

## TITANS CELEBRATE MEDAL HAUL

At last weekend's prestigious City of Liverpool Swimming Meet, Ellesmere College Titan swimmers amassed a total of 10 medals, recorded 33 Personal Best times and broke 9 Club records.

Competing against some of the best swimmers from all over the UK, Michael Doyle, age 9, won the gold medal in the 400m freestyle in a time of 5:50.60, which moves him up into third position in the UK rankings.

James Wilson, age 12, qualified for the British Age Group Championships in both the 400m IM and 200m Backstroke events.

Commenting upon his success Michael Doyle said "I'm over the moon. It's a great feeling knowing that I'm the third fastest 9 year old boy in the whole of the UK. But my coach keeps reminding me that I'll feel even better when I'm number 1 in the World."

Titan head coach Jon Pardoe commented "I'm absolutely delighted for Michael, James and all of the Titan swimmers who competed at Liverpool. The Ellesmere College swimming program is all about helping to develop and foster the best environment in which talent can thrive. These swimmers train incredibly hard and it is great to see them getting the deserved rewards for all that hard work".

Other Titan swimmers who were in action at the Liverpool meet included Elliot Hughes (aged 13), Alfie Pardoe (aged 12), Jamie Thomas (aged 12), Hannah Greene (aged 13), Tom Lloyd (age 11), Luc Jarzynski (age 11), Annie Jones (age 14), Leon Parkes (age 13) and Jessica Thomas (age 9).

Next Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January talented swimmers throughout the UK will be attending a swimming Academy Day at Ellesmere College where they will get to meet the coaches and see for themselves the facilities on offer. Anyone wishing to attend the Academy Day should register online at [www.ellesmerecollegetitans.co.uk](http://www.ellesmerecollegetitans.co.uk). Further details about joining the 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) Titan Swimmers (Front Row Left to Right James Wilson age 12, Jamie Thomas age 12, Michael Doyle age 9, Alfie Pardoe age 12; Back Row Left to Right Annie Jones age 14, Leon Parkes age 13, Tom Lloyd age 11).

## **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 24 - ranging from children as young as 9 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)

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