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Press Release

CRC STUDENTS WIN ROYAL MARINES CHALLENGE

Cambridge Regional College students have triumphed in a tough challenge set by the Royal Marines to test the physical and mental strength of youngsters from across the eastern region.

Two teams of Uniformed Services students at the College proved they could take everything thrown at them – and more – when they won first and third places in the inaugural Eastern Challenge Cup.



Back row: Winning team from left to right: Adam Newson, Reece Debenham, Mike Warwick, Andrew Nichols, Oliver Paige and Brad McLean. **Front row:** Third placed from left to right: Harry Curry, Nick Ward, Dave Bainsfair, Luke Rhenius, Tom Salisbury, and Tom Ash.

Held at a military training area in Northamptonshire, the gruelling two-day challenge included a Royal Marines assault course and a series of demanding command tasks which stretched the teams to the limit.

CRC tutor Stuart Clarke said the students, all on a two-year National Diploma course in Uniformed Services, had performed superbly.

“It was physically and mentally demanding for the guys and a real test of their teamwork. They had long days where they didn’t finish until around 9.30pm and had to be up again at six ready for more challenges,” he said.

“I was very proud of the teams. They were great ambassadors for the College. Their physical strength and stamina took them through, and their ability to work as a team was pivotal. They did a great job.”

The competition was the first organised jointly by the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines, and attracted entries from all over the eastern region, including Reading and Northampton.

The students took part in a number of different team activities, including a military-style assault course, team-building tasks, rafting and five-a-side football. They were judged on position and also on how well they worked and communicated as a team to complete the different tasks.

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Cambridge Regional College is the second largest provider of full-time education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region, with around 3,500 full-time and 6,000 part-time students from a 40-mile radius..