

College of Teaching

Have decisions about membership of the College already been made?

- **No decisions** regarding membership have been made but it is understandably a topic that causes much debate.
- Teachers can have their **views counted** as part of a **national membership consultation** to help inform the future development 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** and the **related benefits**. Download The Big Staff Meeting resources at www.claimyourcollege.org/big-staff-meeting
- It is anticipated that membership will be **inclusive** to all those in the teaching profession however it will **not be compulsory** to join and it is for the **future membership** to decide in conjunction with the Founding Trustees of the College.
- Being a member of the College will be **voluntary**. Claim Your College has followed the principle that the College should not occupy spaces where other bodies already exist.

- The proposals outlined by Claim Your College were developed with **classroom teachers** in mind. The proposed scope covered **early years and compulsory age schooling**.
- The Claim Your College proposals state that teachers working in other sectors such as those in **Further Education** (FE) could achieve the standards ultimately set by the College in their settings.
- In a recent Claim Your College survey of 13,000 respondents (75% were teachers or subject leaders), undertaken by The Education Company, two-thirds preferred a model where **teachers lead** but a **wider community** of education professionals can join a College.
- **The Big Staff Meeting** is the opportunity for teachers to **have their say!** Whenever teachers decide to join in, responses to the key membership questions should be made online by 26th February.
- Full (i.e. chartered) membership would be achieved as in any chartered body through demonstrating **exemplary practice, learning, knowledge and professional development** as a teacher.
- Full membership confers **voting and decision-making rights** on all those achieving the standards and maintaining good professional status and standing.
- Claim Your College envisage that it **will be demanding** to achieve full membership. Just as engineers, lawyers, chartered accountants, actuaries and others spend the first part of their working lives working towards full professional status, so these proposals assume that it would typically take teachers around four years to achieve full chartered status.
- Increasing the expectation of professional training, development and support **in the early years** of a teacher's career is a core part of these proposals.

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- The College of Teaching is the new chartered professional body for the teaching profession.

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- 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.
 - For further information, or to have your say, visit www.claimyourcollege.org.
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