

Lord Lang of Monkton

17th March 03

Dear Sir,

Queen Victoria School Dunblane, 1989-1992

I am looking into a complaint that has been raised with me by an ex-employee of the above establishment, which I understand you were associated with between 1989 and 1992. The nature of my enquiries which I must take seriously centre on three allegations of circumstances pertaining during the above period, which are as follows:

- 1/ That a group of prominent people with no official connection to the school, who were known as the "Friends of QVS", visited the school and took boys home for weekends.
- 2/ That Thomas Hamilton (The Dunblane killer) was known as a "Friend of QVS" and had access to and influence in the Queen Victoria School.
- 3/ That Bullying and Abuse of some of the pupils took place by fellow pupils and others.

I would be obliged if you could tell me anything you know of these allegations which have been the subject of representations by me to all of the Commissioners who I have been able to contact to date. If you can advise me of any contact addresses on the attached list then please do, as I would like to attempt to do justice to my research.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Thomas Minogue. Petitioner to the Scottish Parliament.



26 March 2003

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Dear Mr Minogue,

Queen Victoria School, Dunblane 1989 – 1992

Thank you for your letter of 17 March.

As Secretary of State for Scotland between November 1990 and July 1995 I occupied an honorary role (Honorary President, I think) in respect of Queen Victoria School, Dunblane. In that capacity I paid one official visit to the school during that period.

I was not involved in the management of the school, though I may have been responsible for appointing some members of its management board.

I do not recall being made aware of any of the alleged incidents to which you refer.

I am sorry I cannot offer you more assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lang of Monkton".