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Press Release

## **PREMIERSHIP TROPHY COMES TO CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL COLLEGE**

**Barclays Premier League Trophy, the prize that some of the best players in football have held triumphantly aloft, is coming to Cambridge Regional College.**

The iconic trophy will be in Cambridge as part of a nationwide tour on Monday, September 12 – and CRC is inviting young footballers to come along and share in the excitement.

The College is keeping two one-hour slots free for local youth football teams to see the trophy and have their photo taken with it. It's an amazing opportunity to get up close and personal with the trophy, which will be at CRC for the start of Freshers' Week.

"We're absolutely delighted that the Premiership trophy is coming to CRC and we want to share it with the local community," said Sue Smith, the College's Health and Welfare Manager. "We have set aside two special sessions - from 8am to 9am and from 4pm to 5pm – so that local youth football teams can come and see this fantastic trophy.

"We would like to invite clubs and players to get in touch and let us know when they would like to come along. It's first come, first served, but hopefully we'll be able to fit in everyone who wants to come."

The College put in a request to play host to the trophy some time ago, but was turned down. Then yesterday came the news that the trophy would be coming after all – thanks to a cancellation elsewhere. The trophy will be accompanied by bodyguards and two photographers, who will take visitors' photographs free of charge.

“We’re very lucky and it’s absolutely great news for our students, who will come to College on the first day of term and have the opportunity to see this iconic trophy,” said Sue. “We owe a big thank you to Barclays Bank for facilitating the event.”

To book a place to see the trophy, contact Sue Smith on [ssmith@camre.ac.uk](mailto:ssmith@camre.ac.uk).

### **Did you know....?**

The Barclays Premier League Trophy was crafted in 2004, when Barclays became title sponsor of the FA Premier League

Due to its value, the Barclays Premier League Trophy is always flanked by two security officers when on display. The Trophy is officially classed as 'priceless'.

Cast by Asprey and Garrard, the Crown Jewellers, the main body of the trophy is made from solid sterling silver. The crown is cast from 24-carat silver gilt, to a depth of half a millimeter.

The total weight of the trophy is four stone. The base alone accounts for two and a half stone.

The base of the trophy is made from malachite, a semi precious stone found in Africa. The green colour of the opaque stone represents the field of play.

The trophy design is based on the theme of 'The Three Lions of English Football'.

The Trophy Stands two-feet five inches tall and twenty-four inches wide.

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### **MEDIA ENQUIRIES**

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

Cambridge Regional College is one of the largest providers of full-time further education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region. The College has more than 4,000 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.