

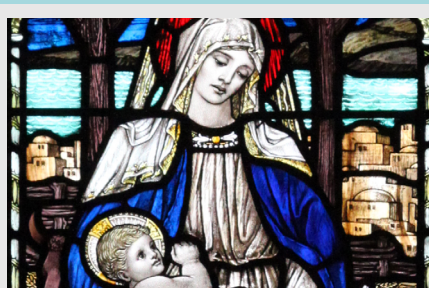


Thank you to all Year 12 students who took part in a day of Community Action on Friday, both onsite and in local schools and care homes. We'll have a full report in next week's newsletter.

News and information from [www.queenswood.org](http://www.queenswood.org)

Friday 6 December 2024

## Whole School Advent Carol Service



Our Advent Carol Service takes place in Queenswood Hall on Thursday 12 December at 3.30pm, followed by refreshments in the Terrace Room.

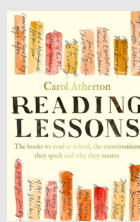
## Weekend fun: Christmas movie night



If you're getting into the festive spirit now that December is upon us, why not plan a cosy Christmas movie night this weekend? There's something for everyone, from timeless classics to exciting new releases, streaming on Netflix this month. [Here](#) are our favourites including *A Castle for Christmas* starring OQ Vanessa Grasse!

## This week I am reading...

### Reading Lessons by Carol Atherton



An English teacher's love letter to reading and the many ways literature can make us, and our lives, better. How can a Victorian poem help teenagers understand YouTube misogyny? Can Jane Eyre encourage us to speak out? What can Lady Macbeth teach us about empathy? Should our expectations for our future be any greater than Pip's? And why is it so important to make space for these conversations in the first place? Reading Lessons invites us to take a fresh look at these novels, plays and poems, revealing how they have shaped our beliefs, our values, and how we interact as a society.

## Careers News



Ms King, Head of Careers and Futures, writes: Year 13 had some great interview practice this week with our associates from Dunbar Education. Daisy O'Toole and Georgia Scott interviewed our students and gave some really valuable feedback.

Year 12 welcomed Moira Page, Finance Director at Ecosulis and board member at England Golf, as part of the Year 12 Speaker Programme.

## Academic Scholars Seminars



Former Head Girl Amaka shares her experiences of French culture

What do the US election results mean for the world?

How the language you speak affects the way you see the world

## In brief

Online Safety Newsletter Autumn 2024

PSHCEE schemes of work for pupils in Years 7 – 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.](#)

## Billy Elliot – A Triumphant Whole-School Musical Spectacular



Over three completely sold-out nights, 130 pupils – over a quarter of the school – brought the moving and uplifting story of *Billy Elliot* to life on the stage of the Clarissa Farr Theatre. It was a true celebration of the performing arts at Queenswood, with powerful drama, raucous comedy, intricate choreography and stirring music (courtesy of a nine-piece band) all combining to create an unforgettable live experience.

## U15 Tennis Team Makes It Three in a Row at National Finals!



Queenswood's tennis team secured their third consecutive U15 LTA National title in Bolton, dominating all matches with flawless performances. This remarkable victory marked the team's fourth consecutive appearance at the National Finals and a triumphant farewell for two senior players in their final year at this age group.

## Not One But Two OQs Flying the Flag for England Hockey in China



Every international sports squad could benefit from a Queenswoodian in its ranks – England Hockey has two! Meg Crowson (OQ 2014) and Sofia Martin (OQ 2023) are currently in China, where they have been competing against Belgium and China in the FIH Pro League. On an individual level, it's been a hugely successful week for both players.

## This Week in Chapel: International Day of Persons with a Disability



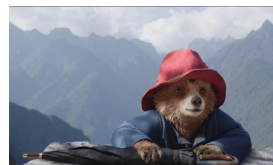
This week in Chapel, we celebrated International Day of Persons with a Disability. After singing *Last Christmas* by Wham, the Christmas song voted by the students as their favourite, Ms Stewart shared an inspiring message about advancing disability rights, fostering inclusion, and the unique value of each and every individual.

## BHM: Student Responses to the Nigerian Artist Jacqueline Suowari



For Black History Month, students were set an art brief to respond to the work of the Nigerian artist Jacqueline Suowari. The work submitted displayed the rich, diverse culture we have at Queenswood with beautifully considered compositions and application of media. To see the artwork, please click on the pink link.

## World Challenge Trip 2026: Last Chance to Explore Paddington's Peru!



Calling all intrepid explorers! Time is running out to secure your spot on our once-in-a-lifetime World Challenge trip to Peru—home of Paddington Bear himself! Just like Paddington, you'll embark on an unforgettable journey, explore breathtaking landscapes, meet new people, and grow your confidence and independence along the way.

## Year 7 and 8 Bake Christmas Millie's Cookies



Years 7 and 8 had great fun this week, baking Christmas Millie's Cookies with Mrs Lee. The cookies looked delicious and we imagine Santa is hopeful that one will be left out for him and Rudolph to share! If you would like to have a go at baking the cookies at home, please click the pink link.

## A-Level Geographers at the 2024 Tectonic Hazards Student Conference



The 2024 Tectonic Hazards Student Conference in London offered students a chance to explore cutting-edge research through workshops on tsunamis, volcanoes, and tectonic fundamentals. The event concluded with practical insights for A-Level Geography examinations – an invaluable experience all round.

## White Nile, Mr Fox's Second Novel, is Published



Chris Fox, Head of Sixth Form, has just published his second novel, *White Nile*. Four Sixth Form English Literature students – Amelia, Ash, Beth, Emily – caught up with the novelist in the Bellman Sixth Form Centre this week to ask him about his inspiration for the book, the writing process and his plans for the future.

## Elite Sportswoman Award for Scotland Netballer Tilly



Many congratulations to Tilly L (Year 13), who is the latest recipient of the prestigious Queenswood Elite Sportswoman award, in recognition of her international experience with the Scotland Netball squad.

## December Sports Round-Up



It's been a very busy and successful few weeks for @QueenswoodSport, with superb results in gym, hockey, tennis, cross-country, netball and more. You can catch up with the latest news from the @QueenswoodSport Instagram feed by clicking on the hyperlink above.

## Tycoon in Schools: Three Businesses Selling Bespoke Christmas Gifts



Year 12 students are competing in the Tycoon in Schools competition with three innovative businesses: The Little Pine Company offers mini Christmas trees in recycled wine bottles; Corks&Candles crafts eco-friendly candles from upcycled bottles; and Chains N' Charms creates stylish, affordable jewellery to suit any style or occasion.

## 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.