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Press Release

## **COLLEGES LAUNCHES JANUARY INTAKE FOR NEW STUDENTS**

**Cambridge Regional College is introducing full-time courses starting in January for the first time in an innovative move to help unemployed teenagers.**

A range of 'fast-track' courses will allow new students to complete the first year of the course in two terms, and catch up with those who enrolled in September.

The breakthrough initiative is in response to would-be students and out-of-work teenagers who want to get back into education but can't wait until the next academic year.

The College is holding an Information Morning on Friday, 10 December from 10am to 12pm to give prospective students a chance to speak to specialists in the different subjects on offer and discuss the course options.

CRC's Director of Learning and Achievement Chris Sherwin said: "These courses are specifically aimed at people who may have missed the September start date or have changed their mind on their chosen course and want to fast track onto their next level.

"We have had a large number of calls from young people who are worried because they have no job and would like to get back into education as soon as possible. We think these courses will answer a big need in Cambridge and further afield."

She said students needed to apply early, and certainly before Christmas, if they wanted to access an Education Maintenance Allowance before the closing date of 31 December 2010.

Among the subjects covered in the courses starting next month are Construction, Business, IT, Administration, Engineering and Football-Coaching.

Apprenticeship programmes in Childcare, Professional Cookery, Plumbing, Carpentry, Brickwork and other areas of Construction also start in January, and a number of others – including Marketing, Hospitality, Retail and Customer Service – can take new entrants on a roll-on, roll-off basis.

“Another option for young people who want to get back into education but who may not be ready for a full-time course is CRC’s FLEX programme,” said Chris.

“This is a course for 16-18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training. It gives learners the skills they need to find a job, become an Apprentice or get back into Further Education, and gives them experience of a variety of trades, including Painting and Decorating, Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Gardening.”

For more details on the new January-start courses, or information on the Open Morning, contact CRC’s Information & Advice Team on 01223 226315/418249.

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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 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. The College offers the largest and most comprehensive range of vocational courses in Cambridgeshire, and has one of the largest work-based learning contracts in the Eastern Region.