

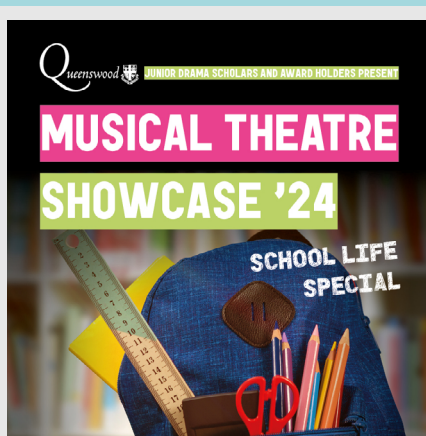


Today is the official deadline to purchase tickets for the Queenswood Ball. However, we're keeping the booking form open over the bank holiday weekend, so there's still time to place your order. Parents click [here](#); Sixth Form Students click [here](#).

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Friday 3 May 2024

Musical Theatre Showcase '24



Scholars and Principal's Award holders in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 present an evening of scenes and songs from a range of musical theatre shows. The theme is 'School'. Click [here](#) for tickets.

Boarders' weekend activities



The programme of weekend activities for boarders has been published for the Summer Term. Click [here](#) for details.

Summer menus



Click [here](#) for the latest lunch and supper menus.

Weekend fun: Much Ado About Nothing



With tickets ranging from £5 to £75, why not head to the Globe Theatre this bank holiday weekend to see Shakespeare's timeless comedy, *Much Ado About Nothing*. As one of their GCSE English set texts, watching this production will be particularly beneficial for our Year 10 students.

This week I am reading...

Human Rights: The Case for the Defence by Shami Chakrabarti



After the devastation of WWII, the international community came together to enshrine fundamental rights to refuge, health, education and living standards, for privacy, fair trials and free speech, and outlawing torture, slavery and discrimination. That settlement is now in danger, attacked by opponents from across the political spectrum and populist and authoritarian movements worldwide. In this powerful, accessible book, Shami Chakrabarti, lawyer, parliamentarian and leading British human rights defender, shows us why human rights are essential for our future.

In brief



There's a 10% discount for our readers at two fantastic summer music events at Hatfield House: *Folk by the Oak* and the *Battle Proms*. Use the code **GilpaAtTheProms**.

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.

Introducing the 2024-25 Head Girl's Team and Senior Prefects



The Year 13 Senior Prefect team handed over their gowns, titles and responsibilities to their Year 12 counterparts in a very special Chapel service on Wednesday 1 May. Mrs Cameron thanked the outgoing Head Girl, Willow, her Deputies, Elizabeth and Sophie, and the team of prefects for their support and service over the last twelve months.

Mrs Cameron to Chair the BSA Conference for Heads



As you may be aware, Queenswood's Principal, Mrs Cameron, is the chair of the Boarding Schools Association for 2024. Next week sees the biggest event in the BSA calendar, as hundreds of delegates from the UK and overseas gather for the Annual Conference for Heads. Mrs Cameron will give the keynote address, on the theme of 'dynamic, different and diverse'.

Abigail's Party: A Hilariously Awkward Evening with the Hostess from Hell



The Senior Drama Scholars and Principal's Award Holders gave two hilarious performances of Mike Leigh's classic 1970s comedy, *Abigail's Party*, on Thursday 2 May. It was a masterclass in creating comedy from excruciating awkwardness, as two couples and their divorced neighbour bicker, flirt and over-indulge at a suburban drinks party.

Amazon GetIt Competition: Designing Apps for the Community



On Wednesday 20 March the Grand Final of the Amazon GetIT competition was held for Queenswood students. All our Year 8 computer scientists had spent the previous 10 weeks working in teams to design a new app for a community group of their choice. Along the way they had used the Amazon Canvas web platform to learn about emerging technologies and cloud computing.

Year 12 Geographers Explore North Yorkshire



Olivia N-B, Daisy R and Tilly M write: On Tuesday 30 April all of the Year 12 geographers headed to Yorkshire for a week of field work, to give us the starting point to aid us in our NEAs, which make up 20% of our A-Level grade. Day one started with a dive into the water and carbon cycles, where we measured soil moisture, vegetation and the height of trees, using a range of equipment.

Queenswood Sports Awards Dinner 2024



The Queenswood Sports Awards Dinner 2024, held in the Dining Room on the evening of Friday 26 April, was a truly special event, as we honoured the amazing achievements and commitment of our sportswomen. Our guest of honour was Emily Defroand, retired England and GB hockey player.

Mrs Platt-Hawkins' Iberian Adventure on the Camino de Santiago



'Having successfully completing a section of the Camino Frances last Easter, walking from Sarria to Santiago in Spain, collecting our pilgrim stamps in churches and cafés along the route, I was already thinking about which path I would walk next and how I could make it more challenging. My partner and I began to make our plan...'

Introducing Ms King, Queenswood's New Head of Careers and Futures



We are delighted to introduce Ms Lucie King, our new Head of Careers and Futures at Queenswood. Lucie previously worked as Careers and Enrichment Coordinator at an academy school in Watford.

Autism Acceptance Month: Echo's Assembly Talk



On Monday 29 April, we held a Home Clothes event to mark Autism Acceptance Month. Pupils and staff were encouraged to wear red, and helped to raise over £320 for the National Autistic Society. In Chapel, Echo A (Year 13) gave a talk on their personal experiences as a person with autism.

Senior Prefect Team Tea Party: Thank You from the Admissions Team



The Admissions and Marketing Team expressed their grateful thanks to the outgoing Senior Prefects this week, with an informal get-together over tea and cake. The Prefects have provided invaluable support to the Admissions and Marketing Team at a number of school events, including open mornings and the 11+ assessment days.

Who Let the Dogs Out? Zennor's 7th Birthday Pawty



On Monday evening, Stamp House boarders celebrated a very special occasion for Treat Night - Zennor's 7th Birthday! Zennor is Mrs Ludwick's friendly flat-coated retriever who lives in Stamp, and boarders attended a birthday party organised by Mrs Ludwick and the Stamp House Team to celebrate her this week.

Year 7 Celebrate La Fête du Muguet



In French lessons this week, Year 7 learned about La Fête du Muguet, which is celebrated in France on 1st May. They made cards to give out to their families and friends. Mrs Ludwick, Teacher of French, tells us about this tradition, dating back to 1561. Bonne Fête du Muguet à tout le monde !

This Week in Chapel: Autism Acceptance Month and Prefect Handover



On Monday, Echo A (13W) organised a Home Clothes Day and invited students to wear red in support of Autism Acceptance Month. Echo addressed us in Chapel to raise awareness of autism and how it affects everyone differently. Later in the week, our Outgoing Prefect Team handed their responsibilities to the Incoming Prefect Team.

GCSEPod: Information for Students and Parents



Mr Lovell, Assistant Head - Digital Strategy, would like to draw your attention to GCSEPod, a digital platform accessible to all Queenswood students in Years 10 and 11. On the platform, 3-5 minute audio-visual 'Pods' containing specialist subject knowledge can be streamed by students for free on their devices.

PUPIL VOICE: School Council Report Form

Pupils can use [this form](#) (anonymously if they prefer) to share any issues or praise with members of the School Council.