

Note of the 2012 January SCORE Committee meeting

This paper is a note of the SCORE business meeting held on 23 January 2012.

Responses

SCORE has submitted responses 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](#).

SCORE will submit a response to the following consultations:

- The Ofsted consultation on [Initial Teacher Training Inspections](#).

Education Select Committee

Graham Hutchings was invited to attend an oral evidence session for the Education Select Committee on Wednesday 18 January for their inquiry into how examinations for 15 to 19 year olds should be run. His evidence centred on the importance of subject communities in advising on the subject criteria of a qualification and reviewing its subsequent assessment material. For the sciences, the Professional Bodies have a strong role to play in convening the subject communities for chemistry, physics and biology. SCORE has also expressed strong views the advantages of a single developer for a qualification in a particular subject at A-level. The transcript for the session is available [here](#).

Westminster Education Forum

Jim Iley from the RSC will represent SCORE at an [event](#) convened by the Westminster Education Forum on 13 March 2012 entitled 'Reviewing the Science Curriculum', taking part in a talk on 'The challenges for Science education - facilities, assessment and progression to Further and Higher education'.

Department for Education (DfE)

Stefano Pozzi, Rebecca Rylatt and Warwick Sharp from the Department for Education (DfE) attended the meeting to provide an update on the National Curriculum Review, which has now been extended by a year. SCORE has been invited to respond to the findings of the [Expert Panel](#), and the group discussed those findings and other ways in which SCORE could be involved in the next stages of the Review.

ACME

Rosalind Mist, the head of the ACME Secretariat, attended the meeting to give the Committee an update on the work being done by ACME on post-16 mathematics. The group discussed ways in which SCORE and ACME could work together on this issue.

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. The event is now fully subscribed, but a few places remain available for practising teachers. For further details and registration please visit [here](#).