

Ellesmere

# Ellesmere College Shooting Academy

Ellesmere College has a longstanding record of achievement in Target Sports and the Shooting Academy underlines Ellesmere's commitment to providing sporting opportunity second to none amongst UK schools.

Marksmanship at the highest levels is no different from any other sport, requiring fitness, determination, passion and desire to succeed. The Academy programmes at Ellesmere are testament to that ethos and also to the Olympic challenge to 'Inspire a Generation'. The Ellesmere College Shooting Academy is proud of its modern approach and professional target sports environment. The facilities, coaches, training programmes, and academic support provide pupils with a fantastic opportunity to reach their full potential.

## A Platform for the Future

The Shooting Academy vision is to identify, nurture, and develop talented athletes to enable them to achieve at elite levels, and to provide a platform for them to launch their senior sporting careers. Shooting is on the school curriculum as part of the Survive and Thrive options for Years 7 and 8, and there is some form of target sport coaching available every day of the College week. Evening sessions for Archery, Rifle, and Pistol ensure

every discipline is covered, and coaching for Fencing is included for Modern Pentathlon students.

An expert coaching team of current and past GB International competitors provides an excellent environment in which to develop students' talents and the facilities at Ellesmere will allow every Olympic shooting discipline to be experienced.

# **Scholarships**

Shooting scholarships are available on an assessment basis for students keen to develop their potential in a professional environment. If you want to know more, why not book a Taster Day and Assessment using the contact details below.

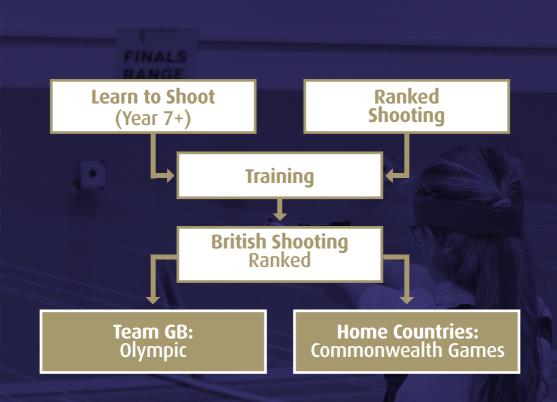
# **Facilities**

Members of the Shooting Academy are able to make full use of the College's outstanding facilities which include:

- Outdoor 50m range .22
- Indoor 25m range .22
- Air Rifle and Pistol range
- Electronic Targets
- Clay Target Shooting Range

- Archery
- State of the Art Fitness Facilities
- Indoor Swimming Pool
- Tailored Strength & Conditioning Sessions

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## Ellesmere College Win Ashburton Cup 2015

Since it was first awarded in 1861, the Ashburton Shield has been competed for by all the major independent schools in the UK – it is one of the oldest sporting trophies in existence and the most prestigious and sought after in school Shooting. Shot at the National Shooting Centre in Bisley, the Schools Meeting takes place over four days at ranges from 300 to 600 yards, culminating in the Ashburton Competition itself. The Ellesmere VIII, made up of boys and girls aged between 14 and 19, shot superbly to finish on 745 points, 11 ahead of Dollar Academy

### Alumni

- Commonwealth Games selection for Wales 2010, 2014 & 2018
- GB World Cup selection 2012

from Scotland, a previous winner, to win it for the very first time. "This is a massive prize to bring home and we are immensely proud of the team – they continue to raise their game, year on year, and individually can count some impressive achievements with representative honours at British Schools and Junior national level during this past year. Indeed two have made it through to the final phases of Target Tokyo – British Shooting's national programme to identify future Olympic talent. Our shooting standards go from strength to strength."

CSF selection for Wales 2013, 2016
 & 2017

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# **Recent Achievements**

- Ashburton Success: Winners 2015, 4 top ten finishes in 6 years from 2012, 3rd in Cadet Pair 2015 and 2016, and winners in 2014
- Several pupils selected for Wales in Schools
  National 2015-2018
- 2 pupils selected for England in Schools National 2015 & 2016 – with one of our squad, Shannon Davies, achieving the top score of all Nations
- I pupil selected for England in 2018
- Finalist in National Triathlon Championships 2013
- 7 finalists in British Schools Biathlon Championships 2014

- British Schools selection for College shooters 2013 - 2016 & 2018
- Welsh Junior Squad representation 2011 2016
- Gold medals at Junior Internationals 2013
- Gold medals at 5 Nations Cup 2012 and 2013
- Division I winners in British schools league, 2012 - runners up in 2018
- Shannon Davies won a full GB cap in the Randle Match vs USA 2016
- Ryan Williams selected for Wales in CSF Championships Brisbane 2017





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