

## Scotland Adventure brings Nationals Fever for Harlequin TeamGym

The beginning of March saw 22 gymnasts from Harlequin travel to Edinburgh to take part in the Team Gym Northern Qualifiers for the National finals in May.

The primary team comprised of 10 girls (Abi Tingey, Freya Nelson, Nico Brodrick, Simone Brodrick, Amy Thurgood, Georgia Batten, Clare Stringer, Jade Leighton, Carla Danby, and Sadie Towell) started off the competition on tumble. In a somewhat nervous performance they battled through to score 11.55. They next moved to floor where a neat and precise synchronised routine saw them achieve a score of 12.65. They finally moved to trampette and again a great performance saw them score 12.75. This meant that they finished with a score of 36.95 to take the bronze medal.

This also means that the team qualified for the national finals in Gloucester on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

The afternoon saw the competition for the junior girls' team which was made up of 12 gymnasts (Maja Austin, Emily Cullum, Jessica O'Sullivan, Marguerite Pope, Jade Redrup, Ellen Woodhouse, Katie Burt, Chloe Dymock, Lauren Evans, Mollie Walsh, Sophie Smart and Sofia Walker). The girls started their competition on the trampette and like the primary girls had a slightly shaking start scoring 12.45 but 6 girls competed streamed tsuk vaults many of which for the first time! Next the girls moved to the tumble track which many consider to be their strongest piece. Unfortunately an injury to Chloe in the first run meant it wasn't as smooth as they would have liked but they still achieved a strong score of 12.90. The injury to Chloe meant that they moved to floor with one member missing but they team pulled together and in a performance in her honour they scored a respectable 11.55. This meant that they finished with a score of 36.90 in 6<sup>th</sup> place. Although they didn't qualify for the national finals it was a wonderful performance from the girls in an extremely tough group.

We would like to congratulate all the girls on their excellent performances and results and wish the primary team the best of luck for the National finals in May. We would also like to say a big thank you to all the family, friends and coaches who travelled to Scotland to support the girls!!!

