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Press Release

NEW FRESHERS' FAIR PROVES A BIG HIT AT CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL COLLEGE

Fun games, financial advice and even a world-famous football trophy greeted new students at Cambridge Regional College this week.

A new-style Freshers' Fair helped break the ice as hundreds of new students turned up for College and discovered a week of activities laid on for them, including fitness challenges, henna hand painting, army speed tests – and a smoothie-making bike!

But the highlight of the week was the sight of the much-coveted Barclays Premier League Trophy, visiting CRC as part of a nationwide tour. Nearly 1,000 students, staff and young footballers queued to have their photos taken with the iconic trophy, which was accompanied by two bodyguards.



The Barclays Premier League Trophy comes to CRC

The Freshers' Fair was organised by CRC's Student Services in partnership with CRC Students' Union, and also included banking and financial advice, health and nutrition information and free sports sessions.

Sue Smith, the College's Health and Welfare Manager, said the event had been a huge success.

"We know students sometimes get nervous about coming to college for the first time so we wanted to make sure they had lots of fun and made some new friends in the first week," she said.

"Studies show that if students have a happy start to their time at college they will settle down far more quickly and do well in their studies. We wanted to make this a particularly good week for them, and let them know that College isn't all about work!

"The football trophy was a particular treat, as most of the students didn't know it was coming. They were absolutely delighted and everyone queued up to have their photograph taken with it."

Tutor groups who participated in the activities got to know their peers as friends through team games, activities and sports, which helped them to feel more at ease with each other and the College in general, she said.

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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. The College has 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.