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Press Release

APPRENTICES PROVE THEMSELVES CHAMPIONS IN EAST OF ENGLAND CHALLENGE

Talented young Cambridge Regional College apprentices Craig Garrod and Leigh Moulding have won first and second places in an engineering competition against City College Norwich.

The teenagers, both from Soham, proved their skills in the welding challenge held at CRC as part of the inter-college East of England Champions Challenge, organised between CRC, Norwich, Barnfield College and North Hertfordshire College.



Champions Challenge winners Leigh Moulding (left) and Craig Garrod with their work.

Craig, 17, took the top slot, while Leigh, 18, was runner-up. The two apprentices, both employed by G's Marketing in Soham, worked in examination conditions at CRC to beat the opposition candidates from City College.

Sam Palmer, 18, from Linton, a CRC apprentice with George Lister Engineering Ltd of Fulbourn, was third in the welding competition.

The Champions Challenge involved competitions across the skills sector, from carpentry to hairdressing, with each college playing host to a number of different challenges for nearly 100 competitors in total.

Cambridge Regional College hosted the Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy competitions in The Park, while the Engineering Academy was home to the welding, milling, turning and CAD challenges.

The competition, the first of its kind, was organised to encourage more students to pit their skills against each other and develop the confidence to take part in regional and national competitions.

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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..