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Press Release

CHIEF CONSTABLE VISITS CRC FOR SAFEGUARDING MONTH

Cambridgeshire's new Chief Constable, Simon Parr, visited Cambridge Regional College this week as part of a 'stay safe' initiative at the College.

He met Principal Anne Constantine, toured the Science Park campus, chatted to students and spoke to Lisa Pollitt, CRC's safeguarding co-ordinator, during his two-hour visit – his first to the College.

The visit was organised by former city mayor and CRC security manager Russ McPherson, who invited the Chief Constable to visit during the College's Safeguarding Month, which included activities to mark Road Safety and Anti-Bullying Weeks.

The Chief Constable, who highlighted cyber-bullying as a big problem for young people, said he was delighted that Cambridgeshire police had such a good relationship with the College.

"This College helps prepare young people for the world of work and gives them a better chance of finding a job. It is doing a great job, and I am delighted we have such a good relationship with the College," he said.

Afterwards, Russ said he hoped the Chief Constable had found his time at the College enjoyable and informative.

"I know that my team were pleased to meet him and to have the chance to explain our role and our vision at CRC and to also express our gratitude first hand to his police

officers and PCSOs with whom we have had such an excellent working relationship over many years," he 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 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.