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Press Release

CAMBRIDGE ENTREPRENEUR PASSES ON THE SECRETS OF SUCCESS TO STUDENTS

Top Cambridge entrepreneur Alex van Someren, who founded nCipher and ANT Software, has been passing on his tips for success to students at Cambridge Regional College.

The millionaire businessman said it was important to take advantage of opportunities when they were offered – with luck and determination also vital to success.

The entrepreneur, a partner at venture capitalist company Amadeus Capital Partners Ltd, was speaking to Childcare students at the College in a visit organised by lecturer Suzanne Clarke, from CRC's Childcare, Health and Early Years Academy.



Alex van Someren with CHEY students

He told the students success was all about going that extra mile and taking opportunities when they were offered, and stressed the importance of luck and determination.

And he said he had really enjoyed starting up his own company because it meant he could set the dress style – and keep his jeans and ponytail.

Afterwards, Suzanne said the visit had been a big success with all the students.

“We have had a number of visitors this term talking to the students about their different careers and we were absolutely delighted when Alex agreed to come and speak,” she said.

“He has had a very successful career, and also a very interesting one – he told the students he very cheekily wrote to Acorn for a job when he was just 14, and was finally offered one after his A levels. He was very inspirational and we are very grateful that he made time to come and talk to us.”

The students have been inspired by a series of thought-provoking speakers over the term, including Sister Anna Mary, photographer Phil Mynott and journalist Laura Morris.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Cambridge Regional College is one of the largest providers of full-time further education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region, with more than 4,000 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

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