

# NEWS FROM Queenswood



## SAVE THE DATE

# WALL 2025

## SATURDAY 21 JUNE

## THE BEST IS YET TO BE...

Year 11 enjoyed two action-packed days – and a fun evening – of Sixth Form experiences this week. Staff were extremely impressed by their maturity and curiosity. We'll bring you a full report in the next issue of the newsletter.

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

Friday 24 January 2025

### Virtuosi Concert



Join us in the Ernest Read Hall from 7.00pm on Tuesday 28 January for a concert of performances by Music Scholars and other talented soloists.

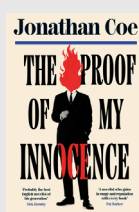
### Weekend fun: Big Garden Birdwatch



Would you like to take part in the world's largest garden wildlife survey? If so, you can choose any hour between 24 and 26 January to join the RSPB in their Big Garden Birdwatch 2025. Watch this [video](#) to find out how you can count the birds who are counting on you!

### This week I am reading...

*The Proof of my Innocence*  
by Jonathan Coe



Post-university life doesn't suit Phyl. Time passes slowly living back home with her parents, working a zero-hour contract serving Japanese food to holidaymakers at

Heathrow's Terminal 5. As for her budding plans of becoming a writer, those are going nowhere. That is, until family friend Chris comes to stay. He's been on the path to uncover a sinister think-tank, founded at Cambridge University in the 1980s. But speaking truth to power can be dangerous. Soon events take a sinister turn and a murder enquiry is underway. *The Proof of my Innocence* is a wickedly funny and razor-sharp new novel from one of Britain's most beloved novelists.

### Careers News



[Click here](#) to read this week's Careers Newsletter.

How did your revision for mocks and tests go? Did you know Unifrog has loads of great tips to support you in your revision from planning a revision timetable to using flashcards and memory journeys. Just search 'revision' in the search bar on your home page and see what comes up. There are even study session playlists!

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.](#)

### International Day of Education: A Message from Mrs Cameron



On this International Day of Education, we come together to celebrate the incredible power of education to transform lives. Education is not merely about classrooms or textbooks. It's about shaping individuals who can create positive change in the world. As we reflect on today's theme let us remember that every lesson learned brings us closer to a better, more just world.

### Year 11 and 13 Mock Exams: A Message from Mr Sheldon



Well done to Year 11 and Year 13 on completing their mock GCSE and A-Level exams this week. We thought that you demonstrated lots of resilience, organisation, and revision throughout. For information about the release of your results and how to approach this crucial phase of your studies, please click on the pink link above.

### Politics Students in Parliament



On Monday 20 January, Year 12 Politics and Year 10 Global Perspectives students visited the Houses of Parliament. The day included a tour of iconic rooms like the House of Lords and Commons, a workshop on petitions, and a meeting with local MP Andrew Lewin, offering valuable insights into government work.

### Year 8 Religious Studies: Passionate Speeches for Martin Luther King Jr. Day



To mark Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Year 8 Religious Studies students wrote their own powerful anti-racism messages, and on Monday and Tuesday morning Jeannie, Emily, Ahiko and Yui delivered theirs in Chapel.

### A Date for Your Diary: Dyslexia Presentation Evening



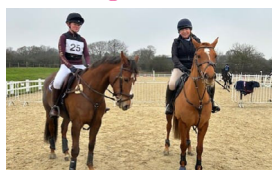
On Wednesday 26 February, Louise Selby, a Dyslexia Specialist Teacher, trainer and assessor, will lead a presentation evening at Queenswood. This event is recommended for parents, guardians, students and teachers interested in discovering strategies to support young people – or themselves – with dyslexia or dyslexic traits.

### This Week in Chapel: Martin Luther King Jr. Day



In Assembly this week, Mrs Manning talked to us about Martin Luther King Jr. and his extraordinary fight for racial equality through nonviolent protest. Later in the week in our Act of Worship, Reverend Kate talked to us about taking a risk and revealing to others more of who we truly are.

### Eventing Adventures for Mrs Cameron and Rose the Pony



After a hectic week of ISI inspection, how does Mrs Cameron wind down? She was spotted last Saturday at an arena event with her pony Rose! Amelie M (Year 10) happened to be in the same jumping class... [Click on the pink link](#) to watch Mrs Cameron enjoying her favourite co-curricular activity.

### Breaking News: The 'Quire' Shortlisted for GSA Choir of the Year



We are thrilled to report that Queenswood's singing ensemble, The 'Quire', has been shortlisted for the GSA Choir of the Year competition. Mrs Jackson, Director of Music, submitted videos of two performances: John Rutter's *A Flower Remembered* and A-ha's *Take On Me*. Both performances impressed judges, and the choir is now advancing to the final of the competition.

### Pastoral Session for Parents: Anxiety Around School Work



We are pleased to invite you to our upcoming pastoral event on Thursday 30 January, which will focus on managing anxiety related to schoolwork. This session, led by Mrs Stokes, Mrs Leggett (our School Counsellor), and our Wellbeing Prefect, will provide practical tips and explore how we can support both students and parents.

### Queenswood's Headmistresses: A Whistlestop History



Lily S (Year 7), wrote this fascinating history of the Headmistresses and Principals of Queenswood, dating all the way back to 1897. This week the Newsletter Club took a trip to our new Archive Facility in the Pauline Edgar Library, and it has sparked a keen interest in the history of the school. Look out for more articles in the weeks to come!

### 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.