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**CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL COLLEGE TO CELEBRATE SUCCESS
AT APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

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An Apprentice studying at Cambridge Regional College has won the Eastern Region Apprentice of the Year and another has gained 2nd prize. The Federation of Master Builders (FMB) will present the awards at a ceremony on 12th October.

George Kew (22) is currently in his final year of an Advanced Apprenticeship in Brickwork. He works 4 days a week at PAS Building Services and spends one day at CRC studying the theory and working towards his Construction and Brickwork qualifications. On winning this award, George said, "Amazing news – I really cannot believe it!"



Pictured is George Kew at work

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George was nominated by his Vocational Trainer and Assessor, Jon Foulkes for his exceptional commitment and effort to his apprenticeship. He said, "George deserves this award for his hard work and dedication to the course. We hope this will be the start of a great career in the construction industry".

Another CRC student, Stuart Money (19) came 2nd – Highly Commended in the competition. He is in his second year as an Apprentice in Carpentry. Stuart works for Salmon Brothers for 4 days a week and spends one day studying at College. His Vocational Training Assessor Colin Leonard said, "Stuart is a very polite and enthusiastic young man who shows an interest in all aspects of his chosen trade, and maybe next year he can win the first prize".

The competition aims to reward these, often overlooked, talented young people, whose hard work, outstanding ability and 'can do' attitude provides a valuable contribution to the businesses they work for.

Cambridge Regional College has over 800 students on Apprenticeships across a diverse range of areas, such as Construction, Childcare, Engineering, Management and Hairdressing. Apprenticeships offer the opportunity to gain practical experience and training, while earning a wage and working toward industry-recognised qualifications.

The Federation of Master Builders is the largest trade association in the UK building industry, representing over 13,000 building companies. Richard Diment, Director General of the FMB said, "The Apprentice of the Year Award not only offers the chance to put talented and deserving young people from the industry in the spotlight, but may also encourage other young people to consider a career in one of the construction trades". National judging for the competition has already taken place, so George will have to wait to see if he has been successful!

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