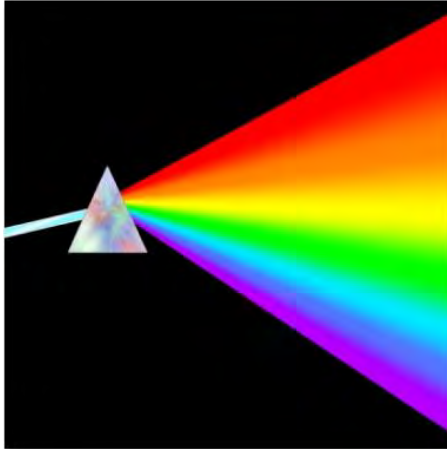


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LGBTQ+ Celebrity of the Week - Elliot Page:

Elliot Page is commonly recognised as the actor who played Vanya in *The Umbrella Academy* or from the movie *'Juno'* where Elliot won 'The Best Breakthrough Performance' and 'Best Actress'. Some may know Elliott as Kitty Pryde in *X-men*. Elliot (formerly known as Ellen Page) came out as a gay woman in 2014 but in December 2020 came out as transgender. Elliot now uses he/they pronouns and identifies as a man. On social media, he said to his fans: "I love that I am trans. And I love that I am queer. And the more I hold myself close and fully embrace who I am, the more I dream, the more my heart grows and the more I thrive." Elliot is an inspiration for everyone, not only those in the LGBTQ+ community, as it takes such courage to be so open and brave about your personal life when in the spotlight.

Georgie I (Year 11)



Our Club:

Prism is Queenswood's LGBTQ+ discussion club. We welcome people of all sexualities and gender identities or expressions in Year 9 and above. This term we have moved the club online, since we are not at school, and have Google Meets every Thursday lunchtime. We discuss everything from celebrities to transgender activism, from the difficulties of coming out to RuPaul's *Drag Race*. If you want to know more about the LGBTQ+ community and fancy joining us in our weekly chats, feel free to drop me an email!

Hannah V (Year 13)

Some LGBTQ+ Terms:

Lesbian - a sexual orientation that describes a woman who is attracted to other women.

Gay - A person who is attracted to members of the same gender. It can be used to describe any gender, but most commonly men.

Bisexual - A person who is attracted to more than one gender. For example, they may be attracted to men and women.

Transgender - A person whose gender identity does not align with the gender they were born as (or assigned at birth).

Asexual - A person who experiences little or no sexual attraction to others.

Non-binary - A person whose gender identity falls outside the gender binaries of 'male' or 'female'.

Pansexual - A person who can be attracted to people of any gender identity.

Book/Film Review of the Week - RuPaul's Drag Race

This competition show is a staple for the LGBTQ+ community. Drag Queens were traditionally men impersonating extravagant women. Now it has developed into an art form with much more variety, playing with gender, fashion and performance. RuPaul sets the Queens challenges every week, with each episode ending in a fabulous lip sync battle. Not only are the Queens so skilled, but they also address some fundamental issues within the community and the world, such as the Black Lives Matter movement, transgender rights, struggles of understanding your true self and complex family relationships. You can watch RuPaul's *Drag Race UK* on BBC iPlayer or the original US version on Netflix. Both have new seasons running currently and we thoroughly recommend a watch. Ages 15+.