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Press Release

CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL COLLEGE EXPANDS NEW HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Cambridge Regional College is expanding its range of Higher Education courses after a successful pilot scheme this year.

The college is targeting courses at students who want to stay in the area or are put off by rising university tuition fees, offering a year's study for under £4,000 – compared to average university tuition fees of more than £8,000 from September.

Higher education programmes have been put together after consultations with local employers and include valuable work experience, boosting future employment prospects for students.

Laurence Wells, CRC's Head of Curriculum Development, said the Higher Education pilot courses in business, sport and computing systems development had been very successful.

"We are now ready to offer a wider range of courses for our students and others who want to progress to higher education but are put off by expensive accommodation costs or high tuition fees," he said.

"As part of their course, students will work in industry or carry out work assignments which will help give them valuable job-ready skills, and by staying local they will maintain invaluable friendship and family support networks and save money – our fees are far cheaper than university tuition fees. We have also structured the programmes so that students have the opportunity to work as well as study during the course."

The college is offering a three-year higher education programme, validated by BTEC, divided into three separate units - HNC, HND and-Degree - providing stand-alone qualifications at the end of each year.

Subjects due to start in September include journalism, games design, childcare, civil engineering and automotive engineering.

Tuition fees are £3,800 a year, with a £500 cash bonus on successful completion of the year. See below for a full list of planned courses for September 2012, and for more information, visit www.camre.ac.uk.

HNC

1. Advanced Practice in Health & Social Care
2. Advanced Studies Early Years
3. Art & Design
4. Automotive Engineering (Motor Vehicle)
5. Business
6. Computing & Systems Development
7. Construction (Civil Engineering)
8. Construction (Building Services)
9. Construction
10. Creative Media Production (Computer Game Design/Animation)
11. Creative Media Production (Journalism)
12. Electrical/Electronic Engineering
13. Sport & Exercise Sciences (Coaching & Sport Development)
14. Travel & Tourism Management

HND

1. Computing & Systems Development

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MEDIA ENQUIRIES

For more information, please contact Lynn O'Shea, Communications & PR Manager, on 01223 418773 or email loshea@camre.ac.uk

NOTES TO EDITORS

Cambridge Regional College is one of the largest providers of full-time further education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region, with 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.