

Ellesmere College Titans Swimming Club Press Release – 11^h July 2008

BRITISH OLYMPIAN PRESENTS ALFIE PARDOE WITH TOP 10/U BOY COUNTY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS AWARD

The final day of this year's County Swimming Championships took place on Sunday 6th July at Market Drayton.

Darren Mew, one of the fastest 100m breaststroke swimmers in history and a finalist at the 2000 Sydney and 2004 Athens Olympics, was on hand to award the highly prestigious 2008 Shropshire County Swimming Championship 10/u boys award to Ellesmere College Titans swimmer Alfie Pardoe.

Out of a maximum of 11 events over a total of 5 days of competition Alfie won 7 gold medals in the 400m freestyle, 200m breaststroke, 200m butterfly, 200m individual medley, 100m individual medley, 50m backstroke and 200m backstroke in which he set an all time County record; 2 silver medals in the 200m freestyle and 50m freestyle; 1 bronze medal in the 50m breaststroke and a 4th place in the 50m butterfly.

Alfie is currently a pupil of St Chad's school, Hanmer, but has recently been awarded a swimming scholarship, worth up to £25,000 over the next 8 years, to attend Ellesmere College from September

Commenting upon his success Alfie said "Winning this award was a major goal for me throughout the year. I swim to win not to just take part. I'm delighted I won it"

Commenting upon Alfie's swimming Darren Mew said "Alfie displays a competitive drive and determination way beyond his years. Swimming is often a mental battle and Alfie appears to possess the toughness of mind, drive and ambition to take him a long way in the sport"

Other Ellesmere College Titan medal winners included Hannah Greene aged 11, Elliot Hughes aged 11 and Annie Mellings aged 11.

Further details about joining the Ellesmere College Titans can be found on their website www.ellesmeretitans.co.uk or by telephoning Jon Pardoe on 07903 641668. Further details on scholarships and places at Ellesmere College can be obtained from the College Admissions Secretary on 01691 622321 or by email at admissions.secretary@ellesmere.com

Notes to Editor

The Ellesmere College Titans Swimming Club was established in 2008, as a meeting of minds, between Ellesmere College – a school with a great sporting heritage and the parents of some of the top young swimmers in Shropshire, united in their desire to create an ambitious, positive and competitive swimming club.

The result: A centre of swimming excellence in the heart of the North Shropshire countryside. To maintain this standard the Club adopts and implements a selective membership policy, to ensure that all swimmers share the same goal of achieving swimming success at the highest

level. The emphasis is on quality not quantity of swimmers, with the Club limiting its total swimming membership to 28 - ranging from children as young as 8 upwards.

In such an environment a great deal of one to one coaching can be given to individual swimmers, and productive use can be made of underwater video analysis and specialist training equipment

Ellesmere College was founded in 1884 and is part of the Woodard Group – the largest grouping of public schools in the UK. Over the years it has been responsible for producing some of the British sporting greats including ex-England Rugby captain Bill Beaumont. It is hoped that it will produce the next generation of British swimming greats.

Photos: 051 of Alfie Pardoe with Darren Mew.

Photos: 036 & 047 of Ellesmere College Titans County Championship swimmers Annie Mellings, Elliot Hughes, Hannah Greene, Isabel Mellings, Annie Jones with Alfie Pardoe and Darren Mew.

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