

SCORE update

This paper is a note of the SCORE business meeting held on the 7 February 2011. It is available to download on the SCORE website [here](#).

National Curriculum Review

SCORE will hold a conference on science in the National Curriculum on 21 March 2011 to coincide with the Department for Education's Call for Evidence on the National Curriculum Review. Further details and registration are available on the [SCORE website](#). Also on the SCORE website is a dedicated page to the National Curriculum Review with suggested reading material, the timeframe for the review, FAQs and how to get involved. Visit [here](#) to view. SCORE partners intend to submit a joint response to the Call for Evidence.

Teaching Workforce

The SCORE partnership has produced a position paper on specialist teachers in the science, both at primary and secondary level. The position is currently being discussed with ITE tutors and a round table discussion was held with a small group of ITE tutors on 1 March. SCORE partners welcome the specific allocations for chemistry and physics ITE courses and calls for a similar allocation for biology ITE courses. At present biology ITE quota is grouped together with general sciences.

Annual Conference

The Annual Conference, titled *Assessment of science at 14-19: Is it fit for purpose* took place on 11 February 2011. The conference presentations are available to download [here](#) and summary report will be made available shortly.

Consultations

The SCORE partnership submitted a response to the Bew Review on Key Stage 2 assessment. SCORE also plan to submit a response to the Education Select Committee Inquiry on the English Baccalaureate.

SCORE priorities

The SCORE February meeting was used to discuss the impact of SCORE over the last year and priority areas for the partnership in 2011. The partners agreed that the National Curriculum review was a priority for SCORE, along with qualifications review, the teaching workforce and practical work in science.