

# NEWS FROM Queenswood



Queenswood's physical doors may be closed at present, but our staff and pupils are as busy as ever. We hope you enjoy this round-up of the week's news, and that you are looking after yourselves and each other at this difficult time.

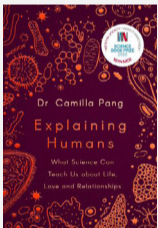
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## Family fun: on Netflix this weekend



With Lockdown 3.0 upon us and some dreary weather to boot, it's more important than ever that we have some family fun at the weekends! Over the next few weeks we will suggest some fun activity evenings that the whole family can join in. For this weekend we have put together some [Netflix suggestions for a movie night](#).

## This week I am reading...



Our contributor this week is [Mrs Rose New](#), Head of English. She has chosen *Explaining Humans* by Camilla Pang.

'This is an extraordinary book, by a scientist whose experience of living with autistic spectrum disorder drove her to find original ways to make sense of human behaviour... I find her approach fascinating, and I love the way the whole book is a celebration of human diversity and difference, while also emphasising the things we all have in common.'

## From the (virtual) classroom

[Year 8 Maths: Fraction Fiction!](#)

[Year 11 Biology: ingenious examples of DNA modelling](#)

[Academic Scholars: photographs of the week](#)

[Queenswood PE: 10 activities to do at home during lockdown](#)

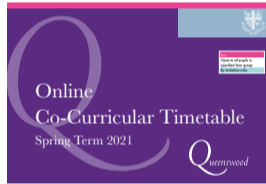
Welcome to the latest digest of news, events and blog posts from the website of Queenswood School. [Click on the pink hyperlinks to read more.](#)

## Record Numbers Sitting Queenswood's Entrance Exams This Weekend



We would like to wish all the very best to all Year 6 pupils sitting the Queenswood 11+ entrance exams on Saturday 16 January. This year, we've moved all testing online, and have created a brand new secure section of this website to host the exam papers and collect the scripts.

## Online Co-Curricular Timetable: Spring Term 2021



Online co-curricular clubs begin in the week beginning Monday 18 January. Staff are offering over 50 virtual activities every week, ranging from song-writing workshops to language learning from scratch. Many of the clubs are scheduled to run weekly in designated slots during lunch or after school, while others are accessible at any time via Google Classroom.

## The Week in Chapel: Resolve and Resolutions



This week in Chapel we heard from Mr Fox (Head of Sixth Form) on the importance of using this period of lockdown productively, and from Rev'd Vindra about the long spiritual journey that finally led her to ministry. The hyperlink will take you to Monday's service, with a link at the end to continue to the Wednesday talk.

## Queenswood: Now and Then



Queenswood's buildings have been refurbished and repurposed many times since the school moved to its Hertfordshire site in 1925. We've been trawling the archives to see how Q has adapted over the years, and we've put together these interactive visualisations for you to enjoy.

## OQ Karen Hearn to Give Online Talk on Portrait Miniatures



Karen Hearn is a former Queenswood student and a leading historian of British art and culture at UCL. She has previously worked as the Curator of C16 and C17 British Art at the Tate Galleries, and has appeared on BBC Four. On 26 February, she will be giving a free online talk entitled 'Magnifying Miniatures', revealing the secrets and stories of some exquisite and intimate images from over 400 years ago.

## Susan Harris, Head of Pupil Recruitment, Meets the Chasers!



If you are a fan of the popular ITV game show *The Chase*, you may have recognised one of the contestants from Wednesday's episode! Mrs Susan Harris, Head of Pupil Recruitment at Queenswood, bowled Bradley Walsh and Chaser Paul 'The Sinnerman' Sinha over with her enthusiasm and bubbly personality.

## Who Let The Dogs Out? 7H Bring Their Pets to School



Although 7H are missing spending time with Zennor in the Stamp boarding house, a brilliant suggestion from their tutor Mr Booth prompted waggy tails all round! Last Friday, the girls introduced their adored pets to the rest of the class during tutor time and it looks like it was a lot of fun.