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Press Release

PRINCIPAL RICK DEARING SAYS GOODBYE TO CRC

Cambridge Regional College said goodbye to its Principal Rick Dearing today with a special ceremony to name one of the College's newest buildings in his honour.

The chairman of governors Christopher Spokes unveiled a plaque to mark the new Rick Dearing building, centre of CRC's catering, hair and beauty academy and part of the College's £23 million development programme.

He paid tribute to the Principal's nine years of leadership which has seen CRC become one on the most successful FE colleges in the country.

"Rick has been a superb leader of the College and it has been an enormous pleasure working with him and watching CRC's reputation grow and success rates soar," he said.

"He will be greatly missed by all here, but we wish him all the very best in his retirement. I am delighted to officially name this building in his honour, a lasting reminder of his great service to education in this region."

Rick said he was very honoured to have his name on the building as a lasting reminder of his years at the College.

"During my time as Principal I am proud to have led a great team of staff and overseen a time of enormous growth for the College. Together we have taken CRC from strength to strength, and I'm confident I'm leaving it in great shape," he 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 Trains to Gain contracts in the Eastern Region.