

## College of Teaching

### Will the College of Teaching be similar to the General Teaching Council?

- The College of Teaching will be **entirely different** from the General Teaching Council (GTC) – which was established by government through the Teaching and Higher Education Act as the professional body for teaching in England between 2000 and 2012.
- The College of Teaching will be an **autonomous, member-driven body** that is independent of Government, teaching unions or any other body.
- The College will provide a **point of stability** in times of policy and sector change.
- Unlike the GTC, membership to the College of Teaching will be **voluntary**.
- The College will be **governed by its members** to support themselves in raising standards of professional practice.
- The GTC was involved in **regulation and striking off**; a College of Teaching will focus on **aspiration, professional development and children's needs**.
- The independence of the College of Teaching will be maintained by its **governance structure, its charitable status** and, in time, **its status as a chartered professional body**.

- Any start-up funding from the Government will only be accepted on the condition that the College remains **fully independent**.

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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.
- The College of Teaching is calling on all teachers, across every phase and stage, to put aside just half an hour to take part in *The Big Staff Meeting* on January 6th 2016 or whenever suits. *The Big Staff Meeting* explores teachers' views on the scope of membership of the College and the related benefits. Have your views counted in this national membership consultation and help inform the future development of the College.
- Download The Big Staff Meeting resources at [www.claimyourcollege.org/big-staff-meeting](http://www.claimyourcollege.org/big-staff-meeting)
- For further information, or to have your say, visit [www.claimyourcollege.org](http://www.claimyourcollege.org).
- Resources including the College of Teaching events pack, presentations, Pinterest site and animations and videos of teachers and school leaders sharing their views are available from the Claim Your College site.
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