



Welcome to the last e-bulletin from the UK Physical Sciences Centre. This issue will focus on what will happen after July.

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1. PUBLICATIONS

The final publications are now available on the website to download.

New Directions:

Journal focused on new developments by practitioners in the field of learning and teaching.

http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/assets/ps/documents/new_directions/new_directions/new_direction_issue_7.pdf

Reviews journal:

Reviews of teaching, learning and assessment resources.

http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/assets/ps/documents/journal/journal_no22_vol12_issue1.pdf

Primer on qualitative research:

Short guide to qualitative research designed to provide practical advice and guidance.

http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/assets/ps/documents/primers/primers/qualitative_research.pdf

Wavelength:

News for the Centre and reports from funded development projects. This will be available on the website shortly: <http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/physsci/publications/newsletters>.

2. FUTURE FOR DISCIPLINE SUPPORT

The UK Physical Sciences Centre will close on 31st July 2011. The Higher Education Academy has restructured and has decided that all discipline-focussed support will be provided by staff based at their headquarters in York. More details can be found in the latest, and last, edition of our newsletter, Wavelength.

Beyond July any queries should be directed to the Higher Education Academy at York. Contact details can be found on their website www.heacademy.ac.uk.

3. MAILING LISTS

The mailing list for publications will not be used after the final mailing in late July. If you wish to receive updates from the Higher Education Academy, news updates and bulletins can be signed up for through MyAcademy: http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/my_academy.

The JISCmail discussion list physsci-eduaction@jiscmail.ac.uk is an open list for physical sciences education and it will remain one of the easiest ways that the community can continue to communicate, so please feel free to use it. Join the list by visiting the JISCmail website www.jiscmail.ac.uk.

We have also been increasingly using Twitter to communicate with our community. The Centre's Twitter feed will also cease at the end of July.



4. LINKEDIN GROUP

A LinkedIn group had been set up to allow the continuation of collaborating and sharing ideas. This does not pre-guess what the new HEA might do and should be complementary. The group is called Physical Sciences Education in HE. If you would like to join the group please go to:

<http://www.linkedin.com/e/5s8pge-gq59uwnu-4i/vgh/4004245/>

And start discussing/sharing. It will be as useful as we make it!

5. WEBSITE

Our current website (<http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/physsci/>) will remain following our closure on July 31st, and will be accessible via the Academy's website (www.heacademy.ac.uk). However it will not be maintained.

Colleagues might be wise to download copies of useful documents and resources now for personal use. (Where possible, groups of these resources have also been made available as zip files.)

6. THAT'S ALL FOLKS

Finally, we thank all colleagues, past and present, for the support you have shown us over the past 11.5 years, first as the LTSN subject centre, latterly as an HEA subject centre, and we hope the new Academy will provide you with continued support.