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Dear Brian,

Following the recent meeting between the Training and Development Agency and SCORE, SCORE has taken some time to consider the Masters in Teaching and Learning, and its relationship with Continuing Professional Development for the teaching profession.

SCORE would strongly support a programme of professional development that bridges the gap in skills and knowledge between beginning teachers and expert teachers.

I enclose a short comment paper on the Masters in Teaching and Learning (MTL), in which we identify a number of issues that need to be resolved in order that the MTL achieves the objective outlined above. We are certain that none of the issues identified in the paper are insurmountable and would welcome an opportunity to discuss how SCORE might play a role in helping to resolve them.

SCORE is planning a series of seminars on the routes to specialist science teacher and we very much hope that representatives of the TDA will be able to attend these seminars. We would like to invite a TDA representative might lead one of the seminars looking at the role of the MTL in developing specialist teachers.

Perhaps your officials might contact me, via Dr Rosalind Mist (SCORE Manager email: rosalind.mist@royalsociety.org or call on 020 7451 2205), to discuss how we take this forward.

Your sincerely,



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