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Press Release

## **DISCOVER SCIENCE AT CRC AS PART OF CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY SCIENCE FESTIVAL**

**Hands-on practical science activities and talks by leading experts will be on the agenda this month when Cambridge Regional College takes part in the University of Cambridge Science Festival.**

The prestigious event, which runs for two weeks from 14 March, brings together the best of science and technology from around the world at more than 150 different events.

On 21 March, scientists at CRC will be offering visitors a chance to discover the fascinating world of science with a series of free sessions, including drugs analysis and a study of how aspirin prevents blood clots.

Leading expert Dr Al Garfield of Cambridge University's Department of Pharmacology will also be speaking about obesity and Dr Andrew Holding of the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology will talk on the discovery – and loss – of a cure for scurvy.

This is the second year that the College has been involved with the world-renowned Science Festival. Last year, hands-on experiments and talks on stem cell research and genetics were part of the innovative programme at CRC.

This year's festival coincides with the International Year of Chemistry and includes topics from the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, with around 35,000 people expected to take part.

The events at CRC are all free and open to 10 year-olds and above. Hands-on activities take place at 5.30pm and 6.30pm, with the talks starting at 7.30pm and 8.15pm. For more information or to book, contact the Science Festival office on 01223 766766.

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### **MEDIA ENQUIRIES:**

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### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

Cambridge Regional College is the second largest provider 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. 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.