



2021 Elections to the Council of the Chartered College of Teaching

**Guidelines on canvassing during the election of
Vice President and members to the Council**



Overview

The Chartered College of Teaching has set out guidelines to ensure that no candidate has more of an advantage during the election process than any other, and that the election is a fair and transparent process. Canvassing is prohibited to ensure that all candidates have an equal opportunity to present their manifestos to the electorate at the appropriate time.

Guidelines

1. All members of the Chartered College of Teaching – including the candidates seeking election, those proposing candidates, voters and officials involved in the ballot – must comply with these guidelines.
2. Candidates should campaign through the positive promotion of their candidacy and not through negative campaigning, including personal comments, about other candidates.
3. A candidate may not incur any expenses or make payment for the purposes of an election.
4. Chartered College of Teaching money cannot be used to carry out canvassing or to conduct questionnaires and surveys on behalf of individual candidates or specific groups.
5. No Chartered College of Teaching or other employer's resources should be used for campaigning or publication of election material without their permission.
6. Chartered College of Teaching staff must not canvas on behalf of any candidate or be involved in any such activities.
7. Informal canvassing amongst colleagues, family and friends, etc. is allowed. Candidates are able to encourage people they know in their networks to become members of the Chartered College of Teaching, so they can vote and to talk to potential members to encourage voting.
8. No candidate should be the subject of any discrimination for any reason including age, gender, race, colour, sexual orientation, ability or political affiliation.
9. Any suspected infringement of these guidelines should be notified to the Returning Officer at: returningofficer@chartered.college.