



We wish you all a happy and healthy half-term holiday, and 新年快樂 to all our Chinese readers!

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### Off-Screen Activities: The Winners



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The results of this half term's off-screen activity competitions are in. Congratulations to everyone who took part – it's great to see the House points stacking up!

### Family fun: Get crafty this weekend



Here are some suggestions for seasonal craft activities for you to try at home.

Director of Music Jonathan Dobson and daughter Lydia to give livestreamed concert for Benslow Music

Hertfordshire Walks: Mr Kelley on the stately homes of North Herts

### Next week I am reading...



With the half-term break upon us, we have swapped our weekly feature 'This Week I Am Reading...' for a compilation of recommended reads for each year group. So enjoy a break from your devices and immerse yourself in some 'can't put down' fiction.

### From the (virtual) classroom

Year 7 Science: Testing Hooke's Law around the home

Year 8 Drama: Amelia M's exquisite set model for *King of Shadows*

Year 10 Geography: Models and posters depicting the Burgess model of land use in cities

Year 11 Science: Willow and Vivie's creative virus models

Calling all Year 11 Scientists: The British Physics Olympiad

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.

### University Offers Flooding In



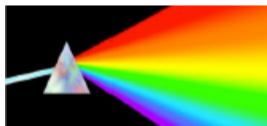
As we await details of how our A-Level students will be formally assessed this summer, we are delighted with the number of university offers that have already been made. To date, UK institutions have made Queenswood students 157 offers to date (with more coming in each day). The majority of these have come from the elite 'Russell Group' universities.

### Becoming a Vet: An Interview With Becky W (Year 13)



Becky W is currently applying to study Veterinary Science at university. It's a long and arduous process, but she has already begun to receive offers. In this video interview, conducted via Google Meet, she speaks to Media Club's Poppy D (Year 10) about her lifelong love of animals and science.

### Prism Newsletter: Issue 1



Hannah V (Year 13) and her team have just published the first edition of the Prism newsletter. Prism is Queenswood's LGBTQ+ discussion club, run by and for pupils in Year 9 and above.

### The Oxford University Computing Challenge



The Oxford University Computing Challenge is aimed at the top 10% of computing students nationally, as identified in the Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge held last November. We are asking all Queenswood students who achieved the Gold award and Distinction award last term to take part in the week commencing 22 February.

### Celebrate Lunar New Year with Mrs Lee's Stir Fry Recipe



Although our students are missing seeing Mrs Lee in person and using the wonderful Leiths cookery suite, she sends her best wishes for Lunar New Year and has shared her recipe for a delicious chicken and spring vegetable stir fry, which you may wish to cook for your celebrations.

### The Week in Chapel: Captain Tom and Lunar New Year



On Monday Rev'd Vindra and Mr Booth reflected on charitable giving and the remarkable Captain Sir Tom Moore. On Wednesday, Renee C (Year 10) gave a fascinating presentation on the origins of the Chinese New Year customs, as we enter 2021, the Year of the Ox.

### OQ Dr Nicola Grove Tells Us About Her 'Surviving Through Story' Charity



OQ Dr Nicola Grove is a speech and language therapist. She works with children and adults who have severe communication difficulties, using sign language and gesture, voice output communication aids and personal storytelling to support empowerment and inclusion. Nicola has kindly shared with us the fascinating and incredibly valuable work of the charitable project she established during the current pandemic – 'Surviving Through Story'.

### Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award: A Fabulous Opportunity For Years 11–13



Follow the pink hyperlink to watch Ms Greensmith's presentation on the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, and to access the necessary application and consent forms. The deadline for applications has been extended to Friday 19 February 2020, and we're hoping that many pupils will choose to apply for this unique opportunity.