

Queen Victoria School Dunblane

Addendum to Appendix Part A

The role of Matron

Each boarding house (there are currently four boarding houses) has a live-in Matron. The role of the Matron is, and as far as we are aware always has been, to act as a parent figure, providing boys (always) and girls (since 1997) with a parental influence. The Matron takes charge of the laundry, bedding and other 'household' duties but more than that, they have also always been someone the students can trust to go to with any issues. A previous Matron, for example, also gained a qualification in Counselling and used that aspect of her skills to support a number of young people through pastoral issues. Note that each boarding house has a live-in Housemaster/mistress, a live-in Deputy Housemaster/Mistress and a live-in Matron. All three members of staff therefore have a big influence on the lives of our students, particularly at times of difficulty.

The Health and Wellbeing Centre

The Health and Wellbeing Centre (H&WBC) was previously called the Medical Centre and prior to that, the Hospital. For many years, right up until approximately 2006, it was staffed by one full-time nurse only. Since then staffing has increased and care is now provided 24/7 by 3 full-time qualified nurses. Students attend the H&WBC when they are ill or injured. It has up to 20 beds to enable students to stay overnight or for a prolonged stay if required. Like our Matrons, our Nurses are, and as far as we are aware always have been, a supportive element of the QVS community where students receive pastoral support when required. In recent years (since around 2008), it is not just a place to go for medical issues, it is often used as a 'time-out' location for students to have a calm place in times of stress.