

CLASH OF YOUNG TITANS AT SHREWSBURY SWIMMING MEET

At last Saturday's Shrewsbury Open Swimming Meet young Ellesmere College Titan swimmers Hector Pardoe age 9 and Michael Doyle age 10 won all five gold medals in their 10/u age group.

The Open Meet which was held at the Quarry Swimming Centre on Saturday 3rd April was attended by some of the best young swimmers from the region.

Despite only just having turned 9 and being by far the youngest swimmer at the meet, Hector Pardoe won gold medals in the 200m freestyle in 2:38.97; the 200m butterfly in 3:18.88; and the 200m backstroke in 3:02.26. As a result he is now ranked 1st amongst all 9 year olds in the West Midlands in both the 200m fly and 200m backstroke and 2nd in the 200m freestyle.

Not to be outdone by his teammate and training partner, Michael Doyle won the gold medals in the 200m breaststroke in 3:49.94 and 200m individual medley in 3:11.98.

Both Hector and Michael were awarded their medals and congratulated on their performances by the Mayor of Shrewsbury.

Titan head coach Jon Pardoe commented "I'm absolutely delighted for both Hector and Michael. It really was a case of a Clash of the Titans. The Titan's emphasis on developing extremely talented young swimmers is without question paying dividends".

Other Titans swimmers competing at the meet included Elliot Hughes age 13, Alfie Pardoe age 12, Hannah Greene age 13, Annie Jones age 14, Lauren Bond age 12, Otilie Fairhurst age 12 and Natalie Greene age 11.

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) (From left to right) Hector Pardoe, the Mayor of Shrewsbury and Michael Doyle with some of their 5 gold medals.

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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