

2005 Swimming pool burns down



Peter Hill had been Chair of the Board for only a few months when this happened. He was quickly called but could just stand there and watch the roof burn and cave in.

He persuaded the Board that the school should replace the pool and add a small toddler section and a dance studio, seminar room and spectator/parent room with food catering.

This was the start of RWS Enterprises Ltd, which now contributes significantly to the school's finances. It provides superb swimming facilities for RSW pupils and the local community who make 1400 visits per week to what is the largest Learn to Swim programme in the country.

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The RWS Swimming Club, made up of Elite and National Development Squad swimmers, train here. To date (2023) the RWSSC has developed many swimmers at international level (including para-athletes) and 3 swimmers (Alice Dearing 10k open water, Tully Kearney (para-Olympics) and Matt Richards) took part in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. Matt Richards (who trained for many years here under Marc Spackman BA OLY, until he gave up A Levels to join Bath Uni during the COVID pandemic) gained a gold medal in the 4x100m relay.



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