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The Royal Society Pairing Scheme 2016  
Programme for the 'Week in Westminster'  
28 November – 1 December 2016

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**Sunday 27 November – Arrival and Check-in**

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- 16:00 onwards    Arrival and check-in at hotel – The Strand Palace Hotel, 372 Strand, London, WC2R 0JJ
- 18.00             Introductory dinner – Carluccio's in Covent Garden, WC2E 9BH
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**Monday 28 November – INTRODUCTORY DAY - Attlee Suite, Portcullis House (unless stated otherwise)**

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- 09:00             Meet at Parliament - Cromwell Green Visitors entrance
- 09:35 – 10:55    Tour of Palace of Westminster (lasts approximately 75 minutes)
- 11:00 – 11.30    Tea and Coffee upon arrival at Portcullis House
- 11:30 – 11.45    Welcome and Introduction – Dr Claire Craig, Director of Science Policy, Royal Society
- 11:45 – 13:00    How Parliament works – Alasdair MacKenzie, Houses of Parliament Outreach Service
- 13.00 – 14:15    Lunch
- 14.15 – 15.15    Policy and Science – Case studies: Mitochondrial Donation, GM Plants and the Higher Education and Research Bill – Becky Purvis, Head of Public Affairs and Rachael Mann, Public Affairs Officer, Royal Society
- 15:15 – 16:30    Exhibition
- 16.30 – 18.30    Reception - Speakers:  
Sir Venki Ramakrishnan, President, Royal Society  
Professor Brian Cox FRS, Professor for Public Engagement, Royal Society  
Jo Johnson MP, Minister for Science, Universities, Research and Innovation  
Stephen Metcalfe MP, Chair of the Commons Science and Technology
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**Tuesday 29 November – SHADOWING DAY 1**

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- 09:00 – 17:00    Time for shadowing
- 18.30 – 20.00    *OPTIONAL - Reducing global inequality: how can we achieve a fairer world?- The*

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**Wednesday 30 November – SHADOWING DAY 2**

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- 09:00 – 16:00 Time for shadowing
- 11:30 *OPTIONAL - Prime Minister's Questions (access to be arranged by MPs)*
- 15:30 – 18:00 Mock Select Committee for scientists - Committee Room G, Palace of Westminster  
(meet outside parliament by the arch next to Black Rod's entrance at 3.30pm)

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**Thursday 1 December – Government Office for Science Day – Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Conference Centre, 1 Victoria Street, SW1H 0ET**

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- 10.00 – 10.45 Welcome and Introduction – Sir Mark Walport, Government Chief Scientific Adviser
- 10.45 – 11.30 Panel Session on GO-Science work areas – Alan Pitt (Chair), Jon Elliott, Shabana Haque, Jennifer Smookler
- 11.30 – 11.45 Break
- 11.45 – 12.15 Foresight Projects – Stephen Bennett
- 12.15 – 13.15 How science informs our response to emergencies – Colin Armstrong and Jack Wardle
- 13.15 – 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 – 15.00 Feedback session – Becky Purvis and Rachael Mann, the Royal Society