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Press Release

## CARPENTRY STUDENTS HELP BUILD NEW CAMBRIDGE RADIO STATION

A new radio station is broadcasting from purpose-built studios thanks to some hard work by carpentry students from Cambridge Regional College.

The students have been putting their skills to good use to help launch community radio station Cambridge 105, transforming an industrial unit in Gwydir Street into modern studio premises.

Under the supervision of lecturer Gary Moore, the three students – Joe Clements, 18, from Bar Hill, Chris McFadyen, 18, from Royston, and 24 year-old Dan Wright from Hardwick – worked on the site in December and were back this week to finish the job.



Hard at work building new studios at Cambridge 105

Peter Monaghan, an NVQ assessor at the College and one of the directors of Cambridge 105, said the students' help had been invaluable to the radio station.

"We started with just a basic industrial unit with nothing in it, and the first thing the students did was to build two rooms to use as studios so that we could start broadcasting from there in December," he said.

"Cambridge 105 is a new community radio station for the city and everything is run by volunteers so we are very grateful for the help from the students – they are doing a great job. We're also very grateful to Travis Perkins in Devonshire Road for donating all the materials to make the build possible."

The students, all in their second year of a full-time Level 2 Diploma in Carpentry, had also benefitted from some good hands-on work experience, he said.

The station will mark the completion of the building work with an official launch and drop-in weekend for anyone in the community interested in radio broadcasting later in the month. You can keep with all the latest news by signing up to the station's mailing list at www.cambridge105.fm.

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## **MEDIA ENQUIRIES:**

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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 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. 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.