

## **TITAN SWIMMER QUALIFIES FOR COMMONWEALTH GAMES TRIALS**

James Faure, age 21, of Ellesmere College Titans has qualified for next months Commonwealth Games trials which are being held on 29<sup>th</sup> March as part of the British Swimming Championships at Ponds Forge International Pool, Sheffield.

James who set a qualifying time in the 200m Butterfly of 2:00.37, at last years British Gas National Youth Championships, is now ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in the UK, just a few seconds behind British Olympic swimmer Michael Rock.

He will join other Titan swimmers Darren Mew, age 30, and Stacey Tadd, age 21 – all vying for places at this summers Commonwealth Games which are being held in Delhi, India.

Commenting upon his success James said "I'm really looking forward to competing at the forthcoming Commonwealth Trials and am optimistic I can secure a place on the GB team. Hopefully in doing so I can fly the flag for the Titans and swimming within the region".

Titan head coach Jon Pardoe commented "I'm absolutely delighted for James. To be honest it is nothing more than I would have expected. He is an incredibly talented swimmer with a very bright future. He is an inspiration to our younger swimmers."

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).

**Photos:** James Faure .

### **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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