

A polite reminder to all Year 10 and 11 parents to register for the
Into the Sixth Form event on
Tuesday 1 October here

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Friday 27 September 2024

Advance notice: Billy Elliot tickets



Tickets for our whole school production of *Billy Elliot: the Musical* go on sale on Monday 30 September. The production will be staged across three nights on Tuesday 3 – Wednesday 5 December. Click here for the Q Box Office.

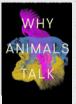
#### Weekend fun: Netflix movie nigh



After a busy morning of representing your school at the open event on Saturday, why not find some time to kick back this weekend and enjoy a cosy movie night. There are some great films currently showing on Netflix, so grab the popcorn and take a look at our suggestions for a Netflix movie night.

## This week I am reading.

## Why Animals Talk by Arik Kershenbaum



Why Animals Talk is a scientific journey through the untamed world of animal communication. From the majestic howls of wolves and the enchanting chatter of

parrots to the melodic clicks of dolphins and the spirited grunts of chimpanzees, these diverse and seemingly bizarre expressions are far from mere noise. In fact, they hold secrets that we are just beginning to decipher. Kershenbaum draws on his extensive research and observations of animals in the wild to explain the science behind why animals are communicating. A fascinating and insightful read.

## In brief

Another year with the NYO for Music Scholar Kalli

Anne-Marie represents Herts at the Tennis County Cup

Lottie's sensational summer of tennis and cricket success

Break a leg Mr Jordan! Merrily We Roll Along tickets available for this Saturday

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.

#### Year 7 Bonding Trip 2024: Unforgettable Adventures in Devon



It's been an action-packed week of bonding activities for Year 7, based at Ultimate Adventure in North Devon. They've been paddle-boarding, building buggies, racing scooters, braving blindfold assault courses, tackling the Wipeout course...and getting absolutely drenched!

#### International Welcome Lunch for New Boarders



On Friday 20 September, we hosted an International Lunch to warmly welcome our new international students of 2024 into the Queenswood community. This event provided a valuable opportunity to reconnect with the girls since their arrival earlier this month and to emphasise how integral they are as members of our boarding family.

#### Celebrating Languages Day



On 26 September, our school came alive with the sounds, flavours, and excitement of the European Day of Languages. This annual celebration, recognised across Europe, is dedicated to promoting linguistic diversity and encouraging the learning of different languages.

#### Dance in a Day for GCSE Students



Mel Simpson, Dance Artist, choreographer and education specialist returned to the school last week to work with the GCSE Dance students. They created a 'dance in a day'. The students worked tirelessly all day, learning and developing new material for their GCSE trio performance.

## Drama Devising Workshop with Louise Wallace



Eva O (Year 10) writes: 'On Tuesday 24 September we had the opportunity to attend a three-hour devising workshop delivered by Louise Wallace. Throughout the workshop we were able to partake in a number of activities focused on getting our bodies moving and opening our imagination...'

## September Sports Round-Up



It has been a great start to the season for Queenswood in many sporting competitions. We bring you a round-up of the latest news from the @QueenswoodSport instagram feed. Many congratulations to every pupil who has participated in any sporting activity over the last few weeks.

## This Week in Chapel: An Address from the Head Girl and her Deputies



Head Girl, Lisa O and her Deputies, Emily H and Kat K, introduced themselves in Chapel this week, sharing their goals for the year and encouraging the pupils to have fun, build relationships and achieve their full potential. To watch the address, please click on the pink hyperlink. There is also a report on the school's upcoming charity work and some key dates for the year ahead.

## Fine Art, Photography, Textiles and DT Students Explore London's Galleries



On Tuesday 24 September, Fine Art, Photography, Textiles and DT students enjoyed a trip to London visiting lots of different galleries including the V&A, Whitechapel and the Tate. Isabella W, Year 13, shares her report about the day and includes a photograph of the students with Tom Grennan who they met on the way!

# Careers Talk on Apprenticeships and Recruitment



Ms Lucie King, Head of Careers and Futures, invited a parent of an OQ with apprenticeships and recruitment knowledge to come and talk to Year 12 about apprenticeships and general job application processes on Wednesday 25 September. It was a really valuable and insightful talk for the girls.

# Artist of the Month: Valentina's Winning Mascot Design



Many congratulations to Valentina T, Year 10, who submitted the winning entry in our competition to design a Queenswood mascot and is our Artist of the month for September 2024. These beautiful illustrations are currently on display in Mrs Cameron's office.

# 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.