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**SOUTH AFRICAN PRINCIPAL TO VISIT
CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL COLLEGE**

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The Principal of Vuvu Junior Secondary School (JSS), Mrs Thabile Cynthia Kibi will visit Cambridge Regional College for two weeks at the end of September. CRC students have been doing various fundraising activities over the last few months in order to raise enough money to pay for Mrs Kibi's visit.

Cambridge Regional College is linked to Vuvu JSS through the Link Community Development (LCD) scheme. Link Community Development helps set up and sustain meaningful partnerships with schools in Ghana, Malawi, South Africa, and Uganda, where both sides can grow from partnership. These projects improve the quality of education for children, encourage sustainable school development and promote global citizenship. Over 800 schools and colleges are successfully linked through LCD.



Pictured are some students outside the Vuvu JSS

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Last year an international party was held to raise money for this event. Melanie Franklin, a Lecturer in English as a Foreign Language at CRC has done a great deal of fundraising for this scheme, as well as spending five weeks at the South African school training local teachers in modern techniques. She said, " It was an amazing, life changing and humbling experience where I was touched by the warmth of the people I met".

Vuvu JSS is situated on the Eastern Cape, South Africa. The school has approximately 400 students, 10 teachers and 13 classrooms. In 2002, the South African Government built some permanent structures for the school. There is a water supply, but no flushing toilets, electricity or gas supply.

Mrs Kibi has been with her school since 1991 and has been very successful in encouraging more children to come to school. The school has a Fundraising Committee, made up of parents, teachers and pupils. They meet twice a month and have organised concerts and beauty contests, as well as selling fruit and snacks. While she's here, Mrs Kibi will hold Question & Answer sessions, with students on Health & Social Care and International courses at CRC. She will also be taken on various visits, to schools such as Mayfield Primary School and the Perse School.

Cambridge has traditionally attracted high numbers of international students. Cambridge Regional College currently has over 500 international students on both full and part-time courses, with nationalities from 45 different countries, representing regions such as the Far East, Middle East, Africa and Europe.

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