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Press Release

APPRENTICE PROVES HIMSELF AMONG THE VERY BEST IN THE UK

Outstanding apprentice Christopher Lindsay has won fifth place in the national Skill PIPE 2011 competition, designed to find the best young talent in the country.

Christopher, who works for James Brown Mechanical Services of Ely and studies at Cambridge Regional College, spent three days being tested in the final. The 20 year-old apprentice from Littleport had to build a sophisticated heating system from scratch - with the added pressure of competing in front of hundreds of visitors to the event.



Christopher Lindsay with his completed system at the finals of SkillPIPE

Christopher's tutor, Martin Johnston, said he had performed superbly in the competition, which tested his skills in designing the system, building it, welding pipes and working on the valves.

"We are absolutely delighted that Chris took fifth place in the competition to find the very best trainee heating and ventilation engineers in the UK – it is an immense achievement and he did an excellent job," he said.

Christopher's efforts won him a medal, certificate, vouchers, new tools and a tool bag, all presented at the end of the three-day competition in Leeds.

The SkillPIPE final took place alongside the UK finals of a number of other building services sectors, with around 150 trainees competing in front of hundreds of visitors.

The competition, organised by SummitSkills, the Sector Skills Council for the building services engineering industry, celebrates the finest plumbers, electricians, pipe fitters and refrigeration and air conditioning engineers in the country and highlights their outstanding skills.

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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.