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Press Release

## **HRH THE DUKE OF YORK TO VISIT CRC**

His Royal Highness The Duke of York is to visit Cambridge Regional College next week to mark the completion of the College's £23million single-site development.

He will meet staff and students during a tour of the new Catering, Hair and Beauty Academy on Tuesday before unveiling a plaque to officially open the building.

During his visit, Prince Andrew will have lunch in the College's Bistro, prepared and served by Catering and Hospitality students, and be presented with a mask designed by students in the Media Make-up department.

A non-alcoholic cocktail is also being created in his honour, and four students will join the Prince for lunch, along with College Principal Rick Dearing and local dignitaries.

"We're absolutely delighted and very honoured that the Duke is coming to the College to mark the completion of our single campus development and view our superb new facilities," said Rick.

"This is recognition of CRC's vital role in providing excellent vocational education both for young people in the Cambridge region and its corresponding effect on the local community.

"We're also very pleased that our students will be able to play such a high-profile role in the visit, and meet Prince Andrew."

The College redevelopment has produced some of the best facilities in the country. The new Catering, Hair and Beauty facilities sit alongside superbly-equipped Graduate

Hair and Beauty Salons as well as a restaurant and bistro, all of which are open to the public.

There are now also two sports halls, state-of-the-art fitness facilities and a £9million dedicated Motor Vehicle centre – recently opened by British racing driver Mark Blundell.

This is the Duke's second visit to the College's Science Park campus: he last came in 2004, when he officially opened the Arts and Music facilities.

The College's first development on the site was opened by Her Majesty The Queen in November, 1993.

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**MEDIA ENQUIRIES:**

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**NOTES TO EDITORS**

Cambridge Regional College is the second largest provider of full-time education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region. The College has around 3,500 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 Train to Gain contracts in the Eastern Region.