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MARK BLUNDELL OPENS NEW MOTOR VEHICLE FACILITIES IN STYLE

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Former Formula 1 Driver, Mark Blundell has officially opened the new, state-of-the-art Motor Vehicle Workshop at Cambridge Regional College. The occasion was marked with an exciting and action-packed event which invited guests from all over Cambridge to come and enjoy the new facilities.

The new £multi-million facility includes 13 vehicle ramps, a diagnostic rolling road, a customer reception area, Electronics/Electrical workshop, tyre & wheel centre and two IT suites.

There were display stands held by industries and companies such as the Institute of Motor Industry, Unipart, The Army, MG Owners, Cambridge Audi, Cambridge Police and the Guided Bus. Special guests and staff were invited to visit the trade stands for information and hands on activities, such as using the rolling road facility and racing a large scalextric set.

Mark Blundell, former Formula 1 Driver and ITV Commentator took part in the whole event, meeting a variety of interested staff and students who use the new facility. He held a 45 minute "Question and Answer" session with engineering students, being asked questions about his favourite racing track, any accidents, good luck routines and his greatest rival. Mark then removed the chequered flag to reveal the brand new plaque to dedicate and officially open the building.

Alan Ward, Academy Manager said, "With our new building and equipment we will be able to move forward in providing a first class service to our customers. For the future we are planning to enhance the courses on offer and will be introducing a foundation degree in Motor Vehicle engineering and a number of short courses. As members of staff we are very privileged to be teaching with state of the art technology and teaching resources. We also feel very honoured to have had Mark Blundell as our guest of honour to open up the building for us".

This is an important milestone in the College's £23million redevelopment that will see all academy provision on just a single campus for the academic year 09/10. The development also includes a brand new Sports Centre, reception, Hair, Beauty and Catering training facilities, as well as separate professional studios and restaurants for commercial use.

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