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Press Release

RACHEL AND KATIE SCORE A WINNING DOUBLE IN WORLDSKILLS UK COMPETITION AT CRC

Talented young beauty therapists Rachel Hine and Katie Wright took the top two places in a WorldSkills UK regional heat hosted by Cambridge Regional College today.



Winning CRC student Rachel Hine, right, and runner-up Katie Wright

The two CRC students beat off strong opposition from skilled therapists across East Anglia to take first and second in the Advanced Beauty Therapy heat. Nineteen year-old Rachel won first prize and Katie, 18, was runner-up – by just one point.

The double win was a big triumph for the College, which was chosen to host the competition for the first time, staging the event at The Park, in its new beauty salons and restaurant.

The regional heat – for both Intermediate and Advanced competitors – attracted 28 talented young entrants, who had their massage skills, facials, manicures and make-up put to the test.

The winners now need to wait for two weeks to find out if they have qualified for the national finals later this month - just 10 top competitors from the 12 regional heats will go through.

The competition was the first one winner Rachel has entered – and she was delighted with the result. “I thought the competition was going well, but I never thought I would win. It’s fantastic,” she said.

CRC Beauty Therapy lecturer Emma Yeoman, who organised the event, said it had been hugely successful – and the day had been crowned by the achievements of Rachel and Katie.

“They are both very talented and skilled beauty therapists and we’re absolutely delighted that they came first and second – and particularly with just one point between them.

“We are also very proud of our intermediate competitor Katie-Louise Maplesden, who was praised for her high levels of professionalism and is an asset to the industry.”

“We were very pleased to have been chosen to host the event, and we have been working hard to make sure the day went well. It was a great success and we’re delighted.”

The event included a series of make-up and massage masterclasses by sponsors, including Biodroga, Lavashells, Ellisons and Thalgo, who also supplied prizes to the winners, along with Aston & Fincher.

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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.