

## Harlequin TeamGym strikes again in Crawley

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012 saw 22 gymnasts from Harlequin competed in the South East Region TeamGym Championships in Crawley.

TeamGym routines require effective teamwork, excellent technique and spectacular acrobatic elements. Training and competitions generate an excellent team spirit amongst gymnasts with routines providing great entertainment and spectacle for participants and spectators and they were not disappointed.

Our first Harlequin team to participate in the competition was the Primary team and they comprised of 11 girls (*Georgia Batten, Daisy Brandom, Nico Brodrick, Simone Brodrick, Carla Danby, Freya Grey, Jade Leighton, Freya Nelson, Claire Stringer, Abi Tingey and Sadie Towell*). These girls started on the floor first with a well presented and technical performance which saw them receive a good score. They then moved onto the Tumble Track where they also performed some fantastic acrobatic elements within their tumble routine. Their last piece was the Trampoline and Vault, with some high twists and good streaming. The team scored 37.80 overall and in a very competitive group, they finished in a very respectable 5<sup>th</sup> place.

The Junior team was on straight after and also comprised of 11 girls (*Maja Austin, Katie Burt, Emily Cullen, Joanne Delaney, Chloe Dymock, Lauren Evans, Marguerite Pope, Amy Thurgood, Sofia Walker, Mollie Walsh and Ellen Woodhouse*). This strong tumbling team started on their favourite piece which produced a very dynamic and entertaining performance. Their second piece saw the girls perform twists and somersaults on and over the trampoline and vault. The floor routine was performed with fluent and linked movements with expressive presentation. The Juniors scored 38.85 overall taking them to first position and winning gold.

Well done to both teams who have worked extremely hard, showing good team spirit and determination at training and throughout the competition.

