

Note of the 2014 September SCORE Committee meeting

This paper is a note of the SCORE Committee held on 19 September 2014.

Update from Tom Goldman, Department for Education

Mr Goldman updated the committee on activities in the Department for Education regarding the curriculum, qualifications, and the Your Life campaign.

Key Stage 4 curriculum

The committee discussed the progress of the SCORE Key Stage 4 curriculum routes document. This includes a position paper and future work to disseminate the messages in this document.

A-level practical assessment seminar

The committee discussed the SCORE seminar being held in October to discuss the new practical assessment A-level science grade in autumn 2014. Representatives from UCAS and Ofqual will speak at the event, as well as a panel of university admissions officers. This meeting will be supported by the Gatsby Foundation and Wellcome Trust.

Subject specialist teachers

The committee agreed to further action on this new SCORE project exploring the use of specialist science teachers in schools. They will continue to work on a questionnaire to collect data on the duties and activities of these teachers to enable SCORE to gain a more accurate picture of how schools staff their science departments. They will also continue to develop an invitation to tender and identify possible researchers.

The next SCORE Committee meeting will be held on 21 October 2014.