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Old Victorians' Visits to School

Of all the visitors to Queen Victoria School, OV's are amongst the most welcome. That they both want to return, and are able to do so, speaks volumes about the special nature of the School and the friendships formed here.

Some younger OV's find it difficult, however, to make the transition from pupil to former pupil, from inhabitant of the School to visitor, however special a visitor he or she may be. For security reasons, and out of consideration for those whose home this is, I would ask you to observe the following guidelines.

Poor behaviour

Former pupils who have been asked to leave the school should not return within two years of leaving, unless they are specifically invited by staff or permanently in the company of their parents. Anyone in this category found to be on the campus will be asked to leave, as will any OV's whose behaviour when visiting is such as to bring the School into disrepute.

Signing in at Reception and being given a Visitor's Pass.

Except for visits to Parades, concerts, games fixtures and specific OVA events, all visitors to the School should sign in at Reception in the Main Building and wear the pass that they are given. Visitors signing in in this way should be "hosted" by a member of staff – that is, a member of staff should be expecting them, or be told that they are at School. If you are visiting your old House, then the Housemaster/mistress or duty member of staff is the appropriate person. Please remember to sign out and return your pass when you leave.

OVA Weekend /

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It is always a particular pleasure to see OVs – from many generations – on OVA Weekend. The OVA Committee has worked hard to shape the weekend in response to the wishes of its members, and now we have the lunch, hosted by the School, on the Saturday of OVA Weekend, followed by the AGM. Tours of your old House and other areas of the School are usually available on the Saturday morning. On the Sunday there is Morning Music, Chapel, the Parade with a Reviewing Officer who is either an OV or chosen by the OVA, and tea and coffee afterwards, with a display of Highland Dancing. There will be a School v OVs Football Match at 1300 on the Sunday this year. Duncan McLay, himself an OV and also Principal Teacher of PE and Games here at QVS, will referee!

Please do not go to areas of the campus other than those being used for the events outlined. In particular, OVs should be off campus by no later than 1700 each day of the OVA weekend. Before 1700, if you would like to visit friends who are still pupils, in their Houses, you must ask permission of the Duty Member of Staff.

We welcome OV visitors at School. You are still part of the QVS community. Please however respect the particular needs of those who still live here, and the responsibility that we all have for security and privacy on the campus of this MOD establishment and fully boarding school.

Thank you.

Mrs Wendy Bellars, Head, Queen Victoria School. March 2010.