

It has been a very sombre start to the academic year, with the news of the death of Her Majesty The Queen dominating our thoughts. Our first newsletter of the term reflects the solemn mood, and some reports have been held back for future editions.

News and information from www.queenswood.org

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Weekend Boarding Activities



The programme of weekend activities for boarders is available online.

This weekend: DogFest at Knebworth



Held at Knebworth House on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September, **DogFest** raises muchneeded funds for the Dogs Trust charity, of which Her Majesty was the patron, and is a great day out for dogs and dog-lovers alike.

In brief

Queenswood ballerinas join Cecchetti Associates scheme

Beatrice's trampolining triumph

Fencer Zina to compete in **Budapest**



Here is the latest digest of news, events and blog posts from the website of **Queenswood School**. Click on the bold hyperlinks to read more.

A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



The whole school gathered in the Chapel on Friday morning to mark the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Reverend Vindra reflected on her long and inspirational life of selfless service, and the importance of her Christian faith. There were prayers and readings from the scriptures, including extracts from Psalm 23 read by Mrs Cameron. You can watch a recording of this profoundly moving service **here**.

The Chapel remains available to pupils and staff for moments of quiet contemplation throughout the period of mourning, and the school has opened a book of condolence. You may also wish to send a message to the Royal Family via the official online Book of Condolence.

A-Level and GCSE Results

This is indeed a time for solemn reflection, but we would nonetheless like to honour the achievements of Queenswood pupils who sat public exams this summer. At **A-Level**, 70% of grades awarded were A*-B, enabling students to progress to a range of prestigious degree courses, including PPE at Oxford, Classics at St Andrews and Maths with Statistics at King's College London. At **GCSE**, 63% of grades awarded were 7 or above.

Welcome to All New Queenswoodians

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all pupils and staff who have joined Queenswood this term. We hope you are beginning to settle in to your new school. Remember – there are so many people here at Q to help you, so don't be afraid to ask for help.

Join the Q Newsletter Team

The newsletter at Queenswood is a whole school effort and we are always keen to include contributions from our students. As well as sharing key information about the upcoming term and reporting on school events, the newsletter is a platform for all pupils to express themselves responsibly, to proffer or challenge ideas and to connect with their peers.