

Ellie Simmonds OBE

Four-time Paralympic Champion and BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year

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About

Eleanor 'Ellie' Simmonds OBE is a four-time Paralympic Champion and currently has ten world records to her name. Ellie shot to fame when she won her first Paralympic medal at the age of 13 years and nine months. This was the start of a string of firsts for Ellie as she went on to become the youngest winner of the BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year in 2008 and then the youngest recipient of an MBE at the age of 14 years.

Since her meteoric rise into the public eye, Ellie has continued to dominate her sport, winning thirteen World titles, ten European titles and breaking eight world records along the way. In addition to these achievements, Ellie competed at the London 2012 Paralympics, winning four medals, including two golds, and broke a further two world records. Her gold medals were won in the S6 400m Freestyle and SM6 200m Individual Medley. Ellie won silver in the S6 100m Freestyle and Bronze in the S6 50m Freestyle. In the lead up to London 2012 Ellie became the poster girl for the Paralympic games and her success makes her the most recognised Paralympic athlete in Great Britain.

Ellie Simmonds' disability is classified as Achondroplasia dwarfism. She started swimming at the age of five and started competing against able-bodied children at the age of eight. At ten years old, Ellie's talent was spotted at a disability event and she was entered onto the British Swimming talent programme. She worked her way through to be selected as the youngest member of a senior British Swimming squad for the 2006 IPC World Championships at 12 years and three weeks.

Since bursting onto the scene at the Beijing Paralympics, Ellie Simmonds has captured both the hearts and minds of the British public, balancing her stardom with her school work and training. Ellie's reputation as a world-class athlete has been secured with fantastic performances at London 2012. She followed up her sensational Paralympics with an equally fantastic World Championships in Montreal where she came home with three gold medals, a bronze and a world record, cementing her status as Britain's golden girl.

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