

## **TOP YOUNG WELSH BREASTSTROKE SWIMMER AWARDED SWIMMING SCHOLARSHIP TO ELLESMERE COLLEGE**

13 year old Welsh Breaststroke swimming prodigy Llawen Rossell-Smith, is the latest swimmer to have been awarded a scholarship to attend Ellesmere College.

Llawen, who currently attends ysgol Eifionydd Porthmadog school in North Wales and is a member of the City of Bangor swimming club and the North Wales county squad Swim Gwynedd, will be joining Ellesmere College and the Ellesmere College Titans elite swimming programme in September.

Llawen took up swimming at the age of 4 and by 10 her talent had been spotted by her local swimming club. In April 2010 at the Welsh Age Group Championships, which were held in Swansea, Llawen took the silver medal in the 100m breaststroke and the bronze medal in the 200m breaststroke events in the 12/13 age group.

Llawen has also achieved 2010 British National Championship qualifying times in both the 100m and 200m breaststroke events and is looking forward to competing at those Championships in Sheffield in July.

Titan's coach Jon Pardoe commented "Llawen is a very natural breaststroke swimmer and I'm looking forward to helping her take the next quantum leap forwards".

Commenting upon joining the Titans Llawen said "I'm really excited to be joining the Ellesmere College Titans training programme. It is a wonderful opportunity to gain inspiration from training with other elite young swimmers. "

Further details about joining the Ellesmere College Titans can be found on their website [www.ellesmerecollegetitans.co.uk](http://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](mailto:admissions.secretary@ellesmere.com) .

### **Photo: 1) Llawen Rossell-Smith**

#### **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 40 - 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](mailto: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](mailto:admissions.secretary@ellesmere.com)

[www.ellesmerecollegetitans.co.uk](http://www.ellesmerecollegetitans.co.uk)