



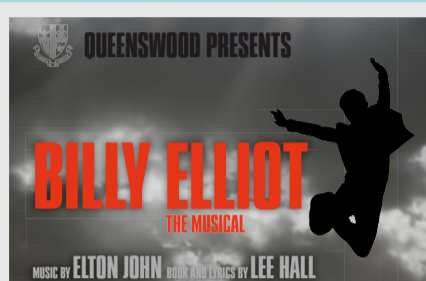
Join us on Sunday 3 November for our popular music, food and fireworks extravaganza. Tickets are limited; book early to avoid disappointment. Click [here](#) for tickets.

Please note: this event is restricted to families of Queenswood pupils and staff. You will need to use the password that was included in this week's newsletter email.

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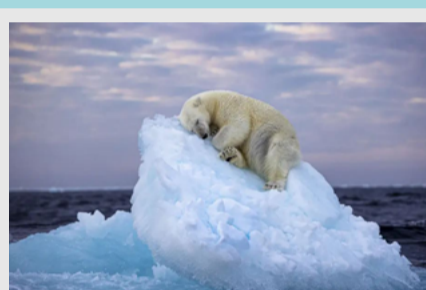
Friday 11 October 2024

Billy Elliot tickets selling fast



Tickets for our whole school production of *Billy Elliot: the Musical* are now on sale. The production will be staged across three nights on Tuesday 3 – Thursday 5 December, and it's selling fast. Don't miss out on what is shaping up to be an unforgettable show – click [here](#) for the Q Box Office.

Weekend fun: Wildlife Photo Exhibition



The winning entries of the 2024 Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition were announced this week, and a breathtaking exhibition of the final one hundred images opens this weekend at the Natural History Museum in London. To find out more and to buy tickets, please click [here](#). During the first week of the half-term holiday, students receive 50% discount.

This week I am reading...

The Shapeshifter: Feather and Fang by Ali Sparkes

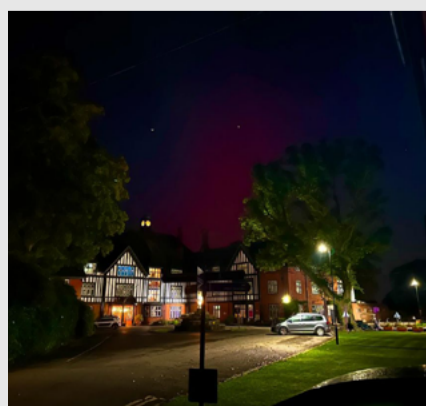
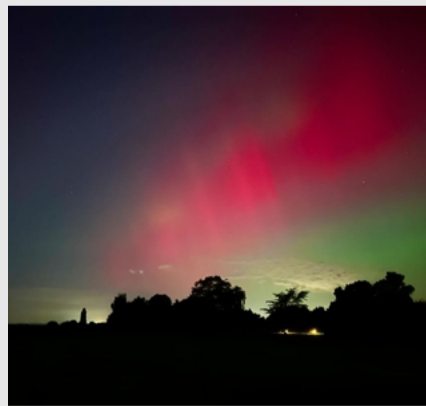
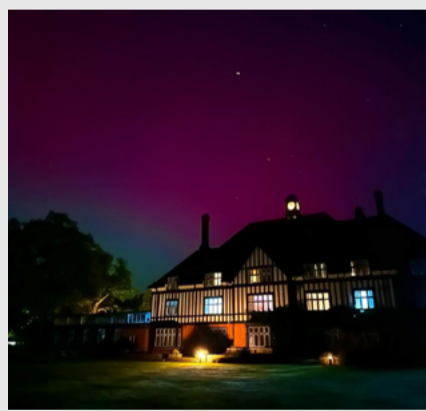


Miss Milner, Stamp Boarding Assistant, recently spotted a copy of this book in the Admissions and Marketing Office at Q, and she delighted in telling us how she loved reading the Shapeshifter series when she was at school. With the promise of a book review secured, we gifted Miss Milner with the sixth book in the Ali Sparkes series and she dashed off to dive into the story. You can read Miss Milner's review of Feather and Fang by clicking on the pink hyperlink and we hope that you enjoy it as much as she did!

In brief

Pupils in Years 7 – 11 are reminded that blazers must be worn after half-term

Aurora borealis: a spectacular display in the skies above Queenswood



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.

Scholarships are Open!



Applications are now invited from current pupils who would like to be considered for scholarships in Academic (13+ and 16+), Art, Dance, Drama, Hockey, Music, Sports and Tennis. To find out more, please click the pink hyperlink. The deadline to apply for all scholarships is Friday 25 October, during the half-term break.

Virtuosi Concert: An Evening of Superb Music-Making



The Queenswood musical year got off to a flying start on Thursday 10 October, with a superbly eclectic Virtuosi Concert featuring the vocal and instrumental talents of pupils from across the year groups. You can enjoy a video of all the performances by clicking on the hyperlink above.

This Week in Chapel: Conflict in the Middle East and Black History Month



On Monday we reflected on the conflict in the Middle East and said a prayer to commemorate the anniversary of the Hamas attack on 7 October 2023. Delight O (10S) and Ore O (12S) gave speeches celebrating Black History Month, and later in the week, students from Q's Culture Society gave a presentation on Reclaiming Narratives, the theme of this year's Black History Month.

A Report from the Newsletter Club: Our Boarding Experiences



Miri R (7W) and Lily S (7N) are both flexi-boarders in Stamp House. They also belong to the Q Newsletter Club and report this week on boarding and the fun of treat nights! Eliska B (12N) is one of our international students from Slovakia and joined Mymwood as a full boarder in September. She shares her experiences of life in a new country and the challenges she has overcome.

Speeches from Open Morning



We held another successful Open Morning on Wednesday 9 October. Thank you to the Year 8 guides who gave such informative and enthusiastic tours of the school, and special thanks to Violet K (Year 7) and Kat K (Year 13, Deputy Head Girl for 2024-25) who spoke in the Clarissa Farr Theatre.

Oddballs: Get Your Charity Queenswood Bobble Hats!



With the weather turning decidedly chillier, we will once again be selling our very own Queenswood branded 'Oddballs' bobble hats to raise money for charities such as Prostate Cancer UK. Last year, the hats sold very quickly, so please order yours this weekend to avoid disappointment!

Don't Forget: Autumn Jumper Day in Aid of Knebworth Food Bank



We would like to remind the Queenswood community about the forthcoming collection for Knebworth Food Bank as part of the Harvest Festival. Thursday 17 October is Autumn Jumper Day, where students can bring in food bank items for the right to wear their own jumpers with their school uniform.

U12 Hockey: Regional Finalists



We are thrilled to announce that our U12 hockey team has secured their place in the East Region Hockey Finals after an incredible performance in the County Championships. The team scored an impressive 14 goals while conceding only four, earning them the silver medal and the title of County Runners-Up.

Performing Arts at Q: Proud Finalists at the Independent School of the Year Awards



We were honoured to be selected for the finals of the Independent Schools of the Year Awards for Performing Arts 2024. Mrs Kelley, Director of Drama, spent a delightful evening on Tuesday 8 October at the Law Society on Chancery Lane, where the prizes were announced.

Biology Week: Competition Time!



7–11 October is Biology Week, and Queenswood has been marking the occasion with a number of activities, including a lecture hosted by the Royal Society of Biology, and creative craft tasks to illustrate biological concepts. There's also a chance to enter the RBS Biocraft competition – click the pink hyperlink for details.

BHM Art Competition: Inspired by Jacqueline Suowari



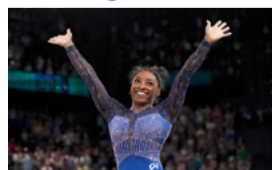
Calling all Q artists! We would like you to create a piece of artwork, in response to Nigerian artist and draughtswoman Jacqueline Suowari, which celebrates your own culture. This could be a self-portrait or a portrait of a family member or friend and include patterns and colour connected to yours/their culture.

BHM Speech: King Richard and the Inspirational Story of the Williams Sisters



As part of our Black History Month celebrations, Delight O (10S) gave a speech in Chapel this week and told us how she is inspired by the film *King Richard*, which tells the compelling story of the Williams sisters and their steadfast perseverance to achieve their sporting goals under the tutelage of their father.

BHM Speech: Trailblazing Gymnast Simone Biles



Ore O (12S) addressed the school in Chapel this week and told us how she is inspired by gymnast, Simone Biles. With 34 Olympic and World Championship medals, Biles has redefined gymnastics with her skills and resilience. Ore told us about the criticism Biles has received about her hair, which has resonated with many Black women.

BHM Poetry: 'Reclaim Our Narrative'



Lisa O (Year 13), Lorelle O (Year 7) and Tilly S (Year 7) wrote a powerful poem inspired by the theme of Black History Month, #ReclaimingNarratives. They delivered it in Chapel this week, and you can read it by clicking on the hyperlink above.

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.