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Press Release

YOUNG SPORTS LEADERS VOLUNTEER TO HELP CHILDREN IN MOROCCO

Cambridge Regional College students will be leaving the comforts of home behind them tomorrow to spend a week doing voluntary work with underprivileged children in Morocco.



Off to help others: Students prepare for their trip to Morocco

The young trainee sports leaders from Cambridge Regional College are due to set off for Marrakesh on Wednesday (June 16) armed with colouring books and sports kit for the children they will be helping.

During their seven days in the country, they will work alongside staff in three orphanages in the city and organise sports activities to help make a difference to the children's lives.

It's the first time the College's sports department has arranged a volunteering trip abroad for the students, who usually do volunteer work closer to home as part of their Sports Leader course.

Rob Metcalfe, CRC's Sports Leader Co-ordinator who organised the trip, said the students would learn a lot by volunteering in Morocco.

"This will be very different to doing volunteer work in Cambridge. We hope we will make a difference to the children we work with, and it will be good for the students to see how little some people have, and how lucky their own lives are.

"If the visit goes well, we would all like to return next year to train some of the children there as sports leaders."

The 14 CRC students, aged between 16 and 19, will stay in a house assigned for volunteers while they are in Marrakesh, experiencing a side to the city not often seen by tourists.

The students – Daniel Hardy, Samantha Eggar, Amanda Carter, Anna Holl, Jenna Payne, Thomas Mulqueen, Duo Zhang, Reece Wagland, Becky Taylor, Aiden Hutton, Kelly Taylor, Anthony Fernandez, Isaac Lewis and Benjamin Tulloch – will be accompanied by Rob Metcalfe and Kate Da Costa, CRC's Assistant Academy Manager of Sport.

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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.