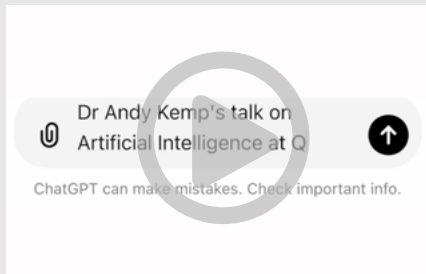




Our next Open Morning is on **Saturday 28 September**. If you or someone you know is looking for a place at Queenswood for 2025 or beyond, visit [queenswood.org/open-events](https://www.queenswood.org/open-events) to book.

News and information from www.queenswood.org Friday 13 September 2024

Dr Andy Kemp: AI and Education



Tickets are selling fast for the talk on Artificial Intelligence and the future of education by Dr Andy Kemp, Principal of the National Mathematics and Science College, on **Wednesday 18 September**. Andy is a leading expert on this existentially important topic, and a highly engaging speaker.

Tickets cost just £5 for adults (free for pupils), including complimentary drinks on arrival, and are available to purchase via the [Box Office](#).

Weekend fun: The Art of Banksy



If you fancy heading in to London this weekend, why not check out *The Art of Banksy* exhibition in Soho. Featuring over 150 pieces of the elusive artist's work including the iconic *Girl With Balloon*, Banksy's bold commentary on society will not disappoint. For more information and discounted tickets for students, please click [here](#).

This week I am reading...

The Lives of Lee Miller
by Antony Penrose



The Lives of Lee Miller by Antony Penrose offers an intimate portrait of his mother, Lee Miller, a trailblazing figure in 20th-century art and journalism. A model, surrealist photographer, and war correspondent, Miller led an extraordinary life marked by creativity, resilience, and reinvention. Described by the Sunday Times as 'a fascinating revelation of an adventurous and protean spirit', this biography is the inspiration behind the 2024 film *Lee*, starring Kate Winslet.

In brief

V&A Career Insight Talk for Sixth Form: Exhibition and Display Making

Musical triumphs for Scholars Lilia and Kalli

Summer success for Queenswood's sporting stars



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.

Skills for Life: Leadership Training for Senior Prefects



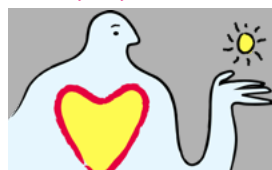
On Thursday the Senior Prefect Team participated in a Leadership Training Day, focusing on first impressions, personality types based on the DISC model, and public speaking. They also completed safeguarding and pastoral training, emphasising empathetic listening. The day provided valuable skills for their upcoming leadership roles.

An Action-Packed Weekend: Boarders 'Find Their Fearless'



Our full boarders enjoyed a fun-filled first weekend at Queenswood! With a film night on Friday in our in-house cinema room, followed by a delicious Nando's lunch and shopping on Saturday and a thrills-a-minute trip to Thorpe Park on Sunday, they've all had a fantastic time getting to know each other and forging new friendships.

Poetry By Heart



Taking part in Poetry By Heart is all about developing confidence with poetry in an enjoyable, accessible and engaging way. Participation not only supports curriculum development, builds literacy skills, but increases enjoyment of poetry across the whole school.

Careers and Futures: Year 12 Students Join the Team



Head of Careers and Futures, Mrs King, is delighted to welcome four Year 12 students to her team. Cornelia VH, Beth T, Amy H and Eliska B will be helping Mrs King with new careers displays and initiatives around the school to get everybody thinking careers! Look out for the new display, coming to the library soon.

Getting to Know You: Year 7s Meet Their 'Big Sisters'



Our new Year 7s got to spend time with their Year 13 'Big Sisters' on Friday 6 September, with games, inflatables and – of course – the legendary Queenswood Friday lunch...One pupil described it as 'the best day ever' – not bad for a school day!

Senior Hockey Tour: Pre-Season Training in Rotterdam



Queenswood's senior hockey players enjoyed a pre-season trip to Rotterdam at the end of the summer holidays. In searing 30°C heat – and the occasional torrential downpour – they had the opportunity to hone their skills, play matches against quality opposition, and bond as a squad.

A Letter from the Palace! Silver Stories Readers Thanked By HRH The Queen



We are immensely proud of Emmy C and Arabella MS (Year 10), for their steadfast commitment to the Silver Stories scheme at Queenswood, overseen by Miss Tyler, HL Teaching Assistant. Just before the summer break, Emmy and Arabella were thrilled to receive a personal note from HRH Queen Camilla about their volunteering.

Lily and Miri, Year 7, Reflect on the Start of their Queenswood Journey



Moving to a new school can be both daunting and exciting. Year 7 students Lily S and Miri R share their reflections with us about joining Queenswood just eight days ago. Thank you Lily and Miri for taking the time to tell us about your experiences. Please click on the pink link to read *The Big Change* by Lily and *Transition to Queenswood* by Miri.

This Week in Chapel: Anything Can Happen



In Assembly, Reverend Kate explained some of the Q Chapel traditions and assured us that all students are welcome and valued in Chapel. In our Act of Worship, Rebekah W (Year 9) and Alexia E (Year 8) read from Psalm 139, and Reverend Kate told us that *anything can happen*, drawing on Alex Yee's Olympic Games triathlon success.

Newsletter Club: Join the Team!



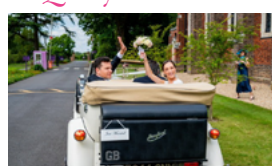
The newsletter at Q is a whole school effort and we are always keen to include contributions from our students. Newsletter editors, Mr Kelley and Mrs Leigh, are running a Newsletter Club again this term, and were delighted to welcome Eliska (Year 12), Miri and Lily (Year 7) to the club's first meeting on Tuesday.

Off to Neverland! Mrs Garvey Performs at the Stunning Minack Theatre



It was 'off to Neverland' over the summer for Mrs Garvey, Teacher of Dance at Queenswood, along with her daughter, as they took part in The Hertfordshire Players' production of *Wendy and Peter Pan* at the stunning Minack Theatre in Cornwall. We send our congratulations to Mrs Garvey and her daughter on this very special achievement!

OQ Says "I Do!"



We are thrilled to report that Sophie Potter (née Hunter, OQ 2012), married George Potter in the Queenswood Chapel this summer. Queenswood's Chaplain, Reverend Kate Douglas, led the proceedings as the happy couple celebrated their very special day surrounded by family, friends and fellow Old Queenswoodians. Congratulations!

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.