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BRAND NEW SPORTS FACILITIES OPEN AT CRC

Wednesday 25th February 2009

Cambridge Regional College (CRC) is marking a major milestone in their Single (Main) Site Project this week, with the first event being held in the newly built sports facility.

Nearly 100 young badminton players will be the first people to use the brand new four-court sports hall at the College, this Friday. The new building extends the College's facilities to provide an eight-court facility, with modern reception area and changing areas, as well as additional parking spaces and landscaped seating areas. In addition, there is a professionally graded climbing wall, which has numerous climbing routes, of varying difficulty.

The badminton players, from 20 schools across the Eastern Region will play against each other to decide who goes forward to the national final of the Center Parcs Inter-Schools Championship, organised by BADMINTON England.

Nicola Boddington, the Sports Centre Manager said, "I am really excited about the first use of the new sports hall. These are excellent new facilities for the College and will benefit both the students and the local community".

The new Motor Vehicle workshop is the next building due to be finished on 9th March. It will be kitted out over the Easter break, ready for opening on 20th April.

It will provide dedicated rooms for training, as well as freeing up space within current accommodation for use by other Academies.

Trevor Smith, Head of Facilities & Estates said, “Our design & construction team have produced a Sports Hall to be proud of. I am personally very pleased with the new facility and I am sure our staff & students will be equally impressed”.

The new College reception was the first area completed in the College’s 4-stage single site project, back in August. The new building for Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy and Catering & Hospitality is almost ready and will provide new classrooms and training facilities, as well as separate professional studios for commercial use. Catering will benefit from a new restaurant and a bistro for use by College staff and the public from September.

All new buildings will have official openings throughout the year, with specially invited guests attending. The opening will form part of the College’s 21st birthday celebrations this year.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

Badminton England is the governing body for the sport in England. Center Parcs are a Tier 1 Sponsor of the National Schools Championships and Team England.

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