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Press Release

‘EXCELLENT’ CRC PRAISED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Cambridge’s new Member of Parliament has praised Cambridge Regional College in his maiden speech in the House of Commons.

Julian Huppert, MP, the Liberal Democrat who won his seat at the last election, told his fellow MPs that the College provided “excellent” further education.

“There is more to Cambridge as an education city than just the universities,” he told Parliament. “We are proud to have two marvellous sixth form colleges, and excellent further education at Cambridge Regional College.”



Visiting CRC: Julian Huppert, MP, centre, with students Daniel Clark, Jack Caro and Ben Childs

Mr Huppert, who visited the College with Vince Cable, the new Business Secretary, during the election campaign, was obviously impressed by his tour and the students he met.

He chatted to 17 year-old carpentry students Jack Caro, Ben Childs and Daniel Clark when he toured the SmartLife Centre – home of the College’s Modern Methods of Construction courses – and said it had been great to see the students at work.

During his speech, Mr Huppert also praised the “countless good schools” in the region, but said some needed more investment so that all children could have the fair start they deserved.

Afterwards, Mr Huppert said he had been nervous before his maiden speech.

“The tradition is to be nervous – and I was,” he wrote in his column in local newspaper. *Cambridge First*. “But I did slightly better than Winston Churchill, who apparently fainted before his.”

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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.