

## Note of the 2011 November SCORE Committee meeting

This paper is a note of the SCORE business meeting held on 10 November 2011.

### Responses

SCORE has submitted responses to the following consultations:

- The Ofqual consultation on [GCSE Reform](#).
- The Education Select Committee inquiry on [How examinations for 15-19 year olds in England should be run](#).

SCORE will submit a response to the following consultations:

- The Department for Education consultation on [16-19 Funding formula review](#).
- The Department for Education consultation on [Vocational study programmes for 16-19 year olds](#).
- The Ofsted consultation on [Initial Teacher Training Inspections](#).

### Department for Education (DfE)

Steven Stanton and Tessa Griffiths from the Department for Education (DfE) attended the November SCORE meeting to provide an update on the Department's activities in relation to A-level reform. The group discussed how HE and professional bodies could be involved in the development of A-level qualifications.

### Mathematics in the sciences

SCORE has commissioned research to explore the type, extent and difficulty of Mathematics assessed in Science A-levels. Nuffield is conducting similar research into the Mathematics assessed in different subjects at A-level, including Economics and Psychology. The findings from the reports will be published in April 2012.

### Teaching Workforce

SCORE received a [letter](#) from Secretary of State Michael Gove on how the Department plans to increase the number of specialist teachers in the sciences at primary and secondary. This includes a joint Institute of Physics (IOP) and DfE [£2m-a-year pilot scholarship scheme](#), which aims to attract the best graduates to become physics teachers.

### SCORE Annual Conference

The SCORE Annual Conference will focus on what makes an effective teacher in the sciences at secondary and will take place on 19 March 2012. For further details and registration please visit [here](#).