

Richmond gymnasts to fly the flag for Great Britain

Gymnasts from Richmond Gymnastics are thrilled to proudly represent Great Britain and showcase their spectacular sport, so soon after the inspirational Paris Olympics, at the upcoming World Acrobatic Championships in Guimaraes, Portugal from 9th – 23rd September.

Competing from 16th to 22nd September:

- Louis Alexander (19), Freddie Turner (19), Rex Booth (18) & Samuel Ditchburn (18) - Senior Men's Group
- Michaela Cook (26), Amber Harvey (23) & Sophia Gold (15) - Senior Women's Group

Competing in the Junior & Age Group Championships from 9th to 15th September:

- Toby Cooper-Driver (17) & Leela Ramini (14) – Junior Mixed Pair
- Chloe Bartholomew (18), Charlotte Dawson (17) & Isla Vos (12) – 12-18 Age Group, Women's Group
- Christoph Tilroe (17) & Louisa Szalacsi (14) – 12-18 Age Group, Mixed Pair

Melanie Sanders, RGA's Head of Acrobatics said; 'Although Acrobatic Gymnastics is visually stunning and impressive, it has yet to be included in the Olympic programme, so we are delighted to represent Great Britain at the World Championships in September. Some of our gymnasts are competing for Great Britain for the first time and our Senior partnerships have been together less than a year.'

Competing for Great Britain for the first time are both Louisa (14) and Isla (12). Both girls found out on their way back from a summer break with their respective families, with British Gymnastics sending the good news directly to their parents.

Isla, who was discovered in one of [RGA's recreational classes at Grena Road](#) before moving to the Acrobatics squad at the age of seven said, 'I'm really excited to be going to Worlds. I found the Olympics, especially Simone Biles' vaults really inspiring and can't wait to go to Portugal.'

Louisa, with her background in ballet, also started Acrobatics at the age of seven. She said, 'I'm so excited to be representing Great Britain. I found Jordan Chiles really inspiring and of course Simone Biles too; they really showed that hard work pays off.'

Melanie added, 'We are very proud of all our gymnasts, their hard work and their commitment. We hope they enjoy the experience of competing for their country.'

Attending the World Championships is partly self-funded. Find out more, as well as how you can support RGA's gymnasts here: <https://justgiving.com/campaign/acrobatsrga> Keep up to date with all their preparations, training, travel, competition livestreams and more on [Instagram](#) @gymnasticsrga | Search IG using #acrobatsrga and #richmondgymnastics

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