents are welcome to stay throughout the day and club coaches are always welcome with a certificate of attendance provided along with coaching notes.

'We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit.'

Aristotle (384 – 322 BC)

