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Press Release

RECORD NUMBERS COME TO CRC ADVICE DAYS

Hundreds of prospective students flocked to Cambridge Regional College this week seeking advice and information after receiving their GCSE and AS results.

The College's two Advice Days, on August 27th and 31st, attracted more than 400 young people, with many of them putting in immediate applications for courses starting in September.

Jackie Cannell, Head of Learner Services at CRC, said record numbers had come along to the Advice Days, with many would-be students seeking help and information, and others looking for advice on changing careers.

"Sometimes results can mean a change of plan, and we hold the advice days to let students know there are still many possibilities and choices available to them," she said.

"We saw students who had received worse grades than they expected and needed to talk to tutors, and others had done better and wanted to join a course at a higher level.

"We also spoke to many people who were worried about redundancy and looking for a change of career and others who needed more qualifications to boost their prospects of getting into university.

"Apprenticeships also proved very popular, with many young people keen on getting straight into work and earning while they learn. We were able to tell them about our current vacancies for apprentices and in many cases offer help in finding employment on an apprenticeship programme.

“We also had quite a large number of students who were visiting the college for the first time – and who were very impressed with our superb facilities.”

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MEDIA ENQUIRIES:

For more information, please contact Lynn O’Shea, PR & Events Co-ordinator, on 01223 418773 or email loshea@camre.ac.uk

NOTES TO EDITORS

Cambridge Regional College is the second largest provider of full-time education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region. The College has around 3,500 full-time and 6,000 part-time students. Students come in from a 40-mile radius, covering Cambridge and its surrounding villages, eastern Bedfordshire, northern Essex and western Suffolk.

Over 80 per cent of full-time students are aged 16 to 18 years old and come to the College after secondary school; the rest are mature students, studying on a range of Access to Higher Education and vocational programmes. The College offers the largest and most comprehensive range of vocational courses in Cambridgeshire.