

SCORE update

This paper is a note of the SCORE business meeting held on the 17 March 2011. It is available to download on the SCORE website [here](#).

National Curriculum Review

SCORE partners will submit a joint response on 14 April to the Call for Evidence on the National Curriculum Review. The SCORE conference Science in the National Curriculum, to be held on 21 March, will help inform this response. Professor Dylan Wiliam, lead for science and maths on the National Curriculum expert panel, joined the SCORE meeting to provide an update on the Review. The SCORE response will discuss evidence in the following five areas:

- Key principles in biology, chemistry and physics
- What not to get wrong in the science curriculum
- What needs improving to the current curriculum
- What a good curriculum look like
- Depth versus breadth

Teaching Workforce

SCORE partners acknowledged that there is expected to be a government consultation on Initial Teacher Education (ITE). The partners are soon to publish a policy position on the definition of specialist teachers in the sciences and ITE which would feed into the consultation.

SCORE Evaluation

An independent evaluation of SCORE is drawing to a close. The evaluation will provide SCORE partners with advice and guidance regarding the performance of SCORE and evaluate SCORE's role and impact. The final evaluation report will be available to download in summer 2011.

Assessment

SCORE received an independent report [Ideas and Evidence in Science: Lessons from Assessment](#) from Andrew Hunt. It will be used by the SCORE partners to inform their understanding of the issues around How Science Works and its assessment. In particular it will help inform the SCORE position on the nature of science in the National Curriculum.

Consultations

The SCORE partnership submitted a response to the Public Bill Committee's Call for Evidence on the Education Bill. SCORE also submitted a response to the Education Select Committee Inquiry on the English Baccalaureate.