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**CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL COLLEGE HOLD EID AL FITR
AND QUAKER CELEBRATIONS**

Thursday 9th October 2008

Students and staff at Cambridge Regional College (CRC) spent some time this week learning about both Eid al Fitr celebrations and the Quaker movement by joining in a series of activities that took place at the Science Park Campus.

As part of CRC's ongoing commitment to celebrating the diversity of its student community, the College had stalls on the celebration of Eid, as well as stalls for the "Quaker Experience". The College held these events to encourage understanding between students of all faiths and beliefs.



Chand Chudsasama does a Henna tattoo for student Geordie Jeffrey

Muslim students have been fasting for the month of Ramadan. Eid marks an end to this period of fasting, and a time of celebration for families and friends. The celebration of Eid at CRC gave students and staff the opportunity to take part in an array of interesting activities, including information on Islam and Ramadan provided by the charity "Islamic Relief" and a local mosque.

The College held its first "Quaker Experience" which was aimed at educating staff and students about the beliefs and history of the movement. Members of the Religious Society of Friends were on hand to provide information and answer any questions.

Rev Chris Wilson, the College's Chaplain and coordinator of the Multi-Faith Chaplaincy said, "I am really pleased to see the Quakers staffing a stall here at CRC. The College and its Chaplaincy are committed to celebrating the diversity of faith and belief held by students. Also, we recognise that by supporting these events we can encourage students to learn about each other, and do our bit to promote inclusive and informed communities. We hope that other faith and belief-based groups will be able to follow the Quakers good example in this regard."

The College's Multi-faith Chaplaincy provides information and support for students of all faiths, and the College holds events at least once a term, to celebrate different festivals from a wide variety of faith traditions and to affirm Equality and Diversity throughout the College community. The Chaplaincy has recently received excellent feedback to their Beacon Award bid and will receive their results in mid-November.

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