R(D)SVS House System

Benchmarking Event Workshop February 2013
The BVM&S Student Community

- Professional programme leading to BVM&S degree
- Approx. 800 students
- All on one site at Easter Bush
- Students on 5 year programme
  - Undergraduate and Graduate
- Students on 4 year programme
  - Graduate Entry Programme (GEP)
- Cohorts merge in 3rd year
  (year 3 of 5 year & year 2 of GEP)
Overview of R(D)SVS student support

- **Personal Tutor system**
  - 62 PTs, 5-15 tutees per PT, 1:1 & group meetings

- **House System**

- **University services** (referral)
  - Student Counselling Service [also available in R(D)SVS]
  - University Health Centre
  - Student Disability Service
  - Institute for Academic Development (IAD)
  - The Advice Place (EUSA)
Enhanced student experience at the R(D)SVS

- Excellent teaching
- Excellent facilities
- Getting access to help when needed – academic & pastoral
- Getting good feedback – timely & helpful
- Feeling of well-being working/playing hard, enjoying student life
- Feeling part of the ‘Dick family’ ….. & being proud!
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‘Listening to Students and Creating Communities’
Stacy Spielman, Catriona Bell, Geoff Pearson, Susan Rhind

- Gathering of student feedback about support requirements & suggestions: focus groups, questionnaires etc.

- Review of Literature & ‘Gold Standard’ Institutions
e.g. UCSF (Berkeley) Medical School: Advisory College System

- Implemented in September 2012
R(D)SVS Student Support Team

- Geoff Pearson
  Director of Student Affairs & School Senior Tutor

- Susan Rhind
  Professor of Veterinary Education & Deputy Head of School

- Catriona Bell
  Deputy Director of Student Affairs

- Stacy Spielman
  Student Support Fellow (International)

- Jessie Paterson
  Student Support Fellow (Learning Development)

- Roshni Jethwa
  Student Experience Officer - House System Administration

- BVM&S Year Administrators
RDSVS House System

CAERKETTON
N. Hudson

CAPELAW
A. Gardiner

CASTLELAW
S. Kempson

TURNHOUSE
S. Whittington

CARNETHY
C. Phillips

SCALD LAW
G. Pettigrew

WEST KIP
D. Wilson

EAST CAIRN
K. Aitchison

ALLERMOIR
S. Rhind

SPITTAL
S. Argyle

Castlelaw House

Senior House Tutor
6-7 per house

Personal Tutors
~80 per house - mix of years

Tutees

Peer Supporters
Senior House Tutor role

- oversight of personal tutoring arrangements in their House
- advising house Personal Tutors on unusual or complex cases (in liaison with Senior Tutor)
- coordination of house social events – in liaison Student Experience Officer (SEO) & house tutees organising committee
Veterinary Teaching Organisation
BVM&S Year Administrators

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Close links with all members of student support team esp. SEO, Personal Tutors & Senior Tutor
R(D)SVS Staff-Student Events

- Pre-Burns Supper (January)
- 1st Dick Vet Bowling Tournament (February)
- R(D)SVS Olympics (May)
- Halloween Party (October)
Halloween Party 2012
Edinburgh Electronic Veterinary Curriculum (EEVeC)
Scald Law

Welcome to Scaldlaw. We have an organising group now and there will soon be a social page appearing as a link on the right side of this page. We also have a beautiful house emblem. This was drawn by Caroline Wood after research by her and Elle Cowlson and Sophie Gilbert.

Caroline, Elie and Sophie researched Pentland wildlife and found that roe deer are common in the Pentlands. Caroline says:

We thought they were quite majestic, proud and appropriate as a symbol to represent our house. Our roe deer is wreathed in scaldberries. We found that there is a school of thought that believes 'scaldberry' to be an old Scottish word for blackberry. This seems to actually be true as many pictures of blackberries appear if you google search images for

Senior House Tutor: Graham Pettigrew
Personal Tutors: Karen Blaxt, Calum Agnew, Darren Skea, Tessa, Linn, Colin Parfquhson, Colin Shap

Tutees (by year):

- Alex Vincent
- Anghieh Bell
- Samantha Miles
- Jordan Mitchell
- Tom Moodie
- Danielle O'Brien
- Kristy Allan
- Ben Pace
- Iain Patrick
- Fiona Prentice

House emblem
Scaldlaw Social Events

Organising Committee

Samantha Miles
Katherine Phillips

Minutes of Meetings

Upcoming House Events

Walk to Scald Law
Wednesday 28th November

House Discussions

The organising committee will post discussions items about future plans here
Discussion Forum
The Pros…..

- Tutees have easier, readier access to support thro’ in-house PT referral & involvement of SEO & SSFs
- Social integration of the year groups
- Impetus for staff-student social events – which have been fun for all!

The Cons….. (but early days)

- Some lack of engagement
- Inequity of experience for tutees in different houses – some students & SHTs more proactive than others