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Press Release

CLIMBING THE PEAKS FOR HELP FOR HEROES

Cambridge Regional College students set off today (June 2) to take part in the gruelling Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge to raise money for Help for Heroes.

The charity has particular significance for the College as several ex-students are serving in Afghanistan, and many current students are aiming for careers in the Services.



Ready for the Challenge – Public Services students and staff take on the Three Peaks

Nine Public Services students and five staff are testing themselves to the limit in the tough challenge, which they hope to complete within 12 hours.

The students have been training hard for the marathon effort, including taking part in an eight-mile route march to Waterbeach Barracks where they worked on a series of challenges before marching back to College.

The second year students, aged from 17 to 19, have also been busy fundraising for Help for Heroes and their other chosen charity, the Youth Cancer Trust, and hope to raise hundreds of pounds through their efforts.

Dale Turner, Uniformed Services Sector Leader at CRC, said: "This is the first time we have done this, but the students wanted to find a challenge and raise money for a good cause. An obvious choice was Help for Heroes as several former CRC students are now serving in Afghanistan. We also decided on the Youth Cancer Trust to help raise the profile of the charity among the young people.

"The students have already raised a phenomenal £450 in a charity collection on the Science Park and boosted the funds with a 'Muffy Day', paying £1 to come in to College wearing their own clothes rather than uniform.

"We recently completed an Expedition Skills unit which has provided them with all the skills and abilities to complete the challenge, and we're hoping to do it in 12 hours."

The nine students, Andy Howard, Adam Burgoyne, Samantha Eggar, Ross Hanrahan, Samantha Cornwall, Jamie Booty, Reece Wagland, Ryan Moulsher and Becca Small, are from three different tutor groups which will compete against each on the challenge.

Accompanying them are CRC staff Andy Blackmore, Dale Turner, Matt Walton, Pete Hockey and Rob Metcalfe.

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MEDIA ENQUIRIES:

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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 Train to Gain contracts in the Eastern Region.