

My Swimming Life

When I was 4 I wanted to work with my dad as a 'car fixer.' From the age of 5 till the age of 7 I wanted to be a doctor who worked in a hospital. When I was 8 I wanted to be a gymnast. But at the age of 9 I joined a swimming club at St Austell, and this is when I began to dream of an Olympic swimmer.

My First Session

I walked into the changing rooms, which I was fairly comfortable in because I had been taking Polkyth swimming lessons here before. But within seconds anxiety rushed through my entire body. Reality had hit me, I was not here for little kiddie swimming lessons anymore, I was here to join the 'St Austell Sharks' TEAM. In a hurry, I quickly got changed; I was worried I might be late (that would certainly not be good first impressions). The pool looked bigger than before, I reigned from letting that make me any more nervous than I already was. Suddenly, I could hear a soothing voice coming from beside me, saying "Hi, are you Elenaor the new girl?" As I nodded my head anxiously a rather large hand was gently placed on my shoulder. I turned around to see who it was. It was a tall, grey-haired man who I kind of recognised. I smiled in a way as if to say 'Hi, nice to meet you!' He smiled back to me then said, "Hiya Elenaor my names Brigit! By the way do tell me if I'm saying your name wrong, It is Elenaor right?" "Actually It's Elena," I said in a shy-ish quiet way. She then went on to tell me everything I needed to know, like which lane in the pool I'd be in. "Tiger Sharks" Exclaimed a lively bald man. I knew Tiger sharks was a good team so I rushed over towards him. "Quick Quick we're running late today quick into the pool!" I said to the man "My names Dave for those who don't already know! Warm up is two lengths breaststroke!" "Yes!" I whispered to myself. Breaststroke is my favourite stroke! We swam the first lap quickly then Dave said "Elena your breaststroke is AMAZING!"

It just went on from there! I'm now training almost four times a week! I know how to win medals and have been to many galas and competitions!

By Elena

Thank you for sharing your experience. You made it