



**Professor Sir John Holman**

Emeritus Professor of Chemistry at the University of York and Senior Education Adviser for The Wellcome Trust. Sir John has a distinguished background in both science and learning, which includes 35 years teaching science in secondary schools and six years as Head Teacher at the Watford Grammar School for Boys. He was knighted in 2010 for services to education.

Sir John has wide experience as an educational policymaker and a leading player in many of the major national science curriculum initiatives of the past 25 years, which included the creation of the National Curriculum. Sir John is familiar with many areas of current research in science education (particularly curriculum and assessments, informal education, public engagement and teacher development) and his greatest interest is the transformation of research into policy and practice. He currently chairs the Teacher Development Trust.

Sir John has written numerous publications in educational journals and author or co-author of nearly 20 text books and learning resources in science, which have been translated or adapted for overseas use. Sir John also has a wealth of experience as a lecturer both nationally and overseas.

From 2004-2010, Sir John was Centre Director at the National Science Learning Centre (NSLC), University of York. The NSLC is the UK centre of excellence in science teaching. From 2006 - 2010, he was National STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Director for the Government, where he was responsible for coordinating the Government's STEM network programme, in partnership with industry, foundations and academia.

Sir John acts in an advisory role for a number of foundations, including the Gatsby Foundation, Nuffield Foundation and the Wellcome Trust, as well as being a Member of Court of the Salters Company and Chairing the Salters Institute Board.

In 2016 Sir John was elected President of the Royal Society of Chemistry.