

TOP ISLE OF MAN SWIMMER AWARDED SWIMMING SCHOLARSHIP TO ELLESMERE COLLEGE

16 year old Isle of Man swimmer Poppy Evans, is the latest swimmer to have been awarded a scholarship to attend Ellesmere College.

Poppy, who currently attends Ramsey Grammar School on the Isle of Man and is a member of both the Ramseian and Isle of Man Swimming Clubs, will be joining Ellesmere College and the Ellesmere College Titans elite swimming programme in September.

In May 2010 at the ASA North West Regional Youth Championships which were held in Liverpool, Poppy took the silver medal in the 16/17 age group in the 200m breaststroke and bronze in the 50m breaststroke events. Poppy has also achieved British National Championship qualifying times in both the 100m and 200m breaststroke events and is looking forward to being selected to represent the Isle of Man at next year's Nat West Island Games.

Titan's coach Jon Pardoe commented "Poppy is a very promising breaststroke swimmer and will no doubt gain inspiration from competing alongside former Olympic breaststroke swimmer Darren Mew and Stacey Tadd - winner of this year's British Championships. I'm looking forward to helping her take the next leap forwards".

Commenting upon joining the Titans Poppy said "I'm delighted to be joining the Titans training programme. This is a great chance to combine the pursuit of my swimming goals with my A level studies. "

Further details about joining the Ellesmere College 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 Admissions Secretary on 01691 622321 or by email at admissions.secretary@ellesmere.com .

Photo: 1) Poppy Evans

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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