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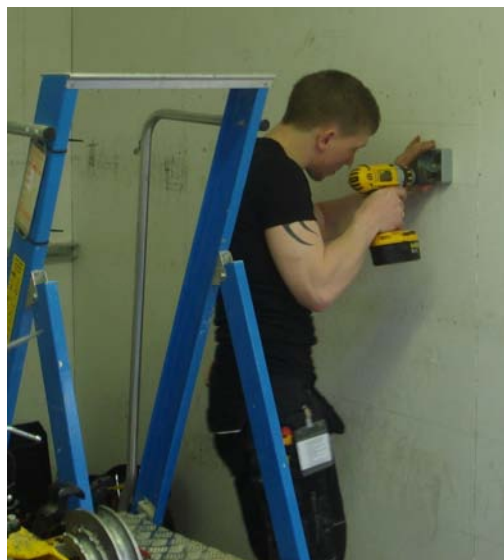
Press Release

CHAMPION CRC STUDENTS TAKE TOP SPOTS IN EAST OF ENGLAND CHALLENGE

Skilled electrical students Alistaire Ryan and Christopher Gill have proved themselves champions in the inaugural East of England Challenge.

The two Cambridge Regional College students took first and second place in the electrical skills competition in the Champions Challenge, an inter-college contest involving four major further education colleges – CRC, Barnfield College in Luton, Norwich City College and North Hertfordshire College.

Alistaire, 20, who came first, and Christopher, 18, were commended for their excellent and extremely high standard of work, winning against tough competition from the other colleges. And they weren't the only CRC winners – fellow learner James Walton, 20, took third in the plumbing competition.



Champions Challenge winner Alistaire Ryan at work during the competition at North Herts College.

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 the competitors – nearly 100 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.

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.