

The Royal Society Pairing Scheme 2017 Programme for the 'Week in Westminster' 3 December – 7 December 2017

Sunday 3 December – Arrival and Check-in

- 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

Monday 4 December – INTRODUCTORY DAY - Attlee Suite, Portcullis House

- 09:00 Meet outside Parliament – by 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 – Becky Purvis, Head of Public Affairs and Joe Edwards, Public Affairs Adviser, Royal Society
- 11:45 – 13:00 How Parliament works – Charlotte Dobson, Houses of Parliament Outreach Service
- 13.00 – 14:15 Lunch
- 14.15 – 15.15 Policy and Science – Case studies: Data Governance, Securing a target for investment in UK R&D, Machine Learning, Higher Education and Research Act – Becky Purvis, Head of Public Affairs and Joe Edwards, Public Affairs Adviser, Royal Society
- 15:15 – 16:30 Exhibition (Representatives from the research community will present their work)
- 16.30 – 18.30 Reception – *Legislating for the future*. Speakers:
John Bercow MP, Speaker of the House of Commons
Chi Onwurah MP, Shadow Minister for Industrial Strategy
Dame Ottoline Leyser, Chair of the Royal Society's Science Policy Advisory Group
Professor Sarah Harper, Co-Director of the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing
Will Cavendish, Former Director of Strategy at Google DeepMind, Former Director General for Innovation, Growth & Technology at the Department of Health
- 18.30 – 22.00 *OPTIONAL – [Collections by candlelight](#). Royal Society – 6-9 Carlton House Terrace*
A festive late night opening of the UK's academy of science. No registration required.

Tuesday 5 December – SHADOWING DAY 1

- 09:00 – 17:00 Time for shadowing
- 17.30 – 19.30 *OPTIONAL – Parliamentary and Scientific Committee meeting – Science and Food manufacturing. Location TBC. RSVP to office@scienceinparliament.org.uk*

Wednesday 6 December – SHADOWING DAY 2

- 09:00 – 17.00 Time for shadowing
- 11:30 – 12.30 *OPTIONAL - Prime Minister's Questions (access to be arranged by MPs)*
- 15:30 – 18:00 Mock Select Committee for scientists - Committee Room 2a, Palace of Westminster (meet outside parliament by the arch next to Black Rod's entrance at 3.30pm)
- 19.00 – 22.00 *OPTIONAL – Royal Society of Biology Christmas Parliamentary Reception (RSVP required. Please RSVP to [Joe Edwards](#) no later than 26th November)*

Thursday 7 December – Government Office for Science Day – Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Conference Centre, 1 Victoria Street, SW1H 0ET

- 9.45 – 10.00 Welcome and Refreshments
- 10.00 – 10.15 Government Science & Engineering (GSE) profession – Shabana Haque – Head of GSE team, Government Office for Science
- 10.15 – 10.45 Science advice and leadership across government - Alan Pitt – Deputy Director (Science and Security), Government Office for Science
- 11.15 – 12.00 Panel discussion – The impact of scientific evidence on policy making: Representatives from across government
- 12.00 – 12.45 Feedback session – Head of Public Affairs and Joe Edwards, Public Affairs Adviser, Royal Society
- 12.45 – 13.30 Lunch
- 13.30 – 14.15 Q&A session – Professor Chris Whitty, Interim Government Chief Scientific Adviser and Head of GSE Profession
- 14.15 – 14.20 Wrap up and close