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**CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL COLLEGE HEADS TO THE BALLOT
BOX IN DEMOCRACY IN ACTION WEEK**

Friday 16 October 2009

Students at Cambridge Regional College (CRC) have taken part in various activities to encourage interest and improve understanding of political processes throughout this week.

College students will be participating in a variety of exercises to help them learn about the democratic process. In the classroom, students all over the College voiced their opinions by using special voting slips and a ballot box to select their favourite music genre, such as Jazz, Country, Pop and Rock. The winning choice will form the basis of an event in the College's Student Lounge throughout one day, to illustrate that voting does result in a real outcome.

There are also stands in the Mall of the Science Park campus manned by local representatives of the main political parties who provided information on their party's views and the democratic process. Daniel Zeichner, the Prospective Parliamentary Candidate (PPC) for the Cambridge Labour Party said, "I'm backing CRC's democracy week because the students of today are the citizens and voters of tomorrow: you have the power to make the decisions that will make it a good place for you and your family to live. Please use it!".

CRC's Tutorial Team organised the initiative: Penny Buckingham, Tutorial Manager said, "We are so pleased to have created this learning opportunity for students. It will set them in great stead for Student Union elections next Spring and for some, 2010 may well be

their first chance to vote in a General Election. We are most grateful for the support and enthusiasm of local politicians, staff and students, who have enabled us to draw together all this week's events".

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