



In an historic first, our Tennis A Team have retained their #1 UK ranking, and our B Team are #5! Read all about this amazing achievement [here](#).

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Friday 14 February 2025

Year 13 Drama: *Flies*



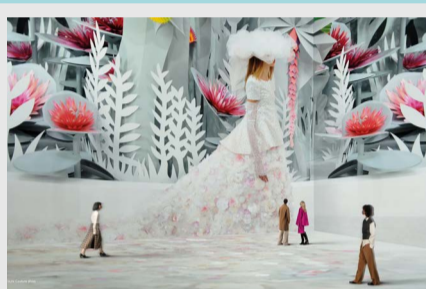
Monday 3 March 2025
4.45pm - 7.30pm - Clarissa Farr Theatre
Tickets £3.00: boxoffice@queenswood.org
Or queenswood.org/box-office

On Monday 3 March, Year 13 Drama students will stage two performances of scenes from Oliver Lansley's surreal play about a man with an irrational fear of flies. Click [here](#) for tickets.

Year 9 Options Evening

Click [here](#) to watch the talks from Wednesday's Year 9 Options Evening, featuring Mr Sheldon, Mrs Gur and Mrs Brazier.

Weekend fun: Inventing the Runway



Looking for a fun and fascinating outing this half-term? Head to Vogue: Inventing the Runway at The Lightroom in King's Cross! This spectacular new immersive exhibition takes you on a journey through the evolution of the fashion runway, from the intimate couture salons of the early 20th century to the larger-than-life pop-culture events we know today. To find out more and purchase tickets, click [here](#).

This week I am reading...

Make Change that Lasts by Dr Rangan Chatterjee



We all have things we rely on going our way to help us feel calm and happy. Your partner waking up in a good mood. No traffic on the way to work. No queues at the supermarket. And no rain on your day off. But what happens when things don't work out that way? We fall back on soothing habits. A trip to the cupboard for snacks. Scrolling on social media. *Make Change that Lasts* will show you the nine hidden ways day to day life causes these responses – and show you how to respond to them consciously. This book will help you become an expert in yourself.

Careers News



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

National Careers Week takes place this year between 3 and 7 March. There will be a full programme of events across Queenswood, including a Careers Coffee Shop, Unifrog workshops, Apprenticeship treasure hunt and a virtual Careers Fair, sponsored by NatWest Thrive. More details to follow!

In brief



Dahlia is National U20 Indoor High Jump Champion!

Mia wins British Schools Alpine Championships in style



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.

GCSE Science Live!: Year 11 Learn From Celebrity Experts



GCSE Science students attended the prestigious Science Live! event at the Apollo Victoria Theatre on Friday 7 February. They had the opportunity to hear from world-class leading experts in their respective fields, including Lord Winston, Prof Andrea Sella, Prof Jim Al-Khalili, Dr Helen Czerski, and Prof Sophie Scott.

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.

Cake and Cardmaking: A Report from the Newsletter Club



The Newsletter Club held their latest wellbeing event on Tuesday lunchtime, and on this occasion, staff and students came together for a Valentine's themed *Cake and Cardmaking* drop-in. The room was full of chatter, and it was a perfect break for the pupils from their studies, letting everyone get creative and have a bit of fun!

This Week in Chapel: E-Safety Week and Faith in Six Steps



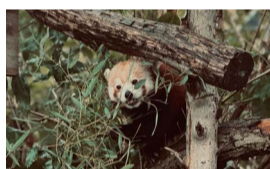
In Assembly, Digital Prefect Glory led the Digital Warriors in raising awareness for E-Safety Week. Together, they introduced key online safety tips, discussed real-life scams, and emphasised the importance of balancing screen time. In our Act of Worship, we heard a reading from Luke's Gospel and Reverend Kate talked about faith in six steps.

GCSE Drama: *The It*



This week Year 11 GCSE Drama students staged a brilliantly creative performance of *The It*, a chilling but very funny state-of-the-nation play about teenage angst. Highly creative and resourceful from start to finish, with clever use of projection to symbolise the growing 'It', this was theatre at its powerful and thought-provoking best!

Artist of the Month: Isla's Split-Second Wildlife Shot



Congratulations to Isla M (Year 9), who was our Artist of the Month for November 2024. Isla was the winner of our Herts Zoo Photo Competition, for this stunning snap of Ash the red panda. These creatures are notoriously shy, and it took lightning-speed reactions from Isla to capture this image.

Year 8 Mandarin Students in China Town



Year 8 Mandarin students enjoyed an exciting trip to Chinatown on 7 February, immersing themselves in the vibrant atmosphere. They explored decorated streets, watched dumpling-making, and sampled delicious dim sum. Visiting shops filled with unique treats and souvenirs, the experience was both educational and unforgettable.

E-Safety Week: Fake News, Traitors and Screen Breaks



E-Safety Week was a great success, raising awareness about online safety and digital well-being. Activities included a Chapel presentation, a real vs. AI headline quiz, and a thrilling 'Traitors' game. A winter walk encouraged screen-free time, reinforcing the importance of balance. Thanks to Glory O and her Digital Warriors!

The John Fry Public Speaking Competition 2025: Finalists Announced



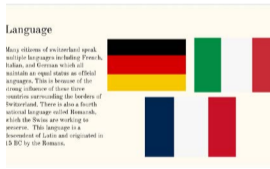
The finalists for the John Fry Public Speaking Competition have been announced. We had three times the usual number of entries and so the standard was exceptionally high this year. All the staff who judged were struck by the articulate nature with which all entrants spoke on a variety of topics.

Academic Scholars: Painting St Peter's Basilica and Beliefs in Children's Literature



In this week's Academic Scholars session, Sixth Form students Ash K and Charlotte P delivered insightful presentations. Charlotte explored architecture in painting through her EPQ on St Peter's Basilica, showcasing her detailed artwork. Ash examined how authors' beliefs shape children's literature.

Junior Academic Scholars: Swiss Alpine Culture and Murder Mysteries



In the Academic Scholars' meeting on 11 February, Liv R and Izzy P delivered engaging presentations. Liv explored Swiss Alpine culture, discussing history, language, skiing, and cuisine. Izzy examined why humans are drawn to murder mysteries, sharing fascinating insights, including the popularity of Agatha Christie.

HFL Education: Online Safety Newsletter Spring 2025



Including Safer Internet Day, new digital safety guides, and major platform updates. It covers online scams, doomscrolling, Instagram's teen protections, and Roblox's safety features. Resources include parental controls, digital literacy guides, and second-hand device safety, supporting families in creating a safer online experience.



Pictures from the South East Schools Chamber Music Competition Auditions. Queenswood's string quartet and piano trio both competed on Thursday 13 February. Fingers crossed!

SAVE THE DATE



SATURDAY 21 JUNE

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.