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CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL COLLEGE HELD EID AL FITR CELEBRATIONS

Friday 19th October 2007

Students and staff at Cambridge Regional College (CRC) learned about Eid al Fitr, and joined in with the celebrations through a series of activities and workshops that took place at both campuses this week.

As part of CRC's ongoing commitment to celebrating the diversity of its student community, the College held Eid celebrations this week. 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, painting Henna tattoos, and tasting traditional food at the Eid Feasts.

Sheridan James, the Muslim Associate Chaplain at CRC said, "At the end of the month, we celebrate by having the festival of Eid al Fitr. We say special prayers and have a big festive meal which we share with family, friends and neighbours."

The College celebrated Eid to encourage understanding between students of all faiths and beliefs. All college students were invited to an 'Eid Feast' and to find out more about Islamic faith.

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The 'Eid Feast' took place on Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th October at the Science Park campus, and Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th October at the City Centre campus, between 12pm and 1.30pm.

Rev Chris Wilson, the College's Chaplain and coordinator of the Multi-Faith Chaplaincy said, "We seek to celebrate with our students throughout year, and are strongly committed to their success, well-being and moral development. Having a faith or belief, can be an important part of student identity. I am therefore delighted that we held these Eid events. They formed part of a programme of events, which also includes celebrations for Christmas and Easter. Such celebrations encourage mutual respect and understanding, and are also, always, a lot of fun!"

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. Previous celebrations have included Christmas and Diwali.

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