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Press Release

CRC SWITCHES ON TO SWITCH OFF WEEK

Cambridge Regional College has been playing its part to help save energy and costs during ‘Switch-Off Week’, a national campaign for greener living.

Staff were encouraged to be more vigilant in turning off computers and monitors, switching off lights and closing windows when they finished work during last week’s energy-saving event.

The simple steps, along with switching off kettles, microwaves and toasters at the end of the day, could save the College thousands of pounds a year in electricity bills and up to 87 tonnes of CO2 emissions.

Ian Clifton, Operations Manager at CRC, said little things could make a big difference.

“We’re asking all staff to be energy efficient and considerate to our environment. These actions are all little gestures but overall could save the College up to £7,000 in electricity bills,” he said.

Earlier this year, the College won a climate change award after cutting its carbon footprint by an impressive 10 per cent in just one year.

Green initiatives included introducing an automatic system to turn off all student computers at night, improving the building management system and upgrading computer screens to more energy-efficient models.

The College won Highly Commended in the Cambridge Climate Change Charter awards ceremony.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Cambridge Regional College is the second largest provider of full-time education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region. The College has around 3,500 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 training contracts in the Eastern Region.