

The New Context: Transition from Schools into Higher Education

**Royal Society of Biology Curriculum Committee and
the School of Biosciences, University of Birmingham**

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Agenda

10:00 – 10:25 Registration and Coffee

Session 1

Skills development between school and university

10:25 – 10:30

Opening Remarks

10:30 – 11:10

Overview of the changes to A level Biology in England

- **Dr Katherine Hands-Taylor** Subject Specialist at OCR
- **Ann Fullick** Education Consultant
- **Dr Nick Dixon** Head of Department at Magdalen College School

11:10 – 11:30

Mathematical Skills

- **Dr Jenny Koenig** Lecturer, Researcher and Secondary Science Teacher

11:30-11:50

Transitioning from School to University

- **Dr Leanne Williams** Senior Lecturer School of Life Sciences University of Warwick

11:50 – 12:30

Skills Discussion Panel

12:30 – 13:25

Networking Lunch

Session 2

Innovative teaching and collaborations between universities and schools

13:25- 13:30

Introduction to session 2

13:30 – 14:00

Innovative Teaching Practice in Schools and Universities

- **Dr Paul Weeks** Head of Biology at Oxford High School, School Biology Teacher of the Year 2015
- **Professor Mark Clements** Director of Education / Chair in Science Education University of Lincoln, Higher Education Bioscience Teacher of the Year 2015

14:00-14:30	Schools and University Collaborations - Authentic Biology Project
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr David Colthurst Simon Langton Boys School, Authentic Biology Programme
14:30-15:00	Discussion Panel
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15:00-15:15	Coffee Break
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Session 3	Development of the post 16 biology curriculum
15:15-16:00	What do we want to see in the post 16 biology curriculum? Workshop sharing the progress of the RSB Curriculum Committee.
16:00 -16:10	Closing remarks
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