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Press Release

CAMBRIDGE RUGBY PLAYERS TO COACH CRC'S NEW RUGBY TEAM

Top players from Cambridge Rugby Club were at Cambridge Regional College this week encouraging students to take up the sport – and arranging training sessions from the experts.

An eight-strong team of players, fresh from their 60-12 demolition of Cinderford in Saturday's National League One match, were at the Science Park campus to meet new students during Freshers' Week.



Back: Tom Wheatcroft, Ian Ashcroft-Leigh, James Knight, Billy Robinson, Ben Cooper, Danny Hunter
Front: Dan Mugford, Christine Sprowell, Ben Spencer

The visit was organised by Christine Sprowell, CRC's Sports Co-ordinator, as part of a week of activities at the College for the start of the year.

"We asked Cambridge Rugby Club if someone could come over and talk to our students about rugby and amazingly they sent eight players from the first team," said Christine. "It is absolutely fantastic - we're really lucky to have such a successful local club in Cambridge and the students thought it was great to meet them."

The players will be coaching the newly-formed CRC rugby team once a week and have already arranged for CRC rugby matches to be played at Cambridge's West Renault Park ground in Grantchester Road, Cambridge. The team will be competing in the British Colleges Sport Rugby Union League and cup events.

Danny Hunter, Cambridge's scrum half and the club's community coaching manager, said players were very pleased to be out spreading the word about rugby.

"We are a community rugby club and we will be out coaching and getting more people involved in rugby from the ground roots," he said. "Cambridge has a thriving mini and youth programme, with more young players coming through to play in the senior teams.

"We will be out training CRC's rugby team on Mondays and they will be playing their matches on Wednesdays at our ground."

Christine said the College was delighted that young rugby players would be coached by members of the National League One first XV. "Our rugby squad will be lucky enough to get some top class coaching from Cambridge players – and then see them in action in their home games," she said.

Caption: Back row left to right: Tom Wheatcroft, Ian Ashcroft-Leigh, James Knight, Billy Robinson, Ben Cooper, Danny Hunter; Front row: Dan Mugford, Christine Sprowell, Ben Spencer

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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.