



A happy and healthy half-term holiday to all our readers

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Queenswood's Five-Year Strategy



On Saturday 5 February, the School Governors and the Senior Leadership Team met to discuss **our strategy for the next five years**. It was a very positive meeting in which we set out our intentions to build on the achievements of the past few years.

Open Morning: Saturday 5 March



Our next in-person Open Morning takes place on Saturday 5 March. The event has proved extremely popular, and we are now running a **waiting list**. All pupils need to be in school for Open Morning unless they are involved with school-organised sports fixtures. Please arrive by 8.40am.

Weekend fun: On your doorstep



This week we are combining our two weekly features, *Weekend Fun* and *On Your Doorstep* to bring you **suggestions of fun, local activities** you may wish to enjoy over the half-term break.

Next week I am reading...



With the half-term holiday upon us, we have swapped our weekly feature 'This Week I Am Reading...' for **a compilation of recommended reads** for each year group. Mrs Truran, our Librarian suggests the following engaging titles for you to enjoy during the break.

In brief

[A full programme of sports fixtures for the Spring Term](#)

[Year 11 Artists at the British Museum](#)

[Team Gold for Year 7 Junior Athletes](#)

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[CGTN Europe interview with Sally Poon OQ](#)

Welcome to the latest digest of news, events and blog posts from the website of Queenswood School. [Click on the pink hyperlinks to read more.](#)

Jane Eyre: A Triumphant Return to Live Theatre at Queenswood



After two years of drama performances filmed with socially distanced year-group bubbles in empty auditoriums, it has been such a joyous and emotional experience to welcome audiences back into the Clarissa Farr Theatre for our long-awaited whole-school production of *Jane Eyre*. Over three nights, a cast of more than 70 pupils from Years 8–13 brought Charlotte Brontë's timeless classic vividly to life

Stamp Family Service



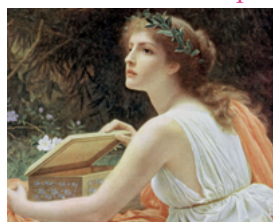
Year 7 and 8 pupils were joined by family members for a truly special service on Friday 4 February. It was wonderful to hear the Chapel reverberating to the sound of spirited hymn-singing, and there were exceptional musical performances and readings from the pupils. [Click on the link above to watch the service in full.](#)

Lauren Bould OQ: Banking and Corporate Finance



In the latest in our series of reminiscences from recent leavers, Lauren Bould (OQ 2012) talks us through her journey from Queenswood's Sixth Form, where she was Head Girl, via a Languages degree at Newnham College, Cambridge, to a stellar career in Investment Banking.

The Week in Chapel: Hope



The theme in Chapel this week was Hope. On Monday, Mrs Moore-Bridger told the Ancient Greek myth of Pandora, and shared an eclectic list of things that personally make her feel hopeful. On Wednesday Mrs Moore reflected on the inspiring example of the *Repair Shop* presenter Jay Blades, a dyslexic who learned to read at the age of 51. The link takes you to Monday's Chapel, with a link to watch Wednesday's service at the end.

Inter-House Debating Competition: Congratulations to Clapham North



The standard of debate at this year's Inter-House Debating Competition, held for the first time in several years in the Clarissa Farr Theatre, was impressive. Eight debaters – winners of classroom heats held earlier this week – tackled the motion 'This House would abolish school uniform.'

Artist of the Month: Aubrey's Mouth-Watering Ice Cream Painting



Our Artist of the Month for January 2022 was Aubrey W (Year 10), who created this mouth-wateringly detailed oil painting of an ice cream sundae, inspired by the work of Wayne Thiebaud. Congratulations, Aubrey!

Sixth Form Centre Renovation: An Update from the Bursar



It was exciting for the Newsletter team to visit the Sixth Form Centre this week and to see the striking transformation that is taking place as the building contractors continue with the extensive renovations.

Queenswood Cross-Country Stars in the Running to Represent Hertfordshire



Congratulations to the Queenswood cross-country runners who competed in the Hertfordshire Schools XC Championships at Westminster Lodge, St Albans on Saturday 5 February. There were multiple top 20 finishes in the Junior (Year 8) and Pre-junior (Year 7) races.

Tycoon in Schools: 'Tote It' to Launch on 21 February



Next half term, a group of enterprising Year 12 students will launch a business selling customised tote bags, as they participate in the Tycoon in Schools competition. 'Tote It' will start trading from Monday 21 February. You can find them on Instagram and TikTok (search for the handle @tote_it_).