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Press Release

TRAINEE CHEFS COOK UP A FEAST FOR GOVERNMENT MINISTER

Catering students at Cambridge Regional College found themselves cooking for a top Government minister when Health Secretary Andrew Lansley came to visit.

The VIP, who is the MP for South Cambridgeshire, tucked into a three-course meal at the College's Park Restaurant yesterday and pronounced the dishes "fantastic".

Mr Lansley, who was at the College to meet new Principal Anne Constantine and senior members of management, chose crispy shredded beef with spicy noodles, followed by pan-fried sea bass. Afterwards, the Health Secretary chatted to some of the young chefs and hospitality students who had cooked and served the meal.



Andrew Lansley, pictured with Principal Anne Constantine and CRC students, signs the Visitors' Book.

He said he was very pleased to be at the College and enjoy such a wonderful meal. “The youngsters who have been responsible for cooking the meal and serving us have done a fantastic job,” he said. “I am delighted to be here.”

Mr Lansley also praised the planned £6 million Deakin Learning Centre at Addenbrooke’s Hospital – where CRC will teach social care qualifications - and described it as a “very good and very encouraging” collaboration between CRC and Cambridge University Hospitals.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Cambridge Regional College is the second largest provider of full-time further education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region. The College has 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 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, and has one of the largest work-based learning contracts in the Eastern Region.