

CHARTERED COLLEGE OF TEACHING LAUNCHES MEMBERSHIP FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Teaching body aims to become the professional home for those who support teachers and learning in the classroom

- The Chartered College of Teaching is launching a new Associate Membership for Teaching Assistants (TAs)
- Membership will offer professional development and online short-courses, and opportunities to shape the profession
- With school budgets declining, Teaching Assistant roles are becoming increasingly insecure at a time when they are desperately needed to support pupil recovery
- Associate Membership will offer recognition of the important role of TAs, while providing a community of professional support

The Chartered College of Teaching is launching a new Associate membership for Teaching Assistants aiming to become the professional home for all those who support teachers and learning in the classroom, at every level. Membership will support Teaching Assistants to develop and strengthen their skills through free online courses and access to extensive professional development, as well as the latest research, tailored news and opportunities to shape the profession through consultations, surveys and events.

Teaching Assistants play a critical role in supporting teachers and learning in the classroom. Many support pupils who have diverse and often challenging special needs. With limited time for their own professional development and additional responsibility, these colleagues welcome extra support, recognition and praise.

Teaching Assistants told us

"HLTA/TAs are a professional, dedicated workforce. We are frequently taken for granted and our contribution to children's development is overlooked."

They said they would like:

"recognition that I am an education professional and in order to better support my teachers, I would like access to the same news and research they can access"

"to help teachers understand our role and to show clear career pathways to TAs"



“ the Chartered College to provide a voice for support staff as I feel that this is lacking. I am particularly concerned about the lack of progression routes for teaching assistants.”

Dame Alison Peacock, CEO of the Chartered College, said

“Teaching Assistants are a vital part of the school workforce, providing essential support for children and young people’s learning. In these times of constrained school budgets, their needs for professional development are often the last to be met. And yet they are increasingly on the front line of supporting pupils’ learning and emotional needs as we move from a pandemic to an economic crisis where children and families are struggling.

“As the professional body for teaching, the Chartered College is in a unique position to give public recognition of the significant contribution and impact that Teaching Assistants make in supporting the education of children and young people, to build a learning community to empower Teaching Assistants and to support partnership between Teaching Assistants and teachers, in order to improve the quality of education in classrooms.”

For more information please visit chartered.college/join/associate or contact Jonny at partnerships@chartered.college to discuss the new membership.

Notes to editors:

About the Chartered College of Teaching:

The Chartered College of Teaching is the professional body for teachers. We are working to celebrate, support and connect teachers to take pride in their profession and provide the best possible education for children and young people. We are dedicated to bridging the gap between practice and research and equipping teachers from the second they enter the classroom with the knowledge and confidence to make the best decisions for their pupils.

Associate membership is available to Teaching Assistants and support staff, and will cost just £1.25 a month. There is also a group scheme where a school or Trust can purchase membership for all of their teaching assistants at a discounted rate.

Associate members will gain the professional recognition they deserve and access to:

- the latest research and tailored news
- extensive professional development opportunities



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- digital copies of our award-winning journal Impact
- one of the world's largest databases of education research journals
- opportunities to develop and strengthen skills through free online courses
- discounts to education organisations
- consultations, surveys and opportunities to shape the profession
- a community of over 48,000 teaching professionals committed to advancing the profession

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