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Press Release

CRC IN NEW PARTNERSHIP TO BOOST MANOR SPORTS CENTRE

Cambridge Regional College has set up an innovative partnership with The Manor School to manage its sports centre and boost the use of the facilities by the local and wider community.

And it is keen to encourage more five-a-side football teams to play in a league on a Tuesday night and to find instructors to run exercise classes throughout the week. Cambridge Amateur Boxing club already trains at the Manor three times a week, and a growing number of after-school clubs are using the centre.

Ross Knappett, the new manager of the Manor sports centre, who has moved over from CRC to run the facility, said he was keen to grow its use in the community and open the sports centre to more clubs and organisations.



Open for business: Ross Knappett outside The Manor

“We have a superb main hall and smart changing rooms, along with a dance studio and fitness area which can be used by after-school clubs and other sports organisations,” he said.

“The sports centre is a great place to rent out for activities after school. We also have cricket pitches to hire and space for aerobics classes and sports clubs. It’s a great facility for everyone in the area and we’re hoping more and more people will take advantage of it – we’re open for bookings!”

As part of the partnership, sports teams from CRC will be able to use the school’s outside spaces for training and matches – a big benefit to the College

The Manor Principal, Ben Slade said: “I am delighted that our close relationship with CRC has taken another important step forward. We are extremely grateful for the professional way in which the facilities are now run. I hope that we are able to reach out to as many community groups as possible so that this aspect of our work improves in line with our results and take-up for places this year.”

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Cambridge Regional College is the second largest provider of full-time further 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.