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Press Release

## **TALENTED CHRISTOPHER HAS UK TITLE IN HIS SIGHTS**

**An outstanding young plumbing specialist will be competing to be named UK champion next month in the finals of a major national skills competition.**

Talented Christopher Lindsay, a Cambridge Regional College student, proved himself among the top six trainee heating and ventilation engineers in the country after a series of tough tests to win a place in the final of SkillPIPE.

The 20 year-old apprentice from Littleport, who works for James Brown Mechanical Services of Ely, spent two days installing and welding pipework, planning heating systems from scratch and sitting an exam – with extra marks awarded for Health and Safety aspects, organisation and planning.



Christopher Lindsay in the semi-finals of SkillPIPE

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

Christopher's tutor, Martin Johnston, said he was a very talented craftsman who had worked hard to win his way to the final.

"In his time at CRC, Chris has shown very high levels of technical skill in pipe-fitting and welding. He is very thorough and consistently demonstrates excellent work. We're delighted he has won his way through to the finals – it is an immense achievement."

Christopher's talents were also recognised at the College last month when he was named Heating and Ventilation Apprentice of the Year in the Construction Academy awards.

Christopher's boss, James Brown, said: "He thoroughly enjoys what he does and is an excellent worker. He is very bright and very conscientious."

The SkillPIPE final takes place in Leeds from 14 to 16 September alongside the UK finals of a number of other building services sectors, when around 150 trainees will compete in front of hundreds of visitors.

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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.