



School's out for summer!
A very happy holiday
to all our readers.

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Video: Highlights of the Year



QPA Fireworks: a date for your diary



The QPA will be hosting a spectacular fireworks display on Trew Lawn on Sunday 3 November 2024. There will be more details to follow at the start of the Autumn Term.

Introducing Q's new cookery course



Mrs Jayne Lee, Teacher of Practical Cookery, is proud to announce the launch of her new cookery course for Sixth Form students. *Queenswood Quisine* is open to all Year 12 students from October 2024.

Summer holiday fun on your doorstep



After an action-packed Summer Term, the holidays are finally here, and it's time for some fun! We've combined our Weekend Fun and On Your Doorstep features to give you **great ideas for local activities** you can enjoy during the break.

Mrs Vine's summer reading picks



Mrs Vine, Head of Learning Resources at Queenswood, is delighted to share her carefully selected **summer holiday reading suggestions** tailored to each year group. Whether you're into mysteries, fantasy, or real-life stories, there's a perfect book waiting for you.

In brief

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Draft Co-Curricular Programme
Autumn Term 2024

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.](#)

Speech Day 2024



We rounded off the academic year with a joyful Speech Day prize-giving ceremony on Saturday 6 July. Our guest of honour was the Paralympian skier, TEDx speaker and executive coach Anna Turney, who gave an inspirational speech about the enormous challenges she has overcome in her career. Over 150 prizes were distributed to pupils to mark their outstanding academic, artistic, musical, theatrical, sporting and philanthropic achievements. We would like to congratulate everyone who was honoured at Speech Day, whether in the prizegiving or in the highlights film shown at the start of the ceremony. It has been a truly exceptional year for Queenswood!

The Queenswood Archive: Official Opening



We are enormously grateful to the Old Queenswoodians' Association for generously funding the establishment of our Archive Room, which was officially opened by incoming and outgoing OQA Chairs Kate Belshaw and Tricia Wrinch on Saturday 6 July. This is very much a work-in-progress, and we are keen to refresh the displays and create themed exhibitions as more artefacts come to light.

Sensational Summer Concert on Trew Lawn



We brought the musical year to a very stylish end on Tuesday 2 July, with a delightful Summer Concert held in the marquee on Trew Lawn. There was tremendous participation from pupils of all ages, and a real festival atmosphere was created. Proceeds from the sale of tickets were donated to the charity Orchestras for All.

Aberdare Cup: An Historic All-Queenswood Final



We are immensely proud to announce our triumph in the Aberdare Cup, the U18 National Schools Tennis Championships, for the second consecutive year, marking the 29th time we have secured this prestigious title. This year's victory is particularly historic as Queenswood becomes the first school ever to have both its A and B teams in the final!

Supremely Talented Artists and Designers Exhibited in End-of-Year Show



We had a sneak preview of the terrific Faculty of Art, DT and Food exhibition, mounted in the Pauline Edgar Library and the Essame Studios at the end of term. It features work by students of all ages, including paintings and drawings by fine artists, photography, textiles, ceramics and product design.

Queenswood's Mock Election Results



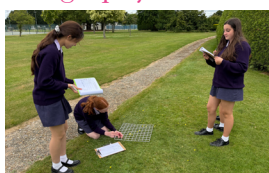
On Thursday 4 July, as the nation voted in the General Election, we held our own mock ballot. Thanks and congratulations to the representatives of the parties, who campaigned, debated, educated, and counted. Their performances in the final Q&A/debate in Thursday's Chapel were particularly impressive. Thanks also to all students and staff who took the time to cast their vote.

County Success and National Qualification for Queenswood's Elite Athletes



A huge well done to our U14 and U16 Athletics teams! After winning the District Championships last week, they continued their phenomenal season at the County League finals. The competition was fierce, but our U14s came away with a fantastic 3rd place, and our U16s (for the first time in Q history) were crowned champions.

Geography: Celebrating the National Festival of Fieldwork



To help celebrate the National Festival of Fieldwork, which has been held during the Summer Term, over the month of June 2024, Year 7 and 9 Geography students have been making the most of Q's gorgeous grounds. It has been great to get out of the classroom and take Geography into the real world.

This Week in Chapel: Chapel Steward Handover



In assembly on Monday 1 July, we gave thanks for our outgoing Chapel Stewards 2023/24 and welcomed the incoming Chapel Stewards 2024/25 who were presented with badges by Mrs Cameron who was assisted by Natalya F-D (12W), the Charity Prefect and Chief Chapel Steward.

Year 10 Artists in Chapel



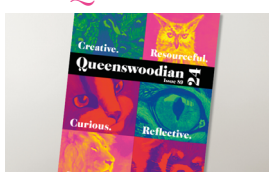
During the Summer Term, students from Year 10 drew in the Chapel; in timed conditions - between 10-20 minutes - some students drew in response to an artist's style - Laura Oldfield-Ford - and some in their own personal style. Capturing beautiful elements of the Chapel, Reverend Kate chose six of her favourite drawings which are going to be made into notelets.

Year 10 English: Creative Writing Inspired by Poetry



Year 10 English students were recently given two lessons to write a 500-word story or description, inspired by either 'Thirteen' or 'A century later', two poems from the AQA GCSE anthology Worlds and Lives. This is a collection that aims to represent diverse voices and experiences.

The *Queenswoodian* Magazine 2023-24



The latest issue of the *Queenswoodian* magazine is jam-packed with reports on the events and activities of the last academic year. Physical copies of the magazine were distributed on Speech Day - if you missed out, you will be able to collect yours in September. Meanwhile, you can enjoy this interactive digital version.

Academic Competitions for Sixth Form Students



We've put together a compendium academic competitions open to Sixth Form students. Some of these are Queenswood-based, while others are national competitions, with prizes to be won. For more information about any of these competitions, click on the pink hyperlinks in the document, or speak to your subject teachers.

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.