

## **Gold in the Water**

Ellesmere College, one of the top sports orientated public schools in the Country, is offering scholarship awards worth up to £150,000 over 10 years to talented young swimmers.

With a long tradition of creating exceptional sportsmen and women the school is seeking out young swimmers aged 9+ who might not otherwise have the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Talented swimmers throughout the UK are being invited to attend a swimming Academy Day on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January at Ellesmere College where they will get to meet the coaches and see for themselves the facilities on offer. For the forthcoming academic year scholarships of up to 50% of school fees are available based on swimming talent with the potential for a further 50% being available on a means-tested basis.

Over the last 18 months the Ellesmere College Titans swimming programme has put together a formidable coaching set up – headed by Jon Pardoe, one of only 80 ASA Advanced Coaches in the UK and the only one in Shropshire. He is assisted by former Sydney and Athens Olympic breaststroke finalist Darren Mew and underwater specialist Helena Kocourkova from the Czech Republic national fin swimming team.

Head Coach Jon Pardoe says “The Ellesmere College swimming programme is all about helping to develop and foster the best environment in which talent can thrive. Not only does Ellesmere College have a long track record of sporting achievements but it now boasts some of the best young swimmers in the region. Excellent pool and dry land training facilities coupled with a first class coaching set up provide a virtually unrivalled Age Group opportunity.”

Anyone wishing to attend the Academy Day should contact head of admissions Paul Goodwin on 01691 641668 or by email at [admissions.secretary@ellesmere.com](mailto:admissions.secretary@ellesmere.com). Alternatively you can register online at [www.ellesmerecollegetitans.co.uk](http://www.ellesmerecollegetitans.co.uk)

Further details about the Ellesmere College swimming set up can be found on their website [www.ellesmerecollegetitans.co.uk](http://www.ellesmerecollegetitans.co.uk) or by telephoning Jon Pardoe on 07903 641668.

**Photos:** 1) Ellesmere College  
2) James Wilson (age 12) & Alfie Pardoe (age 11) at this years National Age Group Championships

### **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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