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Press Release

## **CRC'S NEW PRINCIPAL TAKES UP HER ROLE**

**Cambridge Regional College's new Principal, Anne Constantine, has taken up her post and described her ambitions for the College to be recognised as one of the best in the country.**



She said she was 'passionate' about further education, and delighted to be leading a College with the potential to be among the top establishments nationally.

"The reason I am delighted to be here as a Principal is because I think the College is so very well placed, both geographically and in terms of its position in the education sector in Cambridge and the region," she said.

“Cambridge Regional College obviously has the potential to be one of the best colleges in the country, and I hope we can raise its profile nationally.”

Anne, who took over from Rick Dearing after his retirement from CRC, said she was enjoying meeting staff at the College and had been made to feel very welcome by everyone.

She began her career as a languages teacher, working in this country and overseas, and her roles included Director of Teaching and Learning at Wakefield College before moving to Huntingdon in 2002.

“Further education is truly skills-based and I am passionate about skills,” she said. “I think people find it very rewarding that they can do things and can make their particular contribution to our society.

“The skills route is a very valuable route for a large number of people – and even for those who take the more academic route, skills development is very important at some stage in their career.

“Further education offers opportunities to everyone - to those who struggle in school and for those who succeed, and that is what I find most exciting about it. So many lives are transformed through further education.”

Anne said the sector could be in for some turbulent times, but she was confident that CRC was well equipped to cope with them.

“Clearly I am concerned that the Government is going to have some unwelcome messages for education as a whole and we are going to have to deal with this and all the other turbulences around Further Education, but I am confident we have the capability and capacity to take advantage of the opportunities that will also arise,” she said.

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**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, and has one of the largest work-based learning contracts in the Eastern Region.