

NEWS FROM Queenswood



We would like to wish a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all our readers.

The beautiful artwork for our official Christmas Card (left) was created by Stephen Ford, Queenswood's Art and DT Assistant. Stephen is a professional artist, specialising in dynamic paintings offering a unique interpretation of the animal kingdom. View more of his work [here](#).

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Friday 13 December 2024

Highlights of the Autumn Term



Click on the play button to watch our termly highlights reel, which was shown in the whole school Assembly on Friday.

Co-curricular activities: spring 2025



Click [here](#) to view the co-curricular programme for the Spring Term. We'd like pupils to choose their activities over the Christmas holidays, to enable them to sign up as soon as we return in January. The full programme will commence on Monday 13 January; paid activities begin on Tuesday 7.

This week I am reading...

Books that Give: Support the Campaign for Bookbanks



Our favourite online bookstore, Bookshop.org, has launched an inspiring new initiative in partnership with the Indie Alliance and Bookbanks - a wonderful charity that works closely with food banks, using books and trained book professionals to create spaces for conversation, inspiration and community. This December, 10% of sales from a curated selection of titles will be donated to Bookbanks. So you can give a meaningful Christmas gift to someone special while also supporting a fantastic cause.

Careers



We were delighted to welcome back OQ Kiara Lambrias (2019) this week to give a talk to Year 12 as part of the speaker programme. Kiara is an Auditor at PWC having achieved her degree in Economics.

Boarding newsletter

It's been a busy term for boarding! Read our Autumn Term newsletter, compiled by Miss Milner



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.

Advent and Christmas Carol Service: 'The Gift of Christmas'



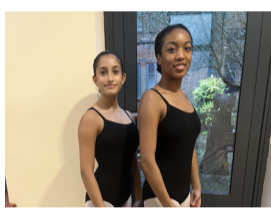
On Thursday 12 December we held our traditional Advent and Christmas Carol Service which, for the first time, was held in Q Hall. Entitled 'The Gift of Christmas', the service included the singing of Christmas carols, musical interludes including one from the Staff Choir, Bible readings and a sermon and prayer from Reverend Kate.

The Spirit of Christmas: Santa Portrait Competition Results



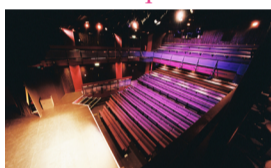
Mrs Platt-Hawkins is delighted to announce the results of the Art Department's Spirit of Christmas Santa Portrait competition, won by Annabel S (Year 9). We received a high number of entries this year and the standard was excellent. Each prizewinner receives five House Points, and the top three entries also receive a special Christmas treat.

ISTD Cecchetti Ballet: Exceptional Results Across the Board!



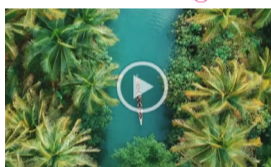
ISTD Cecchetti ballet examinations took place on Sunday 8 December with Queenswood girls looking immaculate and well drilled, as always! The results were exceptional across the board and included a Distinction for Melania de M and a Merit for Nadiya M-K in ISTD Grade 6, earning them valuable UCAS points for future university applications.

LAMDA Speech and Drama Results: They've Done It Again!



Ms Mottram, Mrs Butlin, Mrs Finn and Mrs Goodman are thrilled with the latest LAMDA results. There were 16 Distinctions and four Merits awarded to the 20 pupils who took exams in November, including five Medals (awarded to candidates at Grade 6 and above). Congratulations to everyone on these superb achievements!

World Challenge 2024: Miss Yaffe's Video Montage of an Unforgettable Trip



To whet your appetite for the World Challenge expedition to Peru in 2026, Miss Yaffe has put together an inspiring video montage of this summer's Borneo trip. An intrepid group of Year 11 and 12 students took part in community initiatives, spent days trekking and camping in forests, and immersed themselves in the richness of the culture.

House Dance 2024: The Results Are In!



Last half term, pupils from Years 7 to 13 came together to showcase their choreographic skills in the Clarissa Farr Theatre, for our annual House Dance Competition. The performances were filmed and presented to our adjudicator, professional dancer George Olney, who is currently touring the UK in Chicago, and the results are now in!

Tycoon Tales: The Story of The Little Pine Company



The Little Pine Company, formerly Corks & Candles, transitioned from hand-poured candles in recycled wine bottles to mini Christmas trees. This festive, sustainable product is proving very popular, selling over 50 units at events. They plan to expand post-holidays with cactuses and plants in upcycled bottles. Read about their journey...

Community Action Day 2024



On Friday 6 December all members of Year 12 came off timetable to take part in our annual Community Action Day. Two thirds of the year group went out of Queenswood and visited primary schools, care homes, Hatfield library and the Jedidiah Food Pantry in Hertford. The remaining students were kept very busy in school.

It's a Wrap! Christmas Gift Ideas from the Newsletter Club



Our Newsletter Club reporters Eliska B, Eva B, Miri R, Lily S, Erin C-B, Eva M and Bella G have been busy for the last two weeks compiling a wonderful list of gift suggestions for every budget. From skincare for the sparkle season to their favourite 'lookalikeys', these present ideas will place you firmly on Santa's good list! Well done Newsletter Club.

Creative Writing for Christmas



We're delighted to be able to share some poetry and prose by pupils in Years 7 and 9 on the theme of Christmas, including Oluwato's clever acrostic, Lily and Miri's charming poems about festive celebrations, and a beautifully evocative piece of extended writing by Rebekah.

Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show



The Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer show is a prestigious competition for young creatives. Students at Queenswood can submit artwork in any medium, including painting, drawing, photography, textiles and sculpture, with the chance to have their work displayed online or at the Royal Academy in London.

Prefects' Report: Autumn Term 2024



The Head Girl and her team of Deputies and Prefects have put together this short video, reporting on the initiatives and projects they have been championing this term. They are working exceptionally hard to make everyone's experience at Queenswood a happy and successful one, and we'd like to thank them for all that they do.

This Week in Chapel: Joyful, Joyful, Lord We Adore Thee



During our final Acts of Worship for 2024 in Chapel, we sang the Christmas song voted the students' favourite - *All I Want for Christmas is You!* by Mariah Carey. The reading was taken from Luke's Gospel and Reverend Kate reflected about the meaning of joy. Calypso M, Year 11, led us in prayer by singing a beautiful rendition of Joyful, Joyful.

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.