To all at Templemore ASC.

As all of you have been informed already I have been offered and accepted a new job as talent ID coach with Swim Ulster and unfortunately that means leaving my current role at Templemore ASC.

This is a very emotional time for me; I have loved my time at the club and every swimmer, past and present, has had a positive impact on me as a person and a coach and made my life much richer. It is hard to put into words how much working with all of you has meant to me. I will miss every single one of you. You all have the world at your feet and when I look at each one of you I see a huge amount of incredibly positive attributes that will make you very successful in life and for this swimming club if you continue to work hard and listen to all those positive role models you are surrounded by.

I feel that I am leaving the club in a great place with the new structure that was hard fought for now starting to settle in incredibly well. The future for all of you within the swimming club looks incredibly bright and I would encourage every one of you to continue on the path I have helped guide you on. From my position working from top to bottom of the competitive process I am massively enthused that the club is about to enter a golden period in its history with success for the next 7 or 8 years at least, assured by the talent developing through the system.

The other coaches at this club have been incredible through the years and have been instrumental in building this club up to what it has become today, one of the best clubs in Ulster swimming. I am incredibly confident that those coaches that are tasked with continuing the development of the club after my departure possess all the knowledge, passion and determination necessary not only to maintain the work I have done but also push it on to the next level.

I would also like to thank every committee member I have had the pleasure of working with, they have been fantastic in their support of my initiatives and have been amazing giving their time voluntarily to keep the club keep running smoothly. Also the parents of all the athletes have been very supportive through the years and been integral to the continuing development of athletes and the club, thank you to every one of you.

Obviously I look forward to seeing everyone at swimming competitions and I will always be there for anyone within the club that is looking for advice on any swimming matters in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you and good luck to everyone.

Coach Craig/Mark Craig