



MATRONS' CONFERENCE
MODERN MASCULINITY:
PASTORAL CARE FOR TOMORROW'S MEN

FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2026

SHERBORNE
BOYS



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We are delighted to invite Prep and Senior School Matrons to attend the 2026 Matron's CPD Conference which will be held at Sherborne Boys on Friday 6 March.

This unique, research-informed event is designed to empower pastoral teams with the knowledge and tools to guide boys toward healthy, inclusive, and resilient masculinities. Across the day, we will explore how evolving understandings of masculinity shape boarding life and how we, as pastoral leaders, can respond effectively and compassionately.

Why attend?

The conference offers a rare opportunity to connect with colleagues from a wide range of schools, share best practice, and engage in meaningful discussions about the challenges and opportunities facing boarding communities today. Through interactive sessions, keynote presentations, and collaborative workshops, you will gain practical strategies to strengthen emotional wellbeing and foster positive identity development among pupils.

Highlights of the day include:

- A keynote address by Rhidian McGuire, Head of Boarding at Sherborne Boys, offering insights into the role of pastoral care in shaping modern masculinity.
- Research-led sessions exploring the impact of gender norms on emotional health and resilience.
- Practical tools and frameworks to challenge limiting stereotypes and promote inclusive, emotionally intelligent school cultures.
- Opportunities for networking and peer support, enabling you to share experiences and learn from others in the sector.

Why this matters:

- Emotional modelling: When staff openly discuss feelings, they create trust and encourage emotional expression.
- Positive identity building: Focusing on what boys can do—not just what they should avoid—supports authentic, inclusive development.
- Communal resilience: Group activities and collective storytelling reduce shame and strengthen peer support networks.

By attending, you will help empower your boarding community to cultivate a new kind of masculinity—one that is stronger, kinder, and more emotionally aware. Together, we can shape the next generation of boys to lead with courage, compassion, and integrity.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

9.30 am	Arrival and Registration
10.00 am	Session 1
11.00 am	Session 2
12.00 noon	Lunch
1.00 pm	Session 3
2.00 pm	Session 4
3.00 pm	Afternoon Tea and Depart

Spaces are priced at £20 per person and are limited, please book yours online via Try Booking using the link below:

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