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Press Release

MAASAI WARRIORS LAUNCH BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL COLLEGE

Maasai Warriors from the plains of Kenya brought their traditional songs and dance to Cambridge Regional College yesterday to help launch Black History Month.

The Osiligi Dance Troupe, famous for their stunning high jumping performances, appeared in front of hundreds of students and staff in a charity performance to raise money to help their village.



The Maasai Warriors dance troupe with CRC's Tapiwa Katsande, lecturer Lina Anagnostou and students Phil Evans, Tom Cluff, Matt Bartle, Charlotte Swift, Rebekha Brighty and Rosie Davis

The dancers have travelled the world to transform the lives of families in their drought-stricken village near Nairobi, raising money for water supplies, a church, homes and school.

The troupe of five men and two women performed traditional tribal dances – jumping three foot from the ground - and songs telling the story of their lives back home in Kenya.

The visit was arranged by CRC's Student Welfare Advisor Tapiwa Katsande to help launch Black History Month, designed to promote knowledge of black history, culture and heritage, and celebrate the contributions of black people to British society. Other events planned for the month include speakers, debates and film shows.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Cambridge Regional College is one of the largest providers of full-time education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region. The College has around 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. The College offers the largest and most comprehensive range of vocational courses in Cambridgeshire, and has one of the largest work-based learning contracts in the Eastern Region.