

SCORE update

This paper is a note of the SCORE business meeting held on the 9 May 2011. It is available to download on the SCORE website [here](#).

National Curriculum Review

SCORE submitted [evidence](#) to the Call for Evidence on the review of the National Curriculum Review. The response called for a cultured, coherent, consistent and authentic National Curriculum to help students engage fully in modern life and develop rational explanations for understanding the world around us. It sets out the guiding principles for developing the National Curriculum for the sciences as well as the guiding principles for the development of the curriculum in each of biology, chemistry and physics. The SCORE members continue to engage with the Department for Education (DfE) in the review and were involved in organising a DfE teacher seminar on the National Curriculum on 13 May 2011. Individual member organisations of SCORE are also involved in their own curriculum mapping exercises for physics, chemistry and biology.

Position statements

SCORE has developed a policy position on subject specialist teaching in the sciences with a view to gathering robust evidence on how subject specialism impacts on teaching and learning. The position makes a clear distinction between a teacher's qualifications and their teaching expertise. The position also looks at recruitment into Initial Teacher Training and calls for a number of recommendations which SCORE will communicate to the Secretary of State Michael Gove in June 2011. The SCORE Committee also raised concerns on the recent announcement that the Science Additional Specialist Programme for chemistry and physics will no longer be funded.

SCORE will develop positions statements over the next coming months on the place of How Science Works in the National Curriculum as well as the role of learned societies in developing qualifications.

SCORE Evaluation

SCORE received the executive summary of the 3-year independent evaluation report on SCORE. The Committee discussed how each of the recommendations may be taken forward and these, along with the executive summary, will be made available on the SCORE website in the coming months.

Consultations

SCORE submitted evidence to the Science and Technology Select Committee inquiry on practical work in school science. SCORE Chair Graham Hutchings has been invited to provide oral evidence at the Select Committee Oral Evidence session on 29 June 2011.