

## Richmond gymnasts start 2022 representing Great Britain!

Richmond's gymnasts are once again representing Great Britain at the Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships, following on from their success and a bronze medal at the European Championships last year.

The World Age Group and Acrobatics Championships take place from 28<sup>th</sup> February - 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in Baku, Azerbaijan. From Richmond and representing Great Britain are Toby Cooper-Driver & Anisa Arumugam competing as Mixed Pairs (12-18 years), Louis Alexander, Freddie Turner, Rex Booth & Gethin Davis competing in the Men's Group (12-18 years), Chloe Bartholomew, Charlotte Dawson & Imogen Wainman competing in the Women's Group (12-18 years) and Harry Slater and Lea Wetzel competing as Mixed Pairs in the 13-19 age group.

The start of the 2022 competition season began with podium positions for Richmond's partnerships at the Pat Wade Classic at the end of January, resulting in their selection for the World Championships.

Toby (15) and Anisa (13) who are 11-17 Age Group World Bronze medallists have now moved up to the 12-18 category. This is their third international competition and they are looking forward to experiencing the environment and atmosphere as part of TeamGB, commenting; "We're proud to be chosen for TeamGB three times and are looking forward to competing and showing what we've been working on."

Freddie (17) is competing internationally for the first time but with his seasoned partners who are excited to be competing again for TeamGB, he hopes it is his first international competition of many: "I'm proud what we've achieved so far and I'm excited to see where it goes in the future."

Harry (18) said, 'We're really proud to be selected to represent Great Britain' while Lea (13) commented, 'I'm really excited to have the chance to compete and be part of the GB team'

Imogen (13) almost can't believe it: "I grew up fascinated by elite gymnastics and never thought it would be me. I'm really happy!"

Richmond's Head of Acrobatics said: "We are so pleased to see the hard work of our gymnasts pay off with selections to represent Great Britain in both 2021 and 2022. With all the challenges they have faced over the last two years, we are delighted that four partnerships have the opportunity to compete again internationally, and we hope they enjoy the experience."

Keep up to date with the gymnast's progress and watch their breath-taking routines, via Richmond's social media channels @gymnasticsrga. To find out how to get involved in gymnastics, visit [www.richmondgymnastics.co.uk](http://www.richmondgymnastics.co.uk)

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