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Press Release

NAPP BRINGS REAL-LIFE SCIENCE TO CRC

Scientists from Napp Pharmaceuticals have been introducing the wonders of High Performance Liquid Chromatography – or HPLC – to forensic science students at Cambridge Regional College.

The scientists, part of Napp's Science Ambassador Scheme, visited CRC armed with specialist equipment to demonstrate how careful analysis and the right technology can trap criminals.

The HPLC machine, widely used to analyse blood from crime scenes and for drug-testing in athletes, was demonstrated by expert Mark Hopkin, a consultant scientist at Napp, who normally uses it to test drug quality at the pharmaceutical company's Science Park laboratories.

Dr Helen West, from CRC's Science department, said the link-up with Napp was enormously beneficial to students.

"The visit really helped the students see science in action, and we're very grateful to Napp for their ongoing support and encouragement of science at CRC.

"Our position next to the Science Park is a key advantage in developing our relevant and exciting science programmes. We are establishing links with departments at the University as well as local scientific companies such as Napp, who are eager to support the education of our students by organising talks within the company or running demonstrations of scientific equipment as they have done today."

Dr Jo Montgomery, one of Napp's Science Ambassadors who also visited the College, said: "The Napp Science Ambassadors are a team of more than 30 enthusiastic individuals from across our company who have the passion and energy to bring real-life science alive within schools."

CRC attracts students from a wide geographical area interested in studying a National Diploma in Applied Science course rather than 'A' levels, so they can experience a more practical hands-on approach to learning while developing independent research skills.

Napp Pharmaceuticals Ltd, based on the Cambridge Science Park for over 25 years, is part of a worldwide association of independent pharmaceutical companies that have been developing innovative products for more than half a century. Napp's Science Ambassador Scheme has been running since 2005; last year the Ambassadors were involved in 31 events, involving 4,543 young people aged from four to 18 years.

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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 Trains to Gain contracts in the Eastern Region.