

YOUNG TITAN SWIMMERS SMASH COUNTY RECORDS

Ellesmere College Titans swimmers stormed to victory at the first weekend of this year's Shropshire County Swimming Championships held on 26th & 27th February at the Market Drayton Swimming Centre. By the end of two days of hard fought competition they returned in triumphant mood with a magnificent haul of 14 Gold, 11 Silver and 11 Bronze medals.

Swimming against the very best swimmers from all over the County they recorded 75 personal best times, broke 15 club and 4 all time County Championship records.

9 year old Kate Haworth won the gold medals and smashed 2 County Championship records in the 200 Individual Medley (IM) in a time of 3:08.10 and the 200m Backstroke in 3:05.79. Kate also won the silver medal in the 200m freestyle in a time of 2:53.04.

Hector Pardoe, age 9, won the gold medals and broke the County Championship age group records in both the 200m breaststroke in a time of 3:34.89 and the 200m butterfly in 2:55.49.

10 year old Ellie Hutchings won the gold medals in the 200m freestyle (2:39.14) and the 200m backstroke (2:52.84).

Michael Doyle, age 10 won the gold medal in the 400m IM in a time of 6:06.64 and secured the silver in the 200m butterfly and bronze in the 200m breaststroke.

13 year old Alfie Pardoe won the gold medals in the 400m IM (5:20.09) and the 200m breaststroke (2:55.82). He also secured the bronze medals in the 200m butterfly, 100m butterfly and 100m freestyle.

Further medals were won for the Titans by the following swimmers: Elliot Hughes age 14, David Main age 18, Luc Jarzynski age 12, Beatrice Roberts age 13, Llawen Rossell-Smith age 14, Poppy Evans age 17, Luke Parker age 11 and James Norman age 19.

Other Titan swimmers in action over the weekend included Sarala Chaterjee (age 9), Rosie Holland (age 9), Jack Bacon (age 12), Ellie Russell (age 10), Shannon Davies (age 10), Elinor Haworth (age 10), Sunetra Chaterjee (age 11), Lucy Rowland (age 13), Anouska Gwilliam (age 13), Jimmy Kershaw (age 14), Tom Lloyd (age 13), Anais Carson-Mee (age 10), Amy Latham (age 13), Sam Holland (age 14) and Lauren Bond (aged 13).

Titan head coach Jon Pardoe commented "I am absolutely delighted for all of our swimmers. The individual performances and overall team spirit were excellent. We will continue to strive for excellence".

The final weekend of this year's County Championships will take place on the 12th and 13th March.

Further details about joining the Titans can be found on their website www.ellesmerecollegetitans.co.uk or by telephoning head coach 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 registrar@ellesmere.com

Photos: Kate Haworth, Ellie Hutchings, Michael Doyle.

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. Further details on scholarships and places at Ellesmere College can be obtained from the College Registrar on 01691 622321 or by email at registrar@ellesmere.com

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