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The Chartered College of Teaching, the professional body for teachers, is working with Cambridgeshire County Council to offer membership to newly qualified teachers (NQTs) in Cambridgeshire.

Through this partnership more than 250 NQTs will receive tailored research, tools and guidance as they start teaching. The support comes at a crucial time, with an increasing rate of early career teachers leaving the profession. The membership is provided free of charge to NQTs and follows the Department for Education's call for more early career teachers to receive high-quality support to build a foundation for a successful career as part of their Recruitment and Retention strategy.

Professor Dame Alison Peacock, Chief Executive of the Chartered College of Teaching, said: "Our teachers play a crucial role in shaping the lives of young people and have a positive impact on society every single day.

"At the Chartered College of Teaching, we believe that teachers should be supported to make the strongest possible start in the classroom. We are pleased to be working with Cambridgeshire County Council to provide NQTs with the tools and insight to benefit their pupils, their school and their whole community."

Councillor Simon Bywater, Chairman of the Children and Young People Committee, said: "We are pleased to be able to support those who have recently joined the teaching profession by covering the cost of Chartered College of Teaching membership for them so that they can access a range of benefits and support. This membership offer forms part of the specialist support, guidance and advice that our NQT Advisory Service provides for schools with newly qualified teachers. The service also organises an annual conference for NQTs. We were pleased to welcome Dame Alison Peacock as one of the keynote speakers at our 2019 conference earlier this month."

Cambridgeshire County Council joins 30 other NQT Appropriate Bodies across the country. Newly qualified teachers will have access to the Chartered College's early career guide, The Profession, an Early Career Area on the Chartered College's member site, MyCollege, and exclusive invites to events such as an Early Career Conference in November. For more information about the Chartered College, visit www.chartered.college/join (<http://www.chartered.college/join>)

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