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OXFORD UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT (OUCEA) & ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR MATHEMATICS EDUCATION (ACME)

Invited symposium on GCSE Mathematics reform

Seminar Room G, Department of Education, 15 Norham Gardens, Oxford OX2 6PY

Friday 26th October 2012

This symposium will be a forum for the presentation and discussion of research and policy relevant to the proposed GCSE Mathematics reforms. These include five-year franchise arrangements for the delivery of GCSE Mathematics, the removal of modular assessment, tiering and calculators. Participants are from ACME, Higher Education, industry and government and the main purpose of the symposium is to bring together research, practitioners and policy makers to analyse critically the factors that will affect the success of this reform.

Further details and links to relevant publications are available at
<http://oucea.education.ox.ac.uk/events/gcsemathematicsreform/>.

Programme

1000	Coffee and registration	
1030 - 1045	Welcome and outline of the symposium	Jo-Anne Baird (OUCEA) and Anne Watson (ACME)
1045 - 1215	The landscape of the 16+ mathematics examination	Chair: Anne Watson
1045 - 1105	Purposes and principles: an ACME view	Jennie Golding (ACME)
1105 - 1125	Exploring some implications of the proposals	Richard Browne (ACME)
1130 - 1215	Table discussion in breakout rooms	
1215 - 1300	Lunch	
1300 - 1430	Policy proposals	Chair: Tina Isaacs (Institute of Education, University of London)
1300 - 1320	Consultation on Reforming Key Stage 4 qualifications	Josh Beattie (Department for Education)
1320 - 1340	The qualifications market	Jo-Anne Baird
1345 - 1430	Table discussion	
1430 - 1530	Feedback	Chair: Jo-Anne Baird
1430 - 1500	Feedback from table discussions	Table discussion chairs
1500 - 1530	Reactions from respondents	Andy Noyes (ACME), Jeremy Benson (Ofqual) and Graham Cumming (Edexcel)
1530 - 1540	Summary and close	Anne Watson
1540	Tea/coffee	

How to find us

The Oxford University Department of Education is located at 15 Norham Gardens, Oxford OX2 6PY. It is a 20-25-minute walk from the train station or a 5-minute taxi ride. Please try to avoid travelling by car as parking is limited. For a map, see <http://oucea.education.ox.ac.uk/contact/findus/>.