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GOLDIE SAYERS OPENS NEW SPORTS FACILITIES IN STYLE

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Olympic Javelin Thrower Goldie Sayers officially opened the brand new sports facilities at Cambridge Regional College (CRC) yesterday. The occasion was marked with an exciting and action-packed event where staff, students and visitors enjoyed a wide variety of activities in celebration of the new facilities.



Principal Rick Dearing and Olympic Javelin Thrower Goldie Sayers

The new building extends the College's provision to offer an eight court facility, an all-weather pitch, a modern reception area, new changing rooms, as well as additional parking spaces and landscaped seating areas. In addition, there is a professionally graded climbing wall, with numerous climbing routes, of varying difficulty.

Debbie Casey, Academy Manager for Sports, Leisure and Science said, "We are very pleased to be opening such a wonderful facility – our continued success is down to the dedication, commitment and professionalism of a great staff team. We are very excited and looking forward to using the new facility both for students at CRC and other commercial opportunities".

Special guests, staff, students and invited pupils from Haverhill Middle School took part in the interactive activities throughout the afternoon. Guests took part in the "Beat the Histon Hunk" penalty shoot out, a basketball competition, the snowboard simulator, sumo wrestling and command tasks, such as the minefield challenge.

Olympic Javelin Thrower Goldie Sayers took part in the event, chatting to many staff and students, who had a variety of questions about her career, interests and of course what it is like to take part in the Olympics! Goldie then awarded some prizes to CRC's Volleyball team, who recently won the bronze medal in the National Championships in Loughborough. Finally, Goldie removed the Union Flag to reveal the new plaque, dedicating and officially opening the building.

Goldie said, "When I was at school we did not have facilities like this. The provision here is fantastic and I'm very pleased to have been part of this official opening. I am hoping to come back later on this year and give the climbing wall a try".

The College was also celebrating VQ (Vocational Qualifications) Day at the event, which is aimed at acknowledging that millions of people gain a VQ every year as a stepping stone to further study, better jobs and enhanced skills. VQ Day was launched in 2008 to raise the profile of vocational qualifications and celebrate vocational success. Students from the College's Uniformed Services courses were displaying their skills in a variety of command tasks created and lead by themselves.

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NOTES TO EDITOR:

VQ Day is led by Edge, the education foundation, with support from many of the leading players in the vocational education community. Edge believes that there are

many paths to success and they are committed to raising the status of practical and vocational learning across the UK.

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