

Tickets are now on sale for the Queenswood Dance Show, featuring breathtaking choreography of numbers from classic musicals. Book here

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#### Friday 14 March 2025



Join us in the Chapel at 7pm on Tuesday 18 March for a spectacular celebration of music-making by pupils and staff. Book your tickets here.



With St. Patrick's Day just around the corner, this weekend is the perfect time to throw the ultimate shamrock celebration! Here are our ideas for a great craic!

#### Small Rain by Garth Greenwell



In this powerful and radiant novel by awardwinning author Garth Greenwell, a medical crisis brings one man face-to-face with death - and with love, art, and

beauty. A poet's life is upended by sudden, excruciating pain, leading him to the ICU. Bedridden and caught in a broken healthcare system, he grapples with understanding his body after years of living in his mind. This thoughtprovoking and expansive novel explores the deepest edges of human experience, where the things that give life meaning - art, memory, poetry, music, and care - come into sharp focus.

# unifrog

Click here to read this week's Careers Newsletter.

Unifrog webinars to look out for:

19 Mar Biomedical science: could we use the secrets of the immune system to cure disease?

20 Mar Would you eat at a 0-rated restaurant? The career keeping us all safe!

27 Mar Five things to know about criminology, criminal justice, and policing.

Congratulations to the winners of the National Careers Week Q Coffee Shop Bingo! Madison F (9W), Cocomi H (7N), Adelaide W (11S) and Eve H (8H



Year 9 Textiles: exploring fashion illustration through mixed media

Year 9 Fine Art: animal painting



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.

#### Inspection Report: 'Self-Motivated, Articulate and Confident Learners...'



Queenswood was inspected by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) in January 2025, and we are delighted to share the extremely positive report. The findings confirm that Queenswood has met all five ISI criteria. In September 2023, the ISI introduced a brand new inspection framework. Under this new system, schools are no longer given single-word judgments, such as 'excellent.' Instead, they are assessed as either 'met' or 'not met' across five key areas. Queenswood was judged to have met all standards.

We have put together a document with highlights from the report. The full report is available to read on the Queenswood website.

#### Staff Appreciation Day: A Heartfelt 'Thank You' from Pupils



Staff Appreciation Day, organised by the Senior Prefects, took place on Friday 14 March. It was all about showing appreciation not only for teachers, but all the members of staff at Queenswood that work tirelessly behind the scenes. The Prefects are encouraging students to make sure to thank staff, not just on 14 March, but every day.

#### Spotlight on Support Staff: Appreciation Day Profiles



Adrienne S (Year 11) has compiled some profiles of members of staff who work in Catering, Lettings and HR. The School Council want to give them the recognition they deserve on Staff Appreciation Day!

#### GCSE Dance Showcase Evening



On Wednesday 12 March, following a day of intensely focused practical exams, the Year 11 GCSE Dance students had the opportunity to perform their exquisite choreography to their families in the Clarissa Farr Theatre. These photographs will hopefully give you a sense of the quality of the work on display.

#### Touch Typing Club: A Report from the Year 7 Newsletter Team



The Newsletter Club visited the Personalised Learning Centre on Tuesday to interview Mrs Alfieri about the Touch Typing Club, where students work on their typing skills while having fun! Touch typing is a valuable skill for academic, professional, and personal use and attending the club is a fantastic way to begin mastering it.

#### Year 7 Form Assemblies



Our Year 7 students have been busy creating and presenting assemblies on topics they feel passionate about. From celebrating achievements to discussing mental health and self-love, each Form group has worked collaboratively to share important messages. We're incredibly proud of their hard work and presentation skills.

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



Well done to everyone who participated in last week's Newsletter Club Quiz, and a special shout-out to our winner, Sophia S (11W), who won early lunch passes for herself and a friend! To take part in this week's quiz, simply click on the pink hyperlink above.

# This Week in Chapel: Southport Series Assembly on Justice



Continuing our Southport Series, Mr Miller, Head of Politics at Q, delved into the complex nature of justice, exploring perspectives on social justice, war, and the events in Southport. His thought-provoking speech highlighted the importance of fairness, understanding, and critical thinking when discussing justice in society.

# Year 8 History: 1000 Years of Stories at the Tower of London



The Year 8 trip to the Tower of London on Thurasday 13 March was unforgettable. They explored its rich history as a palace, prison, and site of royal events. Highlights included the Crown Jewels, meeting Beefeaters, and learning about figures like Anne Askew and Emmeline Pankhurst. It was an amazing experience!

# Academic Scholars: Judging the House Debating Heats



The Senior Academic Scholars recently observed the inter-house debating competition's preliminary rounds. The motion, "All secondary schools should be co-educational," sparked a thoughtful debate on social benefits versus academic performance. We're now looking forward to the final on Friday 21 March.

# Junior Academic Scholars: Left Brain/Right Brain



Ella A-S (Year 7) discussed Neuroscience at this week's Junior Academic Scholars meeting. She explained how our thinking varies based on whether we are left- or right-brained and demonstrated how electroencephalogram (EEG) tests have confirmed this.

# World Challenge Quiz Night: Over £2,500 Raised!



Last Friday, Miss Yaffe and students in Years 10-12 hosted a fantastic fundraising quiz for the 2026 World Challenge expedition to Peru. The evening included a delicious Peruvian meal, a challenging quiz from Mr Daughton, and a raffle. Click on the link to see a video of

# Culture Fest: 17-21 March



the event and for a report about the trip itinerary from Rachel F, Y11. Next week, the Culture Society is hosting Culture Fest week, featuring



cultural art workshops, live performances, traditional costumes, and an international food fair. Students and staff are invited to bring home-made and shop-bought snacks. Please include a list of ingredients, ensuring they are nut, sesame, and kiwi free. Let's Leap Easter Holiday Camp at Queenswood: 10% Discount Code

# Queenswood School is hosting an exciting Easter Holiday Camp from



7-17 April, offering a huge variety of fun activities for children aged 4-12. Book your spot today for sports, crafts, swimming, and more! If you are booking for a current pupil or their sibling, please use the code EASTER10 for a 10% discount when you book here.

# **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.