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Press Release

FREE ITQ TUITION AT CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL COLLEGE

Is the computer age leaving you behind? Are you looking for a new job or do you just want to keep up with the children and grandchildren?

The internet has become a huge part of our everyday lives, with shopping, working, researching and even talking all available online. But if you're out of touch with the IT world, you could be missing out on all of it.

Now could be the time to take the first steps into technology with the offer of free tuition for an IT Qualification at Cambridge Regional College, where you can learn at your own pace with one-to-one support from friendly, professional tutors.

For pensioners Cyril Whitehead, 77, and John Wallis, 74, studying for an ITQ has opened up a whole new world: they email each other, play games online and even produce their own Christmas cards.

If you're already familiar with IT, but need to improve your skills to go back to work or find a better job, then an ITQ is also the answer, giving you the flexibility to study what you want, when you want.

Twenty-four year-old Bryony Smith, a part-time dance teacher, says she started studying for an ITQ after being turned down for basic administration jobs. "I wanted to improve my skills and get a qualification which would prove I could do the job," she says.

Nine out of ten new jobs require people with IT skills, and employers usually require proof of those skills. An ITQ is a nationally-recognised qualification, tailor-made for you, which demonstrates your competence in the use of IT.

Tuition takes into account all your existing IT skills and any relevant qualifications you may already have. You can cover everything from Word Processing, Spreadsheets, Databases and Powerpoint to Email, the Internet and Desktop Publishing.

Whether it's for your job prospects, your personal life or just as a hobby, taking an IT Qualification will expand your learning, improve your skills – and make sure you can keep up with the grandchildren.

If you want to find out more, visit Cambridge Regional College's ITQ information evening in King's Hedges Road on Wednesday, 21 April from 6pm to 8pm, or call 01223 226315 or 01223 418249.

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MEDIA ENQUIRIES:

For more information, please contact Lynn O'Shea, PR & Events Co-ordinator, on 01223 418773 or email loshea@camre.ac.uk

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 around 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.