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Press Release

CRC STAFF SING OUT FOR THE TEENAGE CANCER TRUST

Hairdressers, beauty therapists, chefs and teachers at Cambridge Regional College have been busy rehearsing for a musical extravaganza next month in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust.

The hard-working crew is staging a – strictly amateur – production called "CRC's Musical Vision", featuring popular show tunes from *Les Miserables*, *Oliver*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and *The Wizard of Oz*.

With the help of family and friends, the feast of fun includes solo artists, dancers and comedy acts complete with elaborate costumes, make-up and hair designs.

The idea for the show came after a singalong in the staff room, when staff decided to put their talents to use for a good cause – the Academy's chosen charity, Teenage Cancer Trust.

"The pressure was on as we only had four months to organise the show as the only night we could get was Friday, 9th July," said organiser Alison Maltby, a student support tutor at the College.

"We started advertising for volunteers and have been overwhelmed by the response of support from CRC staff. Once the staff talked to their family and friends about the show they also offered their support and we are now up to 80 members helping with the show, either on stage or as a helper.

“It has been a great experience because it has brought several Academies together and it has also allowed us to have a laugh and get to know each other in a social way.

“We cannot cure these teenagers but what we can do is help give them a better quality of life by helping Teenage Cancer Trust to build the new teenage cancer unit at Addenbrooke’s Hospital.”

The show runs for one night only on Friday, 9 July, at 7pm at Cambridge Regional College in King’s Hedges Road. Interval drinks and snacks are available and generous sponsors have provided a wide range of raffle prizes. Tickets cost £10 and all proceeds go to Teenage Cancer Trust to support the new ward at Addenbrooke’s Hospital.

For further information or to book tickets contact Alison Maltby on 01223 418932

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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.

Teenage Cancer Trust focuses on the needs of teenagers and young adults with cancer by providing specialist teenage units in NHS hospitals designed to give teenagers and young people the very best chance of a positive outcome. As well as state-of-the-art facilities to keep patients occupied during long stays in hospital, the units provide an environment where teenagers can meet others in a similar situation.

The charity estimates that, with the 15 units they currently have around the UK, only half of all young people diagnosed with cancer now have access to the dedicated, specialist support they provide. Teenage Cancer Trust's aim is to build enough units so that every young person will be treated on one.

www.teenagecancertrust.org
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