

The Horsebox Coffee Shop is back!

After a winter break, our popular popup café has returned, serving a range of hot drinks in the car park every morning. Find out more <mark>here</mark>.

# News and information from www.queenswood.org

## Friday 28 February 2025



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.



Shrove Tuesday is just around the corner, and it's a great time to hone your pancake-flipping skills! The Newsletter Team have shared their favourite pancake recipe with us, so why not spend the weekend perfecting everyone's top breakfast? You can find the recipe here.

#### Mondays are Murder by Ravena Guron



From the bestselling author of This Book Kills comes a deadly new YA thriller of murder, mystery and mindblowing twists. Seventeenyear-old Kay returns to

her hometown after the tragic death of her friend Ivy. She receives an anonymous letter predicting deadly events for each day of the week, culminating in her own murder on Monday! Can she uncover the truth before it's too late? A thrilling mystery for teens and perfect for fans of Holly Jackson and Karen M. McManus.



Click here to read this week's Careers Newsletter.



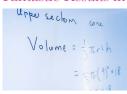
Isabella's charity skydive for BEAT

Impressive wins for U13 A and B hockey teams



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.

### Fantastic Results in the UKMT Intermediate Challenge



We're delighted to celebrate the fantastic achievements of our students in the recent UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge! This prestigious competition saw our pupils tackle some truly challenging problems, testing their mathematical thinking and problem-solving

#### Get Ready for National Careers Week!



National Careers Week (3–7 March) brings a range of exciting events across the school. Explore the Virtual Careers Fair with 100+ exhibitors, join the Careers Café to guess staff's former jobs for house points, and attend a Motorsport Careers Talk on Wednesday - spaces are limited, so sign up early!

#### A-Level Japanese Club: A Generous Gift from the Japan Foundation



This week, we were kindly gifted Japanese Learning resources from the Japan Foundation. These consisted of kanji learning materials, vocabulary books and grammar. The kanji dictionaries will most definitely help our Year 12 students in learning the 400 characters they need for the A-Level exam!

### Junior Academic Scholars: The Grant Museum of Zoology, and Doom Scrolling



This week, Sayo S (Year 8) presented on the Grant Museum of Zoology, showcasing taxidermy and her veterinary aspirations, alongside her animal-themed digital art. Amelia R (Year 7) discussed scrolling addiction, explaining dopamine's role and its negative impact on patience. She suggested ways to combat this habit.

#### Academic Scholars: Human Dominance and the Tamil Language



Sahi K (Year 10) and Arabella L (Year 12) presented at the Academic Scholar meeting on 14 February. Arabella discussed human dominance, citing dual reality and adaptations. Sahi gave a fluent, two-minute talk on Tamil, highlighting its structure and cultural richness.

### Date for Your Diary: Speech and Drama Performance Hour



Our Speech and Drama students consistently gain outstanding results for their acting and public speaking, and next week they will be showcasing some of their best work for parents, staff and friends to enjoy. Join us in the Clarissa Farr Theatre at 7.00pm on Wednesday 5 March. Entrance is free, and there's no need to book a ticket.



Gardening Club started this week, with pupils rejuvenating the allotments. They will be spending the spring and summer turning the raised beds into a giant pumpkin patch – ready for autumn. They will also be growing flowers for the boarding houses and growing sunflowers to fill the school bird feeders.

# This Week in Chapel: Stamp Family Service and a Talk from Miss McGreavy



On Valentine's Day, students in Years 7 and 8, along with their families, gathered for the annual Stamp Family Service in the Chapel. The service celebrated the Stamp community with performances, readings, and reflections on love, failure, and growth. Mrs. Warren encouraged students to embrace failure as a learning opportunity.

## **QPA** Coffee and Cake



Parents – join us on Friday 14 March from 2:00pm to 5:00pm (students from 12.30pm). Enjoy coffee, cake, and a second-hand uniform sale, and take part in a raffle with fantastic prizes, including a luxury hamper. It's also a great opportunity to learn more about the Queenswood Parents' Association. We look forward to seeing you!

## Mr Smith's Jurassic Coast Mighty Hike for Macmillan



Mr Gary Smith from Q's Gardens and Estates Team is taking on the Jurassic Coast Mighty Hike this July to raise vital funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Covering 26 miles of stunning coastline, Gary aims to raise a whopping £500 for this brillaint charity. If you would like to support Gary and Macmillan, please do so here.

### Victory for Mr Douglas and Scotland in the FIH Nations Cup 2



We are thrilled to announce that Mr Douglas, Hockey Performance Coach, was a member of the Scotland Men's team that won the inaugural FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 over half term. They beat Egypt 4-2 in the final, held in Muscat, Oman, and have secured promotion to the top tier of the FIH Hockey Nations Cup for 2026.

### Take Part in the Newsletter Club Quiz to Win an Early Lunch Pass!



The Newsletter Club are launching their exciting new weekly quiz all about articles in the previous week's newsletter! To enter, make sure you've read last week's newsletter and answer the quiz questions on this Google Form. If you answer all of the questions correctly, you have the chance of winning an early lunch pass for you and a friend!

### **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.