

The Golden Swimming Ticket

Ellesmere College, one of the top sports orientated public schools in the Country, is offering scholarship awards worth up to £100,000 over 10 years to talented young swimmers.

With a long tradition of creating exceptional sportsmen and women including ex-England Rugby captain Bill Beaumont, the school is now seeking out young swimmers aged 8+ 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 24th January at Ellesmere College where they will get to meet head coach Jon Pardoe 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 25% being available on a means-tested basis.

Head Coach Jon Pardoe says "We see ourselves a bit like Willy Wonka handing out the golden tickets to opportunity. We are searching the length and breadth of the Country to unearth Britain's next Olympic swimming star".

"At Ellesmere College we can offer a combination of both short and long course training; a fully equipped weights and fitness centre; and expert advice on nutrition and sports psychology. Our coaching staff include former Sydney and Athens Olympic breaststroke finalist Darren Mew and our underwater specialist Helena Kocourkova from the Czech Republic national fin swimming team. We are also assisted by the very latest in underwater video stroke analysis. Above all we can offer a positive' enthusiastic and competitive culture which is contagious to all who come into contact".

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.

Further details about the Ellesmere College swimming set up can be found on their website www.ellesmerecollegetitans.co.uk or by telephoning Jon Pardoe on 07903 641668.

Photos: 1) Darren Mew coaching young Ellesmere swimmers

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 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. 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

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