

Ellesmere College Titans Swimming Club Press Release – 29th November 2010

Titans Shine in Cardiff

At the 2010 Welsh Capital Open Swimming Meet, Ellesmere College Titan swimmers swam their way to winning multiple medals and breaking numerous records.

The Meet which was held at the Cardiff International Pool over the weekend of Friday 26th to Sunday 28th November was attended by some of the best swimmers from all over the UK.

Swimming in the Girls 13-14 age group 200m Breaststroke, Llawen Rossell-Smith, age 13, secured a National Qualifying time by winning Gold in a new personal best time of 2:44.23. She also won the gold medals in the 50m and 100m breaststroke events.

Hector Pardoe, age 9, once again stunned the swimming world in the boys 400m Freestyle by winning the gold medal in the 9-10 year age category in a time of 5:09.94. This is the second fastest time ever recorded by a 9 year old in the UK and only a few seconds slower than the 5:04.20 time recorded by Johnny Weissmuller (aka Tarzan) in 1924 when he won the Olympic gold medal. This was one of 4 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze medals that he won throughout the weekend.

Kate Haworth, age 9, won the bronze medals in the Girls 9-10 age group 400m Freestyle and 200m Individual Medley events. She is now ranked first in the West Midlands for the 400m freestyle and second in the 200m individual medley amongst all 9 year old girls.

Michael Doyle, age 10, won the gold medal in the boys 9-10 age category 200m Backstroke; silver in the 100m Backstroke; and bronze medals in the 400m Freestyle and 200m Individual Medley.

Other Titans swimmers competing at the meet included Elinor Haworth age 10, Anais Carson-Mee age 10, Alfie Pardoe age 13, Sam Holland age 14, Luc Jarzynski age 11, Lucy Rowland age 13 and Beatrice Roberts age 13.

Ellesmere College Titans Head Coach Jon Pardoe said “I’m delighted for all of our swimmers who competed. Some of their performances were truly remarkable”.

On the 29th January 2011 the Ellesmere College Titans will be holding an Open Day to which the best young local and national swimmers will be invited. Swimmers can apply for an invitation by registering online at www.ellesmerecollegetitans.co.uk.

Photograph: Llawen Rossell-Smith; Hector Pardoe & Kate Haworth..

Further details about joining the Ellesmere Titans can be found on their website 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 Registrar on 01691 622321 or by email at registrar@ellesmere.com.

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 Admissions Secretary on 01691 622321 or by email at admissions.secretary@ellesmere.com

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