

YOUNG TITAN WINS MEDAL IN THE POOL

At last weekends prestigious Borough of Stockton Level 1 Open Swimming Meet, held at the John Charles Olympic size pool in Leeds, Ellesmere College Titan swimmer Michael Doyle, aged 9, from Weston Lullingfield School near Baschurch won the bronze medal in the 9/u 50m backstroke in a time of 0:44.52 and came 4th in the 400m freestyle in 6:23.61.

Michael was competing against some of the best young swimmers from around the UK and is now ranked in first place in both Shropshire and the West Midlands in the official 9/u ASA rankings.

Commenting upon his success Michael said "I can't believe the progress I've made in just four months since joining the Titans. I'm really enjoying my swimming and believe that I can make it all the way to the top."

Titan head coach Jon Pardoe commented "I'm absolutely delighted for Michael. As a club we have a reputation for developing extreme talent and since joining the Titans Michael has come on leaps and bounds and is a real credit to the club. I'm confident that he can continue to make significant improvements".

Other Titan swimmers who were in action at the Leeds meet included Elliot Hughes (aged 12), Alfie Pardoe (aged 11), Naomi Criag (aged 12), Hannah Greene (aged 13) and Annie Mellings (aged 13).

By the end of the weekend Titan swimmers had won 3 silver and 2 bronze medals; 3 personal best times had been smashed: and 2 all time Titan club records had been broken.

Further details about joining the Ellesmere College Titans can be found on their website www.ellesmerecollegetitans.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.

Photos: 008 & 010 = Michael Doyle holding his 50m backstroke bronze medal

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 – open to both pupils and non pupils of the school.

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.

Issued on behalf of Ellesmere College Titans Swimming Club (The Titans). For further details please contact Jon Pardoe on 07903 641668 or email jonpardoe@hotmail.co.uk. 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

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