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Press Release

## **SAFEGUARDING MONTH HIGHLIGHTS THE ‘STAY SAFE’ MESSAGE TO STUDENTS AT CRC**

**Safeguarding will be high on the agenda at Cambridge Regional College this month with activities, demonstrations and exhibitions to drive home the ‘stay safe’ message to students.**

Police and fire crews will be visiting the College to raise awareness of drink-driving and other issues – with fire officers staging a mock ‘rescue’ of students trapped in a car crash to illustrate the consequences.

Cambridgeshire’s Voluntary Search and Rescue crew are also due to talk to students and explain the work they do in helping search for missing people in the area. Others taking part in the month include Cambridgeshire County Council Road Safety officers, who will be offering safety information sessions for students who ride mopeds.

The Safeguarding Month – which includes Road Safety Week and Anti-Bullying Week – is organised by CRC’s Safeguarding Co-ordinator Lisa Pollitt, who said it was important to make students more aware of safeguarding in all parts of their lives.

“The purpose of Safeguarding Month is to raise students’ awareness so that they are informed about how to make positive choices regarding their safety and well-being,” she said.

“The month will include sessions in tutorials, events in the Student Lounge and information stalls in the Mall. The Police and Fire Service will also be coming into the College to offer their support and advice to students.

“We will be focusing on big issues such as crime, health and welfare and safety at night and having safeguarding tutorials and lessons, as well as sports taster and self-defence sessions.”

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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, coming 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.