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Press Release

LEADING ENVIRONMENTALIST PRAISES CRC'S SUSTAINABLE BUILDING PROGRAMMES

Green Party campaigner Tony Juniper, the parliamentary candidate for Cambridge, says the sustainable building skills taught at CRC will be a “major driver of economic recovery”.

During a visit to the College, he met staff and students and was full of praise for the “amazing” work being carried out there to build up a vital skills base for the future.



Green party candidate Tony Juniper tests his carpentry skills at CRC

The former director of Friends of the Earth, and one of the country's leading environmentalists, said the construction methods and renewable energy programmes taught at the College provided essential skills for a sustainable future

"Cambridge Regional College is doing amazing work in building up the skills base that people need for the future," he said.

"The sustainable building skills, and renewable energy programmes such as solar hot water systems and rainwater harvesting are essential skills for a sustainable future.

"Having that skills base there is going to be a major driver of economic recovery."

Tony was shown around the SmartLife Centre by Barrie Wicklen, CRC's Associate Principal for Sustainable Development, before going on to meet Principal Rick Dearing and talk to catering students in the College's new training kitchens and restaurants.

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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.