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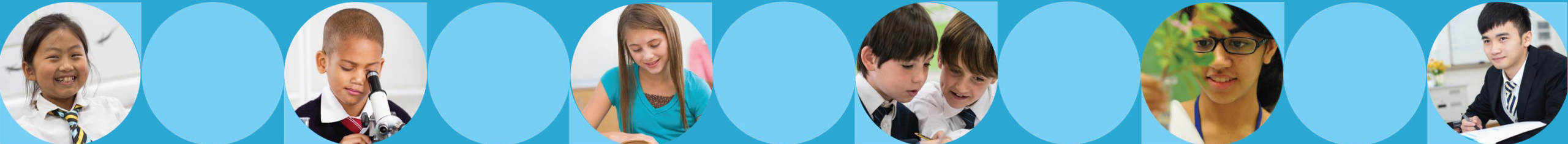
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# Cambridge Professional Development Qualifications

## Information Breakfast

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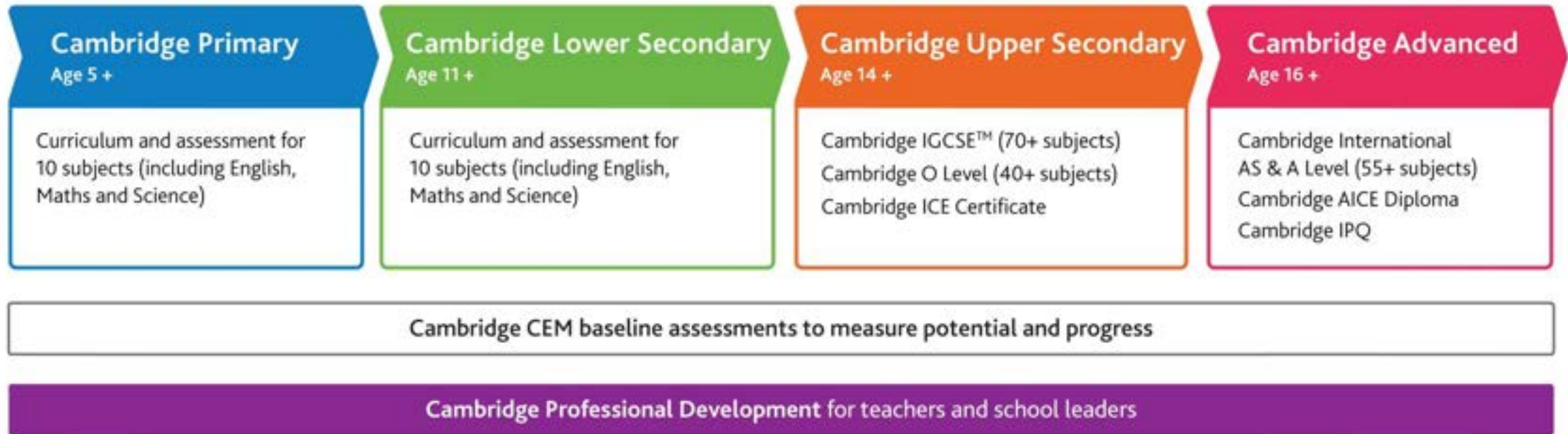
# Cambridge Professional Development Qualifications

- ▶ What they are
- ▶ Why you / your teachers might benefit from doing them
- ▶ How to find out more
- ▶ Q&A

# Helping to support your learners

**Cambridge  
Pathway** 

A clear path for educational success from age 5 to 19



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# Underpinned by Cambridge Standards

The Cambridge Teacher and School Leader standards:

- ▶ define the key professional characteristics and practices that lead to effective learning for students
- ▶ separate standards for teachers and leaders
- ▶ designed for Cambridge schools

<http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/teacher-and-leader-standards>



# What problems do Cambridge PDQs help to solve?



- ▶ They can provide an option for undergrads who decide they might like to try teaching
- ▶ They can provide a route into teaching for career changers
- ▶ They can be used 'in-service' to back-fill skills in effective classroom practice
- ▶ They can provide options to help address teacher shortage

# How can Cambridge PDQs help you / your school?

- ▶ Improve the quality of teaching, learning and leadership
- ▶ Strengthen the professional learning community and culture in schools
- ▶ Meet international standards and provide certification
- ▶ Are flexible – designed and delivered by you to meet your needs
- ▶ Provide a cost efficient model



# Cambridge Professional Development Qualifications

We offer Certificates or Diplomas in each of the areas below:

- ▶ Teaching and Learning
- ▶ Teaching with Digital Technologies
- ▶ Teaching Bilingual Learners
- ▶ Educational Leadership
- ▶ Early Years Good Practice

And a Certificate for novice teachers:

- ▶ Classroom Practice

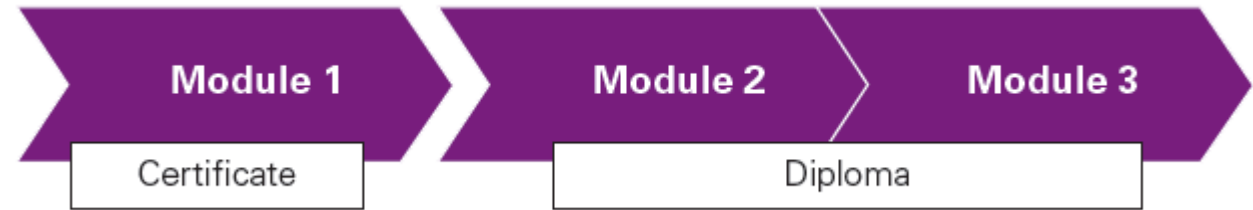
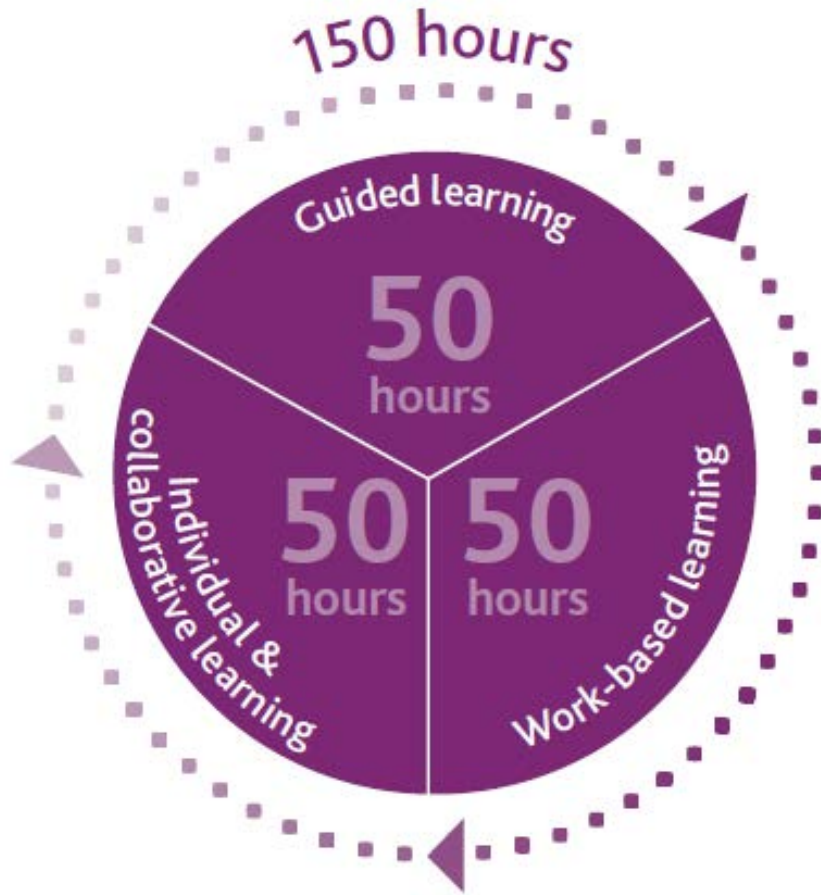


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# Cambridge PDQ structure



Learning hours in preparation	150
Recommended programme duration	4 months
Assessment	Portfolio of evidence of practice, learning and reflection
Evidence length	3600 words with work-based records



# How teachers and leaders access Cambridge PDQs?

All Cambridge PDQs are delivered through approved Cambridge Professional Development Centres; however...

...if your school / District does not want to become a Cambridge PDC

- ▶ In the US, with our local partner USA Education Ltd
- ▶ Speak to one of the team to find out more
- ▶ Outside of the US, there are online providers in most regions. Please ask me for more details

...if your school / District does want to become a Cambridge PDC

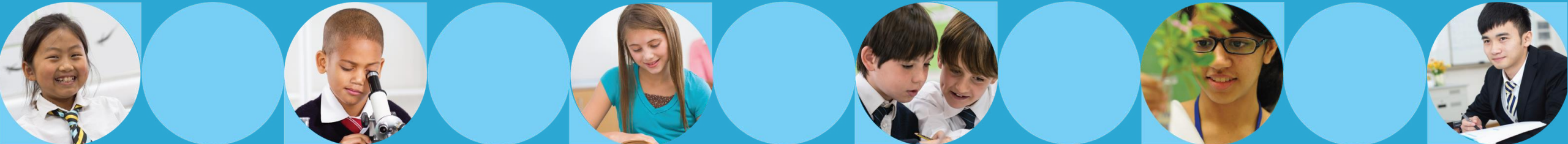
- ▶ Speak to me! Or to your local representative
- ▶ Submit an application
- ▶ Become accredited
- ▶ Deliver Cambridge PDQs contextualised for your teachers or your leaders



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# Progression and Recognition



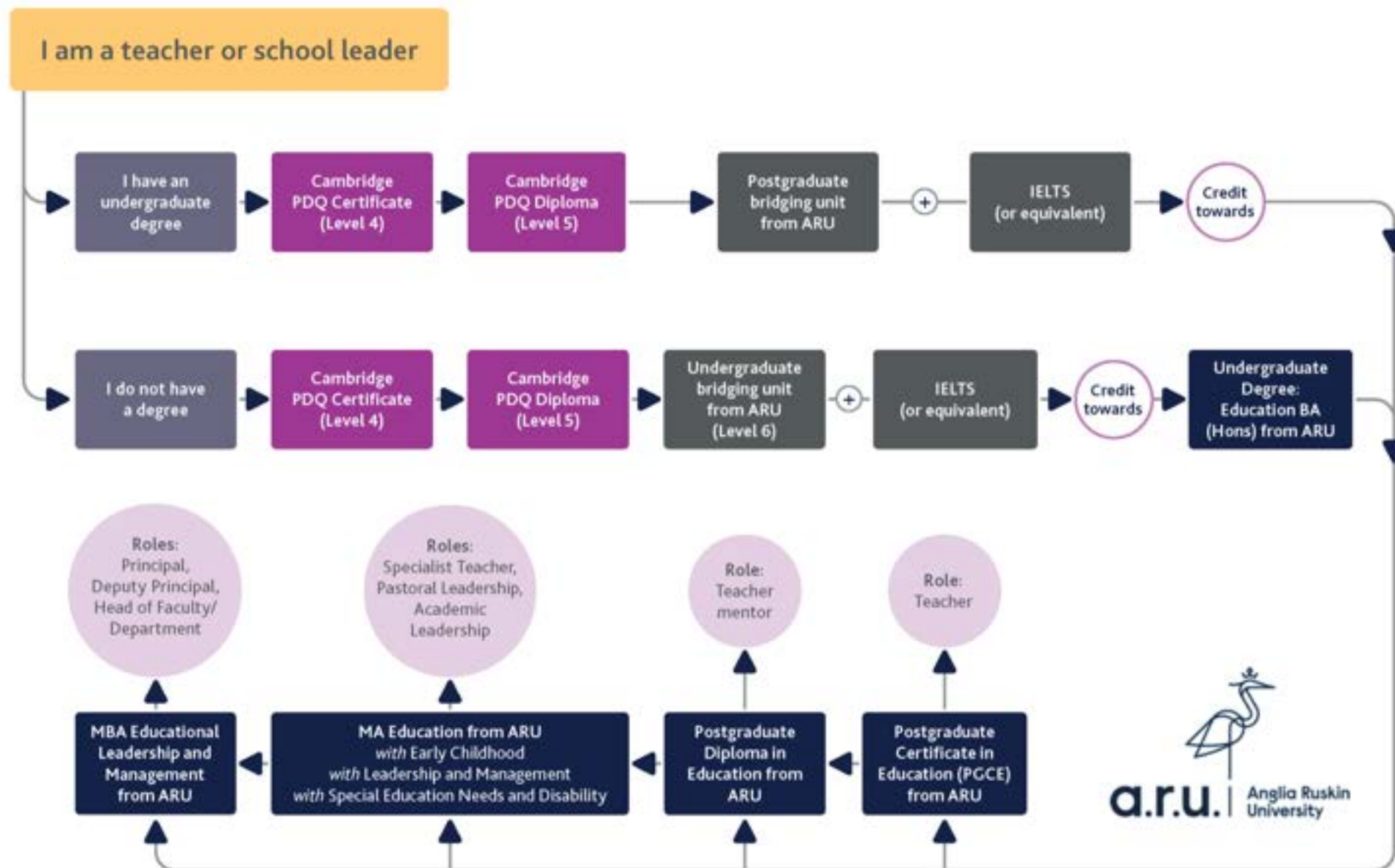
# Benchmarked by UK ENIC

## Cambridge Professional Development Qualifications: UK NARIC Benchmarking Report

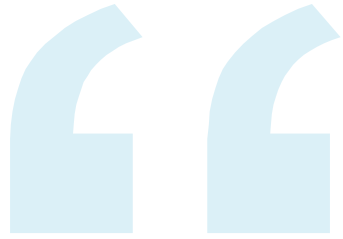
	UK			Australia		South Africa	
	Regulated Qualification Framework (RQF)	Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ)		Australian Qualification Framework (AQF)		South African National Qualification Framework (NQF)	
	8	Technical/Vocational Qualifications Level 8	Doctoral degree	10	Doctoral degree	10	Doctoral degree
	7	Technical/Vocational Qualifications Level 7	Master's degree Postgraduate Diploma Postgraduate Certificate	9	Master's degree	9	Master's degree
	6	Technical/Vocational Qualifications Level 6	Bachelor degree / Bachelor Honours degree Graduate Diplomas Graduate Certificates	8	Bachelor Honours degree Graduate Certificate Graduate Diploma	8	Postgraduate Diploma Advanced Bachelor degree Bachelor Honours degree
				7	Bachelor degree	7	Advanced Diploma Bachelor degree
Cambridge PDQ Diploma	5	Level 5 Diploma, Higher National Diplomas (HND)	Foundation Degrees, Diplomas of Higher Education (DipHE), Higher National Diplomas (HND)	6	Advanced Diploma Associate Degree	6	Diploma Advanced Certificate in Education / National Professional Diploma in Education
Cambridge PDQ Certificate	4	Level 4 Certificate, Higher National Certificates (HNC)	Higher National Certificates (HNC), Certificates of Higher Education (CertHE)	5	Diploma	5	Advanced Certificate
	3	Level 3 awards, GCE AS and A Levels		4	Certificate IV	5	Higher Certificate
	2	Technical/Vocational Qualifications Level 2, GCSEs at grade A* - C, and 2017 grade 4-9		3	Certificate III	4	National Certificate (Vocational) Level 4, National Senior Certificate
				2	Certificate II	3	National Certificate (Vocational) Level 3
	1	Technical/Vocational Qualifications Level 1, GCSEs at grade D-G and from 2017 grade 3-1 (England)		1	Certificate I	2	National Certificate (Vocational) Level 2
Entry level		Entry Level Certificates (1-3)					

<https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/Images/534126-uk-naric-executive-summary.pdf>

# Where can a Cambridge PDQ take you?



# The impact of Cambridge PDQs



My Cambridge PDQ gave me a whole new level of understanding and appreciation for reflective teaching practice. My journey helped me fine tune my teaching methods and maximised my collaboration with colleagues.

I am about to begin studying for a PGCE to build on this experience. I'm hoping to gain more knowledge of key teaching techniques and theories, and I'm also looking to do another research project. I am immensely grateful for this opportunity, and I strongly recommend this pathway to other teachers.



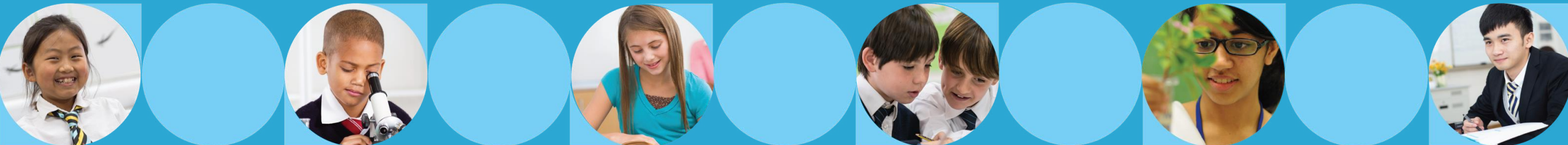
**Victor Selvaraj** gained a PGCE with ARU, having completed a Cambridge PDQ Diploma at Hebron School in India.

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**Thank you**  
**Any questions?**



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