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Press Release

## **CHILDCARE STUDENTS IMPRESS EMPLOYERS AT BUSINESS FAIR**

**Students planning a career in childcare put their job interview skills to the test at an employers' fair at Cambridge Regional College – with great success.**

The newly-qualified students impressed the employers enough to be invited to second interviews for employment and work experience opportunities in the sector, while others were offered the chance for valuable feedback.

The fair, the College's first for the childcare sector, attracted a wide range of employers, from local nurseries to national recruitment agencies, and all were impressed by the students' skills and enthusiasm.



Sean Day, co-director of Tinies Childcarers, pictured at the employers' fair with CRC students Meg Parsons, Vicki Reeve, Zoe Law and Sophie Adams.

One of the organisers of the event, Judith Mutter, Programme Manager in CRC's Childcare, Health and Early Years Academy, said the day had gone extremely well, with employers keen to talk to students about job prospects.

"We organised the fair to help our students find work and training opportunities in the childcare sector and practice their interviewing and job-hunting skills," she said.

"We have fully qualified Level 3 practitioners looking for full-time employment and Level 1 and 2 students ready to progress to apprenticeship programmes in the workplace, so we wanted to offer employers the chance to meet our students with a view to recruiting them.

"We invited a wide range of employers and were delighted with the response – and particularly by how impressed they were with our students, many of whom were invited to apply for jobs or return for a second interview."

Nigel Partridge, manager of recruitment firm Randstad Education, said he had been very pleased by the high standard of the students.

"Most of them were interested in finding a job and I have a lot of confidence we will be able to place them in jobs. It is a steady market and nurseries always need staff."

Heidi McFadyen, childcare recruitment consultant at Buckden Childcare Agency, said it had been very good to talk to the students. "An event like this helps us in recruiting staff and we are interested in following up with more interviews," she said.

**Caption** Sean Day, co-director of Tinies Childcarers, pictured at the employers' fair with CRC students Meg Parsons, Vicki Reeve, Zoe Law and Sophie Adams.

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## **MEDIA ENQUIRIES**

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**NOTES TO EDITORS**

Cambridge Regional College is one of the largest providers of full-time further education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region, with more than 4,000 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.