

## **BEATRICE AWARDED SWIMMING SCHOLARSHIP TO ELLESMERE COLLEGE**

Talented 12 year old swimmer, Beatrice Roberts, is the latest swimmer to have been awarded a swimming scholarship to attend Ellesmere College.

Beatrice, who currently attends Castle Donnington Community College and is a member of Long Eaton Swimming Club and Derventio Excel - Derbyshire's Performance Swimming Squad, will be joining Ellesmere College and the Ellesmere College Titans elite swimming programme in September.

Beatrice first came to prominence at the age of 8 when she won silver medals in both the 50m backstroke and 50m butterfly at the Montreal Swimming Championships in Canada. She returned to the UK in 2007, and in 2008 achieved 8 qualifying times for the 2008 Midland Regional Age Group Championships. This year she will once again be competing in 8 events at the forthcoming Midland Championships.

Specialising in long distance events Beatrice has recently taken up Open Water competition and last year won the bronze medal in the 12-16 year age category at the Derbyshire 1500m Open water Championships despite only being 11 years old. This year she will be competing in the 3000m event at the Midland Open Water Championships

Titan's coach Jon Pardoe commented "Beatrice is a very promising young swimmer with significant potential. I'm looking forward to helping her achieve her swimming goals".

Commenting upon joining the Titans Beatrice said "I'm absolutely over the moon. This is a fantastic opportunity and one which I'm going to seize upon with every ounce of positive energy I can muster."

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) Beatrice Roberts at Southsea Beach 1500m Open Water Championship**

## **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)

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