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**CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL COLLEGE OPEN DAYS**

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**Cambridge Regional College (CRC) held two Open Events last week, offering visitors the chance to have a look around the outstanding new facilities available and giving them the opportunity to meet staff and current students at the College and find out more about courses on offer. The Open Days took place on Friday 6 November and Saturday 7 November at the Science Park Campus.**

They were the first Open Days where prospective students, parents and the general public could have a look around the newly-opened Restaurant and Bistro and professional catering kitchens, Hair and Beauty Salons, Spa, Sports Centre, Motor Vehicle Workshops and Travel Agency. Branded as “theparkcambridge”, this recent redevelopment has given the College brand new accommodation for learning and teaching so students can benefit from the most up-to-date and purpose-built facilities. They provide a fantastic working environment to give students the opportunity to get real-life work experience. All the facilities are open to the public to use and offer very competitive rates for a wide range of services. For more information, visit [www.theparkcambridge.co.uk](http://www.theparkcambridge.co.uk)

CRC is one of the largest and best-regarded vocational training colleges in the area, offering practical, work related qualifications to those who prefer more of a ‘hands-on’ approach to learning. Staff were on hand to talk to prospective students about the wide range of practical training available in areas such as Art & Design, Construction, Engineering, Media and Science.

The College also gave advice on the range of new 14-19 Diplomas which will be on offer from September 2010. The Diploma is a new qualification for 14-19 year olds and offers a mix of classroom learning, creative thinking and hands-on experience. The courses at CRC have been developed in partnership with employers and local schools to provide students with a realistic experience of the relevant industries.

“We are clearly focussed on developing vocational and employment-related skills and our staff are very experienced in working in the areas that they now teach. The College continues to go from strength to strength with an increasing offer of vocational courses and Apprenticeships being delivered to an ever-growing number of students,” says Principal and Chief Executive Rick Dearing. “Learning is a partnership. Students’ commitment to hard work on, an enjoyment of, the right course is critical. With good teaching, support and encouragement from our well qualified, experienced and enthusiastic staff, this is a winning combination.”

The CRC Open Days offered an ideal opportunity to find out more about the College and to get a taste of College life and find out about the extensive range of full-time and part-time courses and Apprenticeships available. Representatives from all Academies were on hand to talk to and provide information about courses, as well as students who are currently studying at the College. There was a chance to watch various demonstrations, as well as participate in hands-on activities, such as radio broadcasting, workshops, manicures, competitions and much more. Representatives from the Human Resources team were also available to discuss current job opportunities at the College.

On the Saturday, the National Deaf Children’s Society Listening Bus, together with a number of other representatives that work with deaf people across the county, were at the College to provide information and support to any prospective deaf students, deaf adults, families, friends and professionals.

For more information, please contact the College’s main Reception on 01223 418200 or visit our website at [www.camre.ac.uk](http://www.camre.ac.uk).

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