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Press Release

## **JOBS FOR THE GIRLS AT CRC CONSTRUCTION DAYS**

**Schoolgirls donned hard hats and boots for a series of special ‘Have a Go’ days at Cambridge Regional College aimed at helping open up the construction industry to more women.**

Building, carpentry, plumbing and decorating were all on the timetable when the pupils from Witchford and Swavesey Village Colleges and Newport Free Grammar School visited the College’s construction academy.



Learning from the experts at CRC’s Ladies’ Construction Day

The Year 10 girls were given the chance to learn from the experts as they had a go at building a brick wall, tried their hand at carpentry and were introduced to the intricacies of plumbing.

The activities mirrored some of those due to feature at this year's WorldSkills 2011 in London, the international finals of the world's biggest skills competition for young people. CRC construction students will be taking part in one of the highlights of the event – an ambitious project to build an eco house at the ExCeL exhibition centre in just four days.

The Ladies' Construction Days attracted 38 youngsters – providing a great opportunity for them to learn more about the traditionally male construction industry, said CRC's Head of the Construction Academy John Malone.

“There are still very few women in the construction industry – just 10 per cent of the workforce – but there's absolutely no reason why there shouldn't be far more,” he said.

“We wanted to encourage more girls to look at construction as a career option, and we hope the Ladies' Construction Days will have done just that.

“The girls had a great time choosing construction jobs and getting involved in the tasks. They obviously enjoyed themselves and the event was a big success.”

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## **MEDIA ENQUIRIES**

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

Cambridge Regional College is the second largest provider of full-time further 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.