

# NEWS FROM Queenswood



Wishing all the very best to our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they embark on public examinations

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Friday 10 May 2024

Year 12 Drama: *Wagatha!*



Monday 20 May | 4.45pm and 7.30pm

Making use of the techniques of Bertolt Brecht, Lower Sixth Drama students will present a devised docu-drama inspired by one of the most bizarre and compelling court cases of recent years: the libel trial involving footballers' wives, Rebekah Vardy and Coleen Rooney. Click [here](#) for tickets.

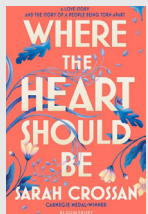
Weekend fun: be kind to yourselves



We understand that if you are in Years 11 and 13, you may be feeling under pressure as you head towards your GCSE and A Level examinations. As you 'dig deep' for this final leg of your exam preparation, it's more important than ever to look after yourselves, both physically and mentally - eating well, getting plenty of sleep and taking a break from revision. Try and have some [fun this weekend](#), perhaps enjoy a BBQ in the garden, a walk with the dog or a session at the gym. Please reach out if you need us, we are all here for you.

This week I am reading...

*Where the Heart Should Be*  
by Sarah Crossan



Nell is working as a scullery maid in the kitchen of the Big House. Once she loved school and books and dreaming. Upstairs in the Big House, where Nell is forbidden to enter, is Johnny Browning, newly arrived from England: the young nephew who will one day inherit it all. And as hunger and disease run rampant all around them, a spark of life and hope catches light when Nell and Johnny find each other. A powerful and unforgettable novel for teenage readers.

In brief

[British Red Cross: work experience and volunteering opportunities](#)

[Oxford University event for budding physicists in Year 7, 8 and 9](#)



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.

## Queenswood Ball – Final Reminder for Tickets



Booking for the Queenswood Ball on Saturday 29 June must close this coming Tuesday 15 May. Parents and staff should use [this link](#), while Sixth Form students should click [here](#). You can book for a whole table of 8, 10 or 12 guests, or in smaller groups. The QPA will do their best to accommodate all requests for seating arrangements. It promises to be a wonderful evening of celebration and fellowship – don't miss out!

## Celebrating the Class of '24



As their time at Queenswood draws to a close, Year 13 have been enjoying a week of gloriously sunny events. They spent the afternoon of Tuesday 7 May at West Lodge Park Hotel, where they had a celebratory tea and explored the stunning grounds. The week of events culminates on Friday evening with a moving Leavers' Service in Chapel, followed by a formal dinner for pupils, parents and staff.

## British Physics Olympiad: Year 12 Physicists Receive Gold Award



Year 12 students Maria-Giulia B, Ivanna V, and Emily Z were awarded a gold award for their work in a group project within the BPhO (British Physics Olympiad) Experimental Project, investigating the motion of the slinky under gravity. This is an outstanding achievement, and we are extremely proud of them!

## Junior Drama Scholars and Award Holders Present a Musical Theatre Extravaganza



Drama Scholars and Principal's Award Holders in Years 7–10, along with members of The Quire, staged a gloriously entertaining evening of sketches, speeches and songs from musical theatre classics on Wednesday 8 May. The energy and enthusiasm radiating from the stage was infectious, and everyone who attended was thoroughly entertained.

## Queenswood Musicians Serenade the BSA Conference



Mrs Cameron chaired the Boarding Schools Association Conference of Heads at the Hilton Hotel, Heathrow T5 earlier this week. To mark the occasion, a group of Queenswood musicians treated the delegates to a programme of classical and pop music. They did a superb job, and received many compliments.

## This Week in Chapel: Q Musician of the Year and Jesus, Our Friend



On Tuesday, we listened to Q's Musician of the Year, Kalli Z, play Dvorak's Cello Concerto, and such was the quality and intensity of the performance that we could have heard a pin drop. In our act of worship, Reverend Kate played a video of the poem *We Need Friends* and asked us to think about what it is like to have Jesus as a friend.

## Speeches from Open Morning



We had a very successful Open Morning on Thursday 9 May – our first Summer Term open event for many years. Thank you to the Year 8 guides who gave such informative and enthusiastic tours of the school, and special thanks to Alexia E (Year 7) and Lisa O (Year 12, Head Girl for 2024-25) who spoke in the Clarissa Farr Theatre.

## Success for our Silver DofE Students on their Practice Weekend



Our Silver DofE students embraced the stunning Chiltern Hills over the long bank holiday weekend. They had a brilliant time with their instructors from The Adventure Elements and worked as a team to navigate around Tring and Invinghoe Beacon. Miss Yaffe, DofE Coordinator, shares her report and a selection of stunning photos.

## From the Archives: 'A Veritable Fairyland...The Very Best for the Youngsters'



Mrs Julie Vine, Head of Learning Resources, is working with the OQA to create an Archive Room in the Pauline Edgar Library. One of the most fascinating documents that Mrs Vine has discovered is this pamphlet from 1924, the year before Queenswood moved from its original home in Clapham to the present Hertfordshire site.

## LAMDA Speech and Drama: Distinctions Galore



Mrs Butlin, Mrs Finn and Mrs Goodman are celebrating another outstanding set of LAMDA results. There were 26 Distinctions and three Merits awarded to the 29 pupils who took exams in March, with all four Medal-grade performers receiving a Distinction. We would especially like to congratulate all pupils who achieved 85% or higher.

## National Nurses Week



National Nurses Week began on National Nurses Day on 6 May and ends on 12 May, the date of Florence Nightingale's birthday. National Nurses Week celebrations first happened in October 1954 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's mission to Crimea.

## 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.