

Titans Awarded £10,000 Lottery Money

Ellesmere College Titans Swimming Club is delighted to have been awarded a £10,000 National Lottery funded grant.

The grant, awarded by Sport England, will help fund significant improvements to the clubs existing strength and core body training facilities including the equipping of a state of the art Trixter X-Biking studio and the purchase of a number of specialist poolside Swim Benches imported from the US. Some of the money will also be used to finance the coaching costs of a new Junior Development Squad which is to be launched in September.

Commenting upon the grant Titans Head Coach Jon Pardoe said "Everyone in the club is over the moon. It is magnificent recognition of the challenging and innovative approach we take to swim training. In particular we are delighted to have been able to team up with Trixter to incorporate X-Biking into our training regime. The swimmers love it, we love it and the competition better beware".

Ellesmere College headmaster, Brendan Wignall said "In just one year since their formation in 2008, the Titans have become a beacon of opportunity and a model for sporting success within a rural community. Looking beyond all the normal disadvantages associated with achieving sporting excellence within rural Britain, the Titans have been able to put together a package combining first class facilities with top level coaching. It is a package which now gives serious swimmers within Shropshire the ability to reach their goals".

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: Titans swimmers

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 24 - 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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