



We'd like to wish all our readers a very happy half-term holiday.

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## Art School Competiton: Design a Mascot



For our half-term Art School competition, you are invited to design an 'Art School Mascot'. This will be used on posters and other materials in the Art Department. There will be a £10 Art prize for one runner-up student in each House, and a £20 Art prize for the winner. Find out more about this competition by clicking [here](#) – and good luck!

## Weekend fun: the Herts County Show



With some sunny weather forecast for the long weekend ahead, why not head to the Herts County Show on Saturday or Sunday? With a packed programme including show jumping, pig racing, cattle and sheep competitions, tractor parades and new for 2024 - parkour displays, it's a fantastic day out! Find out more [here](#).

## This week I am reading...

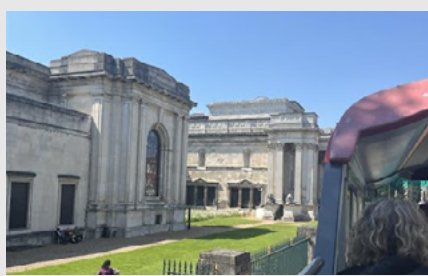
### *The Bad Ones* by Melissa Albert



Goddess, Goddess, count to five. In the morning, who's alive?  
In a single winter's night, four people vanish without a trace across a small town . . . Nora's best friend, Becca, is one of the lost. Determined to find her, Nora discovers a string of coded messages Becca has left. These clues point to another missing girl thirty years prior and a sinister urban legend: a goddess figure, who played an eerie role in Nora and Becca's own childhood games... The Bad Ones is a page-turning supernatural thriller that will have you hooked!

## In brief

### Exploring Cambridge: A Day of Discovery



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.

## Mrs Cameron's Half-Term Message



As the half-term holiday is now upon us, I hope that you will be able to take some time out with your daughters to enjoy some holiday together as a family and make the most of the sunshine; it has to arrive at some point! We have had a truly wonderful first half term and as always at this time of year, Queenswood is looking splendid, painted in stunning pink and purple flowers.

## OQ Reunions: Welcoming Back the Classes of '94, '04 and '14



Our 1994, 2004 and 2014 leavers came back to Queenswood for their 10th, 20th and 30th Reunion on Saturday 18 May. After a warm welcome, they gathered in the dining hall for a delightful drinks reception before embarking on a nostalgic tour of the school in groups.

## May Sports Round-Up



Click on the hyperlink above to see the latest posts from the QueenswoodSport Instagram account. There have been some superb individual and team achievements in recent weeks. Congratulations to everyone who has participated in any sporting activity this term – we're very proud of you!

## Artist of the Month: MC's Underwater Portrait



Many congratulations to MC B (Year 12), who has been awarded the title of Artist of the Month for April 2024. This striking oil portrait of a submerged woman is currently on display in Mrs Cameron's office.

## Elite Sportswomen: Recognition for Our International Sports Stars



Congratulations to our latest crop of Queenswood Elite Sportswomen. This accolade is bestowed on those pupils who have represented their country in any sport. Sophie T (Year 11) receives the award after she was selected for the Republic of Ireland netball team. Meanwhile, Adetola A, Isla M and Rachel F (all Year 8) have all represented England in fencing competitions over recent months.

## Year 12 Drama: Wagatha!



Year 12 Drama students performed their devised docu-drama about the 'Wagatha Christie' phenomenon in the Clarissa Farr Theatre on Monday 20 May. By turns hilarious and thought-provoking, the drama explored the ludicrous details of the case, and took a sombre look at some of the more serious stories that were crowded out of the news agenda by the exploits of Coleen Rooney and Rebekah Vardy.

## Lower School Singing Competition: The Results



17 finalists performed to a packed Ernest Read Hall audience on Thursday 23 May as they competed for the Lower School Singing trophy 2024. There were many superb performances, and Mrs Jackson, Director of Music, had the unenviable task of selecting a winner and several highly commended and commended prizes.

## Inter-House Academic Competition: The Big Word Game



We rounded off the first half of the Summer Term with an exciting Inter-House Big Word Game, with competitors from Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 vying to create the longest Boggle words and spell the most complex vocabulary in front of a live audience.

## This Week in Chapel: Celebrating EAL and Preparing for Exams



Mrs Manning spoke to us this week about students who speak English as an additional language. Most commonly our pupils learning from overseas, they are striving to fulfill their academic potential in a language that is not their own. Reverend Kate talked to us about upcoming exams and gave students a very special card of support.

## Newsflash! Year 12 Student Monica C Featured on the cover of Aegis Magazine



Andrea George, Head of International Admissions, is thrilled to announce that AEGIS Magazine has proudly showcased our Year 12 student, Monica C, on the cover of their latest issue. Monica, who is from China, joined us in Year 12 to study for her A Levels. To enjoy a sneak peek of the article, please click on the pink hyperlink.

## US Universities Talk: Presentation Materials from A List



We were delighted to welcome Mr Owen Walding from A List, a US university admissions and support consultancy, to Queenswood this week. Owen addressed parents and students from Years 10, 11 and 12 about routes to universities in the US or other countries. Mr Fox also talked about the UCAS application process.

## Life Drawing Class: A Message from Mrs Platt-Hawkins



On Monday 3 June 2024 at 4.30pm we have a life class with our new model Tasha. Art Scholars, GCSE and A Level Art students are invited. If any parents or guardians would like to attend, please get in touch with Mrs Platt-Hawkins.

## 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.