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London-based Gaurika Singh making waves for Nepal at Rio Olympics at the tender age of 13

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Gaurika Singh's Olympics lasted precisely one minute, 8.45 seconds. She came 31st out of 34 competitors attempting to qualify for the 100 metres backstroke. No sooner than it began, it was over. But never mind. It is unlikely to be her last experience of elite competition. After all, she is only 13 years old. If she retired in 2032 after competing in the next four Olympics, she would still be just 29.

"What an amazing experience," she said after her race had finished, as she faced up to a significant media scrum at the side of the Olympic pool. "I can't believe it's happening."

Singh is easily the youngest athlete in these Games. She was born in 2002. [...] She attends Haberdashers' Aske's, the renowned private girls' school in Elstree. It is clearly a school with a talented entry. When she was asked what her classmates made of her sporting prowess, Singh smiled. "My friends are really happy for me but they are also good at stuff. One of my best friends plays Matilda in the West End and another one went to junior Wimbledon." After the games, she is going to Nepal, to have a holiday.

It will be an emotional return for her. The last time she was in Kathmandu was to swim in the national swimming championships last April. While she was there, she and her mother and brother were caught up in the earthquake that killed 9000 people and left hundreds of thousands homeless. She escaped injury after her mother pushed her under a table. Shocked by the devastation she witnessed, she has subsequently donated all her competitive winnings to the earthquake relief fund.

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