



SAVE THE DATE



SATURDAY 21 JUNE

We're making exciting changes to the Queenswood Ball, which promises to be the social highlight of the year! Watch this space for more details...

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Friday 31 January 2025

Musician of the Year 2025



We are pleased to announce the opening of entries for our annual Queenswood Musician of the Year competition. Please click [here](#) for more information and to enter.

Weekend fun: Six Nations Rugby



The Six Nations kicks off this weekend with France vs. Wales, Scotland vs. Italy, and Ireland vs. England - three thrilling matches to start the 2025 tournament! You can watch all the action on BBC and ITV, so why not grab some snacks and enjoy a weekend of unmissable rugby.

This week I am reading...

The Last Thing You'll Hear
by Jan Dunning



Have you ever been so obsessed with someone that you start to lose yourself? Wren and Lark are rivals first and sisters second, so when mysterious music producer, Adam, and his DJ prodigy, Spinner, come to their small town, the game is on to impress. Lark is soon taken under Adam's wing, but as she's pulled deeper into his web, distancing herself from friends and family, Wren starts to suspect that there's a more sinister side to Adam.

"A gripping, compelling, and tantalising read."
School Reading List

Careers News



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

There are some excellent opportunities coming up on Unifrog over the next few weeks, including an Apprenticeship Fair and a Gap Year webinar.

In brief



High-jumper Dahlia wins gold for England at Indoor Reykjavik Games

February sports round-up: the latest from @QueenswoodSport Instagram

Ready for the real world: first aid awareness course

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.

Holocaust Memorial Day: Mr Sheldon's Assembly



Genocide is a tough subject with which to introduce a new week in school. Genocide refers to acts committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group. I think that the systematic extermination of a race of people is amongst – no, is – the most abhorrent act that humans carry out against each other...

Junior Academic Scholars: We Are What We Eat, Pointe Shoes and Bat Mitzvahs



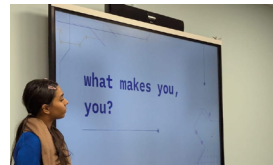
In Tuesday's meeting, Year 9 scholars gave three diverse talks. Izzy M discussed Dr Chris van Tulleken's Christmas Lecture on nutrition. Flo H explored the science behind pointe shoes and their customization. Rachel F spoke about becoming a Bat Mitzvah, sharing her experience of learning Hebrew and Torah reading.

Academic Scholars: Stretch and Challenge



Adrienne S: This week in Academic Scholars, we looked at how we can be challenged better in different classes. To understand how each subject plans to test their scholars, our Scholars Coordinator, Mrs New, sent a survey out to heads of departments. We heard from Art, Drama, Politics, History, and more, with each department head answering a range of questions.

Junior Academic Scholars: Beliefs, Identity and Women's Football



In last week's Junior Academic Scholarship meeting, Year 12 students gave three presentations. Ash K explored religious perspectives in media, Mahi K questioned digital identities, and Kirat G discussed women's football evolution, highlighting past struggles, growth, and ongoing challenges, including equal pay.

Lunar New Year Celebrations: Welcome to the Year of the Snake



We have been celebrating Lunar New Year at Queenswood this week. On Wednesday, the EAL department filled the Terrace Room with a wide range of traditional activities, including calligraphy writing, mahjong, fortune telling and arrow throwing. Meanwhile the Catering Department treated us to their legendary Chinese banquet!

The Best is Yet to Be... Sixth Form Taster Days for Year 11 Students



On Thursday 23 and Friday 24 January, Year 11 students had the chance to experience everything that Queenswood's Sixth Form has to offer. As well as sampling the A-Level subjects on offer they spent time in Bellman, where Jackie's Coffee Shop did a roaring trade, and gathered for a social and optional sleepover in Trew.

Virtuosi Concert: Doyennes and Debutantes in the Ernest Read Hall



The Virtuosi Concert on Tuesday 28 January brought together some of our most seasoned instrumental and vocal performers with musicians making their debuts on the Queenswood stage. There was music by Tchaikovsky and Fauré, numbers from *Six the Musical*, *Wicked* and *Pocahontas*, and songs by ABBA, Taylor Swift and Christina Perri.

Rotary Youth Art and Photography Competitions



Are you a budding artist or a keen photographer? Do you have a passion for capturing the world around you or expressing your creativity through art? If so, get ready to unleash your talents and dive into the exciting world of the Rotary Young Artist and Young Photographer Competitions 2024-25!

Elite Sportswoman Award for Tennis Ace Milica



Many congratulations to Tennis Scholar Milica M (Year 9), who received her Elite Sportswoman badge from Mrs Cameron this week. This term, Milica has represented Great Britain v USA. She recently competed in the highly prestigious Tarbes tournament for the top Junior tennis players from around the world, and at the time of writing is representing Great Britain in Sweden in the Winter Cup.

Science Experiments Club



Charlotte C and Zoe U: 'Have you always wanted to do something that you normally wouldn't think of? Learn new things that will probably amaze you? Entertain yourself with surprises every week in just a short amount of time? If you feel like this is your cup of tea, you should probably come to our Science Experiments Club.'

This Week in Chapel: Holocaust Memorial Day and the Best is Yet to Be



In Assembly, Mr Sheldon gave a moving speech about Holocaust Memorial Day, which you can read in full [here](#). In our Act of Worship, we heard a reading from Luke's Gospel, in which Jesus quotes from the Old Testament. Reverend Kate explained this is Jesus' mission statement, through which he tells the world who he is and what he intends to do.

Please Support Mr Ward's Marathon Challenge for Noah's Ark



This April I will be taking on the London Marathon and with the event less than 90 days away, my preparations are well underway. I am running on behalf of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, a fantastic charity that Q has supported for a number of years. If you would like to support my Marathon challenge, please visit my [fundraising page](#).

Life as a Queenswood Student 100 Years Ago by Miri R, Year 7



The Newsletter Club continued their exciting delve into the Queenswood archives this week, and Miri R - Year 7, has written a most enlightening article for this week's newsletter about life as a Queenswood student 100 years ago. We hope that you enjoy this revealing snapshot of Queenswood's past.

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.