



**STOP PRESS**  
 Congratulations to Clapham North, winners of the 10th Hurley Cup for Inter-House Cross Country. We'll have a full report in next week's newsletter

News and information from [www.queenswood.org](http://www.queenswood.org) Friday 21 March 2025

Date for your Diary: ADHD Talk



**Empowering Girls to live well with ADHD – for Parents, Students and Teachers**

Join Pippa Simou on Wednesday, 26 March, for an insightful session on ADHD in girls, exploring challenges, differences, and strategies to support their success. Please click [here](#) to access the booking form.

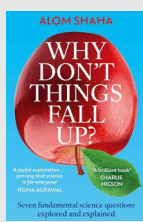
Weekend fun: spring is in the air!



The much awaited warmer weather heralded the glorious arrival of spring this week, and we can't wait to get outside! Enjoying nature is a fantastic way to wind down and hit the reset button, so why not ditch the tech, take a little break from revision if you're in exam years, and head outside for some [fun this weekend](#).

This week I am reading...

*Why Don't Things Fall Up?*  
 by Alom Shaha



Alom Shaha's mission is to show that science is one of humanity's greatest cultural achievements, which can enrich our lives in the same way as art, music, and literature. In seven chapters, each starting with a simple question, Alom takes us on a journey to understand everything from the physics of space and matter to the biology of our bodies - and even the origins of life itself. *Why Don't Things Fall Up?* answers the big questions about life and the universe in a way that makes us realise that science is the most exciting story ever told. An engaging and thought-provoking read for students in Year 10 and above.

Careers News



Click [here](#) to read this week's Careers Newsletter.  
 Ms King writes: *Year 12 enjoyed hearing from Creative Freelancer Lauren Coates about her experience of work for Warner Brothers and on the Harry Potter films, as well as working with set designers, floristry and production companies.*



In brief

- [Netball: Tilly's first cap for Scotland](#)
- [Football: MK Dons cup win for Izzy M](#)
- [Cross Country: Rose-Ellen F represents Hertfordshire at National Finals](#)
- [Hockey: Victory for Hartley in the Year 7 house competition](#)

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.

The Queenswood Summertime Ball



Exciting news – booking for the new-look Queenswood Summertime Ball opens next week! Sixth Form, staff and all parents should look out for an invitation in your inbox on Monday. In the meantime, Sixth Formers and the Catering Department have put together [this little teaser](#), with a flavour of what's on offer on 21 June – surely the highlight of the Queenswood social calendar!

The Quire: GSA Choir of the Year Finalists



We are very proud to report that The Quire, our non-auditioned choir for pupils of all ages, performed superbly at the final of the GSA Choir of the Year at King's High, Warwick, last Sunday. They were one of four finalists of this prestigious competition, and sang two contrasting pieces – 'The Seal Lullaby', and A-Ha's 'Take on Me'.

Dance Show: Last Few Tickets Remaining



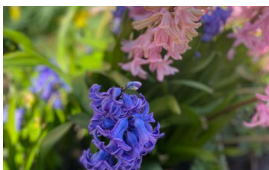
There are just a handful of tickets left for the Queenswood Dance Show, which is being staged in the Clarissa Farr Theatre on Monday to Wednesday evening next week. There are over 140 pupils involved, either on stage or behind the scenes, and it promises to be a superb choreography showcase. Get your tickets [here](#).

Inter-House Debating: Victory for Waller



The final of the Inter-House Debating Competition, held in the Chapel on Friday 21 March, was an extremely impressive display of rhetorical skill. The motion was 'This House believes that social media is a force for good', a perennially topical subject that provoked impassioned and well-reasoned arguments on both sides.

Newsletter Club: Spring Photography Walk



Spring has sprung and the Newsletter Club couldn't wait to get out and about on their annual spring photography walk on Tuesday. They captured some fantastic images we plan to use in upcoming newsletters and school publications. The grounds are bursting into life and it was wonderful to enjoy nature with our young reporters!

This Week in Chapel: Head Girl Speeches



On Monday and Tuesday, eight of the students chosen to be the Senior Prefect Team for 2025/26 gave a speech to encourage students to vote for them as Head Girl. The students' speeches were heartfelt and full of ideas for the next academic year and we look forward to hearing the result!

Culture Fest Week: Celebrating Diversity at Queenswood



This week, Queenswood came alive with vibrant celebrations of the many cultures represented among our pupils and staff. A series of special activities took place, bringing us all together to appreciate and share global traditions. Thank you to everyone who contributed, and to all who generously donated to Noah's Ark Hospice.

1st XI vs OQ Hockey: A Resounding Victory for the Alumnae!



It was a victory for the OQ team in our annual alumnae vs 1st XI hockey match on Thursday 20 March, cheered on by an enthusiastic crowd of former students and their families. Among the supporters were several boarders who came down to support the 1st XI, as well as a student watching her mother play for the OQs!

Pi Day: Puzzles and Problem-Solving



Last Friday, our Year 9 and 10 mathematicians celebrated Pi Day in a truly engaging way! Instead of traditional lessons, students dove into a series of challenging maths and logic puzzles. The classrooms buzzed with collaborative energy as teams tackled intricate problems, fostering both critical thinking and teamwork.

Fencing: County and National Success for Isla, Bryony and Rachel



Many congratulations to our fencers who have been proudly representing Queenswood over the past two weekends. Isla M, Bryony S, and Rachel F secured 3rd place at the National School Championships, while Isla and Bryony claimed 1st place at the Hertfordshire School Championships. Well done!

Miles4Smiles: Support Q Boarders in Raising Money for Comic Relief

**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.