

LUKE AWARDED SWIMMING SCHOLARSHIP TO ELLESMERE COLLEGE

Talented 10 year old swimmer, Luke Parker, has been awarded a swimming scholarship to attend Ellesmere College.

Luke, who currently attends Manchester Grammar School and is a member of the Swim Trafford team, will be joining Ellesmere College and the Titans elite swimming programme in September.

In 2009 Luke became the Independent Schools Association National Backstroke Champion and won the gold medal in the 200m freestyle at the Cheshire County Championships. He has recently been selected to represent Manchester & District at a forthcoming gala in May and has already qualified in 6 events for the 2010 North West Regional Age Group Swimming Championships.

Attending a training camp last Saturday, Luke was welcomed to the club by British record holder and double Olympic breaststroke finalist Darren Mew.

Titan's coach Jon Pardoe commented "Luke is a very promising young swimmer and I am delighted that he will now have the opportunity to fulfil his potential. We already have some of the best 9 & 10 year old swimmers in the UK within our swim programme and I'm sure that Luke will benefit from swimming with other positive and ambitious young swimmers".

Commenting upon his scholarship Luke said "This is a fantastic opportunity. I'm really looking forward to taking my swimming to a new level."

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) Luke Parker and Darren Mew at Titans Laserquest Training Induction

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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