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Press Release

## **OPEN DAY GIVES VISITORS A TASTE OF COLLEGE LIFE**

**Hundreds of students flocked to Cambridge Regional College at the weekend for one of its annual Open Days.**

Bricklaying and carpentry demonstrations, a live radio show, photography sessions, dance and jamming workshops and much more helped give visitors a taste of college life when they toured the premises.

The College, one of the best-equipped in the country after a £23million development programme, is currently attracting record numbers of students for its vocational courses.

Visitors were able to see and take part in one of the biggest range of demonstrations and exhibitions put on by the College.

Activities included sports challenges, fingerprinting sessions in the science block, pizza-making, plumbing and electronics activities, and demonstrations of the Motor Vehicle Workshop's state-of-the-art rolling road.

Careers advice was also on offer for students still undecided about what courses to take and the army brought along its recruitment bus to give information to those thinking about a future in the armed forces.

The College's 3.500 full-time students come from a 40-mile radius of Cambridge, and visitors on Saturday came from all over the region.

Principal Rick Dearing said the Open Day had been a big success, with students exploring all learning options, including the new Diplomas for 14 to 19 year-olds and Apprenticeship schemes.

“Open days are a great chance for the College to show students the success they can achieve by studying here,” he said. “Vocational courses are a very popular pathway into both work and degree courses for young people and as one of the largest FE colleges in the country we have a very wide range available with excellent facilities and teaching staff.”

The College’s next Open Day is scheduled for Saturday, 15 May from 9.30am to 1pm. See [www.camre.ac.uk](http://www.camre.ac.uk) for more information.

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**MEDIA ENQUIRIES:**

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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 around 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.