The Royal Society Pairing Scheme 2023
Programme for the ‘Week in Westminster’
26-29 March

Sunday 26 March – ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN

15:00 onwards  Arrival and check-in at hotel – The Strand Palace Hotel, 372 Strand, London, WC2R 0JJ
18.00  Introductory dinner – Crusting Pipe, Jubilee Market Hall, 30 Tavistock Court, London WC2E 8RD

Monday 27 March – INTRODUCTORY DAY, The Royal Society & Parliament

From 09:30  Arrive at the Royal Society for tea & coffee and library open house visit. 6 – 9 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG
11:15 - 11.30  Welcome and Introduction – Lord David Willetts (Chair of the UK Space Agency’s Board and Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society)
11:30 – 12:00  Policy & Science – Dr. Rupert Lewis, Chief Science Policy Officer, Royal Society
12:15 - 13:00  Science in the Media – Bill Hartnett, Director of Communications, Royal Society
13.00 – 14:00  Lunch
14.00 – 15.00  How Parliament and Government work – Prof. Andrew Blick (Professor of Politics and Contemporary History, and Head of Department of Political Economy, King’s College London)
15.00 - 17.30  Free time
18:00  Meet outside Parliament and go through security – Cromwell Green Visitors entrance, Parliament Square
18:30 – 20:30  Exhibition and parliamentary reception (representatives from organisations across the sector will present their work) - Churchill Room, Palace of Westminster

Speakers:
Stephen Metcalfe MP (Chair of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee)
Chi Onwurah MP (Shadow Science Minister)
Dr Julie Maxton CBE (Executive Director, Royal Society)
Tuesday 28 March – SHADOWING DAY 1 + GO-SCIENCE AFTERNOON

09:30 – 12:00  Time for shadowing (to be arranged with your pair)

12:00 - 17:00  Government Office for Science afternoon (agenda tbc but expect talks from senior civil servants and workshops on how to engage with policy makers in government. Lunch included) - QEII Centre, Broad Sanctuary, Westminster SW1P 3EE

Wednesday 29 March – SHADOWING DAY 2 + MOCK SELECT COMMITTEE

10:20  Meet outside Parliament and go through security – Cromwell Green Visitors entrance

10:40 – 12:00  Tour of Palace of Westminster

12:00 – 15:00  Time for shadowing (to be arranged with your pair)

15:10  Meet outside Parliament and go through security no later than 15:10 – Cromwell Green Visitors entrance (Note: If you’re already on the parliamentary estate please meet the group in Westminster Hall to avoid going through security twice)

15:30 – 18:00  Mock Select Committee– Palace of Westminster

18.00 – 20.00  In Conversation with… Julian Huppert (Former MP for Cambridge and Founding Director of the Intellectual Forum at Jesus College) at The Two Chairmen pub, 39 Dartmouth Street, Westminster SW1H 9BP

For any issues or questions during the week, please contact either:

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