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## **DECK THE HALLS AT CRC!**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2008

**Cambridge Regional College (CRC) has held a series of events this week to mark Christmas, as part of their ongoing commitment to celebrating faiths and festivals.**

The celebrations ran from Monday to Wednesday this week at both of the College's campuses. Members of the Chaplaincy ran a welcome stand where staff and students were invited to talk to various members of the Chaplaincy, including Chaplains from organisations such as the Dominicans and the Quakers.



***College staff and students enjoy some carol singing***

Visitors were encouraged to put their thoughts on what Christmas means to them, on a board where everyone could read it, in exchange for a festive mince pie! A short nativity play was shown throughout the day to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas.

The College choir, supported by some musicians performed a series of traditional and modern carols, such as “Silent Night” and “Deck the Halls”. There was also an international twist when Norwegian students performed carols such as “Deilig er Jorden” and “Nu er den hellige”.

Chris Wilson, College Chaplain and Curriculum Quality Leader for Social Cohesion said, "It really is great that the College is once more marking the Christmas Season. By holding these events, the College is showing that there is so much more to the Christmas story, than parties and presents; the idea of God encountered in the birth of a child". He continued, “There is a further benefit by sharing in these occasions as a college community, we encourage all of our students of whatever background, faith to belief, to understand and to enjoy the rich and diverse cultural life of our country”.

The College's pioneering Multi-Faith Chaplaincy has found that in celebrating such events, students of different background and beliefs can be brought together and a deeper sense of college community encouraged. The Chaplaincy has recently received a “Highly Commended” in its Beacon application in the category “Sustainable College Partnerships that Recognise Diversity and Develop People and Communities”.

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