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**CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL COLLEGE CELEBRATES
MAJOR STEP IN “TOPPING OUT” CEREMONY**

Wednesday 19th November 2008

Cambridge Regional College (CRC) has celebrated the first major step in its £23million redevelopment with a “Topping Out” ceremony.

A ceremony was held this week to celebrate the water-tight roofs being complete on the Motor Vehicle, Sports and Hair & Beauty/Catering buildings. The College Principal, Rick Dearing, was joined by Chris Lang, the Director of Finance and Resources, members of the College Facilities Team and the Contracts Director, Senior Site Manager and Senior Project Manager from the main contracting company, Marriott Kier to celebrate the milestone.



Left - Right: John Henke, Geoff Collier, Bob Grinstead, Becky Brown, Rick Dearing, Trevor Smith, Chris Lang

CRC sold the City Centre campus on Newmarket Road and will be consolidating most of its facilities at the Science Park campus, Kings Hedges Road for the start of academic year 09/10. It is constructing extensive new buildings for Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy, Catering & Hospitality, Motor Vehicle and Sports & Public Services. A new reception area already opened in August of this year.

College Principal, Rick Dearing said, "This is the culmination of many years of work to bring all CRC's teaching and learning facilities onto a single, purpose-built, outstanding campus. Staff and students are really looking forward to using the new facilities next year".

Plans for the Single Site Project include new classrooms and training facilities, as well as separate professional studios for Hair and Beauty's commercial use. Catering will benefit from a new restaurant and a bistro for use by College staff and the public. A new Motor Vehicle workshop will be built, which will not only provide a dedicated space for training, but it will also free up valuable space for other teaching activities. An additional sports hall will be constructed, to accommodate more indoor sports, as well as an outside multi use games area (MUGA). The already completed new reception provides a professional and attractive entrance for visitors.

Trevor Smith (Head of Facilities and Estates) said, "The development is progressing extremely well, thanks largely to the professional relationship that has been fostered between the College's Project Team, Marriott Kier's Construction Team, Fusion Project Management and all other consultants involved in the Project. The Hair & Beauty/Catering building is on schedule, whilst the Motor Vehicle Workshop and Sports buildings are slightly ahead of Programme, with all buildings on Budget. All buildings will be completely weather-tight before Christmas, and if everything continues to go to plan, all buildings will be ready for occupation by the start of the next Academic Year in September 2009".

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