

## **Titans Get County Call Up**

Ellesmere College Titan Swimmers Alfie Pardoe (aged 10), Elliot Hughes (aged 11) and Jamie Thomas (aged 11) have all been called up to represent Shropshire County in the forthcoming Ron Hooper Inter County gala which is to take place on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November at Wolverhampton Central Baths.

All three are part of the Titans highly successful youth development academy coached by UKCC Level 3 Coach Jon Pardoe, former British Olympic Breaststroke swimmer Darren Mew and former Czech Republic National fin swimming champion Helena Kocourkova. They have been selected to represent the County at 11/u level. Fellow Titan James Wilson (aged 11) is first reserve.

Darren Mew commented “I’ve been keeping a watchful eye on the development of all three of these exceedingly talented Titan swimmers. Their hard work in the pool is now being justly rewarded”.

Titan head coach Jon Pardoe said “Obviously all three swimmers are delighted to have been selected to represent their County. Their selection is further evidence of the Titans growing reputation for developing young swimming talent. There are a number of other swimmers within the club who are on the precipice of also being called up in the future”.

Shropshire will competing against the top swimmers from Leicestershire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire, and Warwickshire for the prestigious trophy named after Ron Hooper a long standing Midlands swimming official.

Ellesmere College Headmaster Brendan Wignall commented “I am delighted with the Titans progress. It is only 5 months since the Club was first established and in that time they have assembled an unprecedented group of highly talented young swimmers”.

Further details about joining the Ellesmere Titans can be found on their website [www.ellesmerecollegetitans.co.uk](http://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](mailto:admissions.secretary@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 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.

Photos: Alfie Pardoe, Jamie Thomas & Elliot Hughes.

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](mailto: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](mailto:admissions.secretary@ellesmere.com)

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