

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*

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