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Press Release

## **CRC STUDENTS AND STAFF MARK REMEMBRANCE DAY WITH TWO SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Students and staff at Cambridge Regional College held two Remembrance Day events to mark the war dead – one at the College and another at Milton Country Park.**

Members of the College crowded into the Sports Hall for a service organised by CRC's multi-faith chaplaincy on November 11, and held two minutes silence during the act of remembrance.

At the same time, learners on CRC's FLEX programme marked the occasion with a visit to the War Memorial at Milton Country Park, armed with gardening tools to prepare the ground for a wave of poppies.

After a two-minute silence, accompanied by Cambridge-based Major Alan Hoensh, the youngsters began their work on the ground. They decided to transform the area around the memorial after regular work on the gardens at the country park, and a £100 donation from Cambridge Assessment has paid for hundreds of poppy seeds.

Dawn Chell, a horticulture trainer who works with youngsters on the Cherry Hinton-based FLEX programme, said the group would be working hard over the winter to prepare the ground. The end result should be a sea of poppies next summer.

FLEX aims to help young people who are not currently in education, employment or training and are not yet ready to access a full Level 1 or 2 programme. The programme is run by CRC from its Cherry Hinton Learning Centre at Cherry Hinton Hall.

Cathy Bayford, Programme Area Manager for the FLEX provision, said she was very grateful for the donation from Cambridge Assessment.

“It was very generous and will ensure our young learners continue to respect all those we have lost in the wars we have fought - and still fight in,” she said.

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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 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 work-based learning contracts in the Eastern Region.