



Please join us for our Service of Remembrance: 6.00pm on Sunday 10 November in the Chapel

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Friday 8 November 2024

St Cecilia's Concert



Join us for a very special music concert in aid of Isabel Hospice. There will be performances from our many ensembles, including Year 7 Choir, Orchestra, Wind Band, String Orchestra, Qsingers and Quire to name just a few.

Tuesday 19 November 2024
7.00pm in the Chapel
Tickets £5

Parents' Pastoral Talk



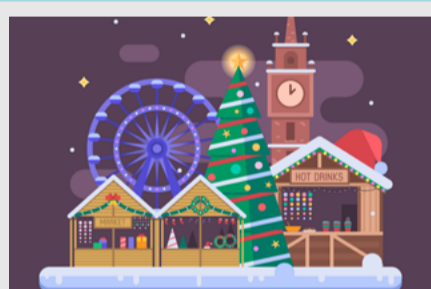
Parents are invited to join an online session delivered by Internet Safety Talks at 8pm on Monday 11 November. Topics covered include screen time and addiction, social media and privacy settings, body shaming and more. Please complete [this short form](#) if you are interested in attending.

Careers News



Ms King, Head of Careers and Futures, writes: [Click here](#) to read this week's Careers Newsletter. Many thanks to Kai Feltham from Unifrog who presented the Unifrog careers and destinations platform to teachers at our INSET session on 6 November. We're now ready to roll Unifrog out to all students and parents so please do look out for the email regarding this, coming your way over the next few weeks!

Winter fun: let the festivities begin!



With Halloween and Bonfire Night over for another year, why not dive head first into some winter fun this weekend! With skating rinks and Christmas markets popping up throughout November, it's never too early to enjoy some holiday magic. [Here](#) are our suggestions for some weekend winter fun.

This week I am reading...

The Rest is History Returns by Dominic Sandbrook and Tom Holland



From the podcast legends who brought you *The Rest is History* comes *The Rest is History Returns: An A-Z of Historical Curiosities*. This time Holland and Sandbrook bring you an alphabetical miscellany, taking on some of history's best and most bizarre moments including questions such as: Who are history's top 10 monkeys? Was Henry V's great-grandfather, Edward III, the biggest 'lad' in British history? What would it have been like to live-tweet through the eruption of Vesuvius? But that's not all – this book also includes puzzles and a pub quiz.

In brief

Science Essay Writing Competition: Congratulations to Nana W (Year 12)

GMT: time to change?

Dance competition success for Teagan M (Year 11)

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.](#)

4th in the World! Queenswood Tennis Stars Excel in Bahrain



We have another accolade to add to our #1 LTA ranking for UK girls' tennis – Queenswood is officially #4 in the world! Our players spent an unforgettable 10 days at the ISF World Schools Tennis Championships in Bahrain, showing incredible heart, grit and determination against the world's finest school-age tennis stars.

The Gold Singing Award 2024: A Memorable Evening of Music-Making



The Gold Singing Award is always a real highlight of the musical year at Queenswood, and this year's final, which took place on Thursday 7 November, was no exception. Ten talented singers each performed two pieces, ranging from Radiohead to Richard Rogers, in front of a very appreciative audience in the Ernest Read Hall.

Peru 2026: The Trip of a Lifetime with World Challenge



After a highly successful, exhilarating and life-changing trip to Borneo last summer, we are pleased to launch the next World Challenge Expedition, to Peru in July 2026! Students from Years 10–12 are welcome to apply for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students to explore the country with expert guides and develop vital skills for life, confidence and independence.

Mymwood and Swanwick: A Captivating Video from Mr Daughton



Our boarding provision at Queenswood changed recently, with the exciting opening of our new boarding houses, Swanwick and Mymwood. In this video, Mr Daughton, Teacher of History, tells us about the history behind the names of the new houses and shares fascinating footage of the school spanning over a hundred years.

Operation Christmas Child: Shoebox Appeal Deadline Friday 15 November



As we look towards Christmas, Queenswood will once again be donating shoeboxes filled with Christmas gifts to Samaritan's Purse International Relief, which runs Operation Christmas Child, a charity which aims to demonstrate God's love to children in need. To find out how you can donate a packed box, please click the pink hyperlink.

Reminder: Cake and Journals Event Tuesday 12 November



Please be reminded that all students and staff are invited to the Newsletter Club's 'Cake and Journals' drop-in next Tuesday lunchtime. The idea of this event is for anyone who wants to come along, to enjoy some tasty cake whilst journalling and chatting. We are providing a free journal for everyone who wants one!

This Week in Chapel: We Meet the School Mentors



In Chapel on Monday and Tuesday, and in preparation for anti-bullying week, we met our School Mentors, Adrienne S (11H), Adelaide W (11S), Eva O (10H) and Sahi K (10H). Later in the week, we practised the hymns we will be singing this term and at the Remembrance Service on 10 November.

Queenswood Parents' Association Christmas Fair: Stall Holders Needed!



Please be reminded that the Queenswood Parents' Association will be holding a Christmas Fair at Q on 22 November, and would like to invite parents who are small business owners to run a stall at the event. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your products to our school community, while supporting a fun and festive event. For more information, please email the QPA directly at qpa@queenswood.org.

Capture the Spirit of Christmas: Santa Portrait House Competition 2024



Mrs Platt-Hawkins invites students to take part in our Christmas art competition! Create an original Santa-themed artwork using any medium – painting, drawing, digital, collage, or sculpture. Submit entries by Friday 29 November. Prizes and House Points awarded for creativity, effort, and category excellence. Good luck, and enjoy!

Queenswood Quisine: Serving Up Skills for Life



Queenswood Quisine is our brand-new Sixth Form cookery course, devised and delivered by Mrs Jayne Lee. Following training in allergens and food hygiene and safety (for which students receive a recognised qualification), this week our budding chefs embarked on 20 weeks of instruction in cooking classic and popular recipes.

Food, Fun and Fireworks: A Dazzling Night to Remember



Our Food and Fireworks Extravaganza on Sunday 3 November was a cracking success. The sold-out event was organised by the Estates and Catering teams, with the invaluable support of our tireless Queenswood Parents' Association. The highlight of the evening was of course the astonishing pyrotechnic display...

Pupil Voice: Autumn 2024 Food Committee – You Said, We Did!



Pupils have submitted their comments and suggestions about the offering at breakfast, break, lunch and supper via the Food Council, and the Catering Department have responded.

Anti-Bullying Week: Messages From Our School Mentors



Next week (11–15 November) is Anti-Bullying Week, a time when the whole school community should be thinking about how we can build the most welcoming environment possible. However, for our School Mentors, anti-bullying is something they think about all year round.

A Parisian Adventure for Students of Art and French



Queenswood's Art and French students travelled to Paris for a cultural trip filled with art, sightseeing, and unforgettable experiences. They visited iconic galleries like the Musée d'Orsay and the Louvre, climbed the Eiffel Tower and Montparnasse Tower, enjoyed shopping and boat tours, and concluded with a trip to Sacre-Coeur.

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.