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Archway girls win gold at Butterfly British Primary schools' championships

Hannah Saunders and Amber Lemmon both members of the Archway HOPES (elite youth training squad) were part of the victorious England team that won the team gold medal in the Butterfly British Primary schools' championships played over the weekend 8-10th April, in Guernsey.

The England squad comprised Alyssa Nguyen (Devon), Charlotte Wong (Warwickshire) and Chantelle Leather (Cheshire) as well as the dynamic Peterborough duo of Hannah Saunders (a year 4 pupil at The King's School, Peterborough) and Amber Lemmon (a year 3 pupil at Hampton Hargate primary, Peterborough). England won all their matches defeating Guernsey and Jersey 10-0, a combined Welsh team 7-3 and crucially a determined and talented Scottish team 6-4 to clinch the title.

In addition, Hannah took the individual girls singles title vanquishing the Welsh and Scottish number one players in the semi-final and final respectively, (both whom she had lost to a day earlier in the team event!). Amber also performed extremely well to reach the quarter final eventually losing to teammate Hannah.

England non-playing team captain Teresa Moore commented, ***"I was really pleased with the way the girls performed AND supported each other from the bench. These girls really impressed and have so much potential"***.

Archway Peterborough spokesperson Julian Tee said, ***"congratulations to Hannah and Amber and also to Archway HOPES head coach Hong Hong Peebles whose tireless dedication and skills are helping all of our HOPES players to develop and win medals at national and international level"***.

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England team photo - holding the trophy and with gold medals - Amber Lemmon and Hannah Saunders