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Press Release

MAJOR PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION EXPLORES BODY IMAGE

Talented photography students from Cambridge Regional College have been exploring attitudes to body image in a major new exhibition at Cambridge's Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.

'Bodies Exposed: Identity and the Image' is a collaborative project between National Diploma Photography Students at the College and the museum, demonstrating the different ways we see ourselves. The photographs explore themes such as beauty, gender, and individuality, and ask whether identity is created from reality, fantasy, or digitally-enhanced 'ideals'.



Photographs from the 'Bodies Exposed' exhibition

The exhibition, which runs until 10 April, has been put together by a group of ten students who are also using the presentation to raise money for Unicef's Haiti appeal. The students, Cheyanne Betts, Cassie Bradshaw, Lauren Dean, Gemma Easey, Hannah Jones, Yasmina Kasippillai, Lizzy Keohane, James Perrin, Nicole Richardson

and Richard Williams, are selling exhibition catalogues, sponsored by Ikon and featuring their work, to help boost the appeal.

The exhibition is a response through photography to the museum's new 'Assembling Bodies: Art, Science & Imagination' presentation, which aims to challenge pre-conceived notions about the human body, and examines the ways bodies are constructed in different historical, cross-cultural and disciplinary contexts.

Leading photographer Mark Adams, an artist in residence at the museum who has been working with the students, described their work as: "Fizzing with colour and teenage body obsessions."

Julia Johnson, photography lecturer at the College, said the students' work for 'Bodies Exposed' was rich with contextual meaning.

"In order to produce their images, the students have insisted on expressing both the reality and fiction surrounding youth culture in relation to themes such as greed, love, beauty," she said.

The Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Downing Street, Cambridge, is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10:30am to 4:30pm. See www.maa.cam.ac.uk for information.

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MEDIA ENQUIRIES:

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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.