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Press Release

ARMY CADETS TRAIN AS SPORTS LEADERS IN CRC PILOT SCHEME

Cambridge Regional College has presented a cheque for more than £2,000 to the county's cadet force – as well as training 92 young cadets as sports leaders.

The double boost to the cadets comes from a pilot scheme held at the College to train the youngsters in leadership skills, providing them with a qualification to promote and encourage sport in their detachment.



Chris Lang, CRC's Director of Finance and Resources, presents a cheque to
Cadet Commandant Colonel Roger Herriot

The cadets all successfully completed the Level 2 programme, which included weekend training at their Waterbeach base carried out by CRC Sports and Public Services lecturers Peter Hockey and Rob Metcalfe.

Government training funding, being used to help more young people into sport, covered the complete cost of the cadets' training, and the College presented £2,325 of the money they received to the cadets.

Peter Hockey, who is also the Cambridgeshire Cadets County Sports Officer, said the pilot scheme had gone extremely well.

“We now have nearly 100 cadets qualified as sports leaders, which means they can encourage and promote sport in their detachment, help in after-school clubs and get involved in sports programmes for others. It's a very useful qualification.

“The pilot scheme was so successful that we hope to train more cadets next year – perhaps as many as 400 or 500. There are 800 cadets in Cambridgeshire, and we would like to offer the sports leaders' qualification to all of them eventually.”

Chris Lang, CRC's Director of Finance and Resources, handed over a cheque for the money to Cadet Commandant Colonel Roger Herriot at a special lunch to mark the occasion.

“We're delighted to be able to support the cadets in such a positive way,” he said. “We have very close links with the army and many of our students go on to careers in the services. We hope we'll be seeing many more Cambridgeshire cadets here training to be sports leaders.”

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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 Train to Gain contracts in the Eastern Region.