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Press Release

FORMER CRC VICE PRINCIPAL RECEIVES CBE AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

A former Vice Principal at Cambridge Regional College has been awarded a CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) for his services to local and national education.

John Widdowson, who worked at CRC for 10 years before moving to Durham, travelled to Buckingham Palace to receive his award from Prince Charles.



Former CRC Vice Principal John Widdowson with his CBE

He was Vice Principal of Education Services at Cambridge before taking up his current post as Principal and Chief Executive at New College Durham in 1998.

Jackie Cannell, Head of Learner Services at Cambridge Regional College, who worked with him, said: "All John's former colleagues and friends at CRC are tremendously pleased to see he has been awarded such a distinguished accolade."

As well as running the Durham City college, John sits on the board of the Association of Colleges and the Higher Education Funding Council for England, and is chair of the Mixed Economy Group of Colleges.

He said: "It was an honour and privilege to be chosen for this award. The education of our young people and adults remains one of the most important factors helping to shape and define our future."

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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 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.