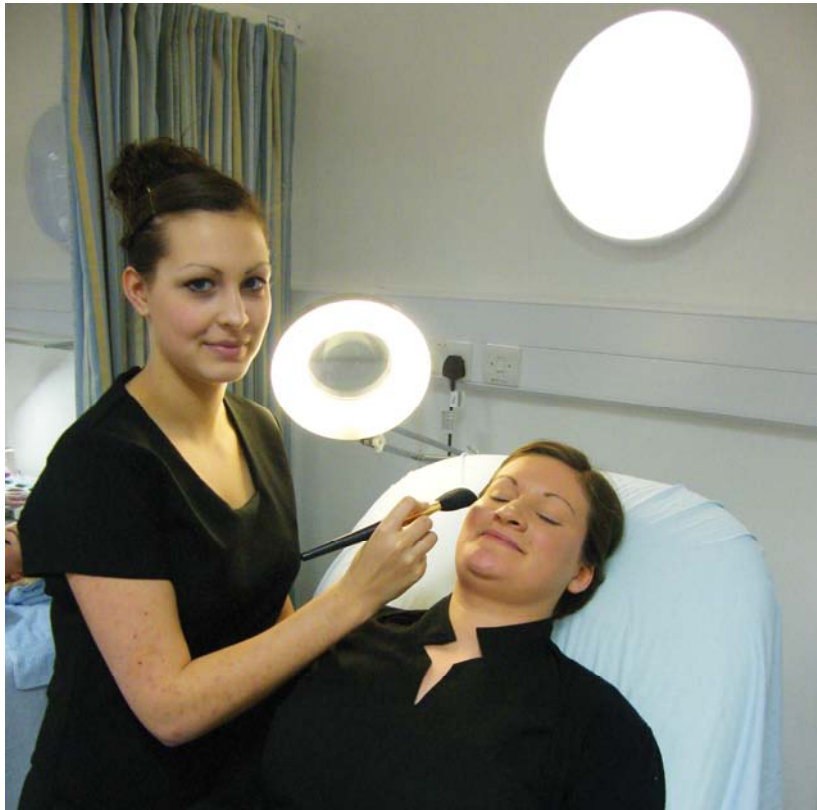


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Press Release

OUTSTANDING KATIE WINS PLACE ON UK TEAM

A talented student at Cambridge Regional College has been chosen to compete in the UK squad for a place at WorldSkills 2011, the largest international vocational skills competition in the world.



Katie practising her skills in CRC's Graduate Beauty Salon

Katie Wright, a 17 year-old trainee beauty therapist from St Ives, was picked from hundreds of youngsters to win through to a team of four aiming for a place in the prestigious contest.

Her outstanding skills and professionalism caught the eyes of judges at a regional competition, where she was selected for three days of rigorous interviews and examinations before making the UK squad.

Now she and her fellow team members will be whisked off to salons and spas across the country for extra training funded by WorldSkills, along with support to enter beauty therapy competitions throughout Europe. Just one of them will be chosen to take part in the international final in London in October 2011.

“It is a huge achievement to make the UK squad and we are very proud of Katie. She is an excellent student who consistently achieves outstanding grades,” said CRC lecturer Emma Yeoman.

“She had to demonstrate her theory and practical skills in front of previous WorldSkills competitors and WorldSkillsuk judges and was awarded a place based on her high level of professionalism, knowledge and understanding.”

Katie’s progress and that of the other competitors will be followed by Sky News and the BBC as they train and compete in the months running up to the competition.

“It is very exciting to be chosen for the squad and I’ll be working hard to get through to represent the UK in the competition,” said Katie, a former pupil at St Ivo School, who is in her second year of a BTEC National Diploma in Beauty Therapy Sciences

WorldSkills London will be held at the ExCeL exhibition and conference centre in London’s docklands from 5 to 8 October 2011. The competition brings together extraordinarily talented young people from around the world, with approximately 50 countries competing.

- This year, Cambridge Regional College has been chosen to host the regional heat of the UK Skills Beauty Therapy competition. The heat takes place on 2 June 2010.

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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.