

## College of Teaching

### Will the College of Teaching compete with unions and subject associations?

- Teaching is a standout example of a **major profession** that has, to date, had no independent professional body.
- The Claim Your College coalition believes that the **absence of such a body** has resulted in governments defining professional practice over the years, **disempowering the profession** and affecting the standing of teaching in society.
- The College of Teaching would not seek to compete with teaching unions or subject associations; indeed the College has been developed in **open discussion and collaboration** with them.
- The College has **the support** of the National Union of Teachers (NUT), Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL), NAHT, ASCL and Voice the Union.
- The National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT) are the only union who is not currently supporting the development of the College.
- The College is not being created to step on anyone's toes. It instead seeks to:
  - Help improve the education of children and young people by championing **high standards** in teaching.
  - Promote the wider professional **use of evidence** to inform teaching practice and policy, curating and disseminating evidence to help teachers make the best professional decisions.

- Ensure high standards of support for teachers by providing support and guidance for **professional development** and a platform to evaluate and record professional learning.
  - Articulate profession-led standards of practice in **five key areas** – subject content; pedagogical knowledge; professional skills; contribution to the profession; and leadership.
  - Harness the experience of its members and draw on robust evidence that will **speak truth** to politicians and pundits – reducing ineffective interventions, policy and practice.
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- The College’s role and remit will **develop over time**. Its initial focus will be **setting standards** for in-career progression.
  - The aspects of professionalism the College chooses to address in the future will be a **matter for its members**. These may include the requirements for initial entry to teaching and **regulation** of the profession.

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### Credit

- The College of Teaching is the new chartered professional body for the teaching profession.
- The Claim Your College coalition, backed by over 450 organisations and individuals, is taking forward developments around the College of Teaching in collaboration with practising teachers, school leaders, unions, subject associations and other leading education bodies and third sector organisations.
- Claim Your College is underpinned by a determination that our current activity is a stepping stone to a teacher-led future. We will not allow anything or anyone to impose their will on the long-term future of what must be a profession-led College. We are dedicated to making the voice of the serving teacher paramount over the three-year incubation and consultation period of the College.
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