



There was a brief flurry of wintry weather at Queenswood on the morning of Saturday 16 January. Miss Phillips (Centre Housemistress) was out walking with her dog Nala and managed to capture this beautiful photo.

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Family fun: board game suggestions



It was great to hear from the pupils that you enjoyed our movie suggestions last weekend. The films featured in the newsletter are still available on Netflix and we will bring you some new recommendations soon. For this coming weekend, we have compiled a [list of board games](#) that you might like to play as a family. So for good times with good company, get ready to play!

This week I am reading...



Our contributor this week is **Ms Róisín Purcell-Still**, Senior Receptionist. She has chosen *Oh My God, What A Complete Aisling* by Emer McLysaght and Sarah Breen.

'I absolutely loved this book! It's set in Ireland, where we follow Aisling through her rollercoaster life. This read is filled with humour and has been described as the Irish Bridget Jones. I couldn't agree more!'

From the (virtual) classroom

[Year 7 and 8 Maths: revision posters](#)

[Year 11 Geography: Using Google Jamboard to work collaboratively](#)

[Year 11 Dance: Improvisation masterclass with Leanne Vincent](#)

[Work smarter with these online study aids](#)

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.

Sixth Form Debaters 'Zoom' Through to Regional Final of ESU Competition



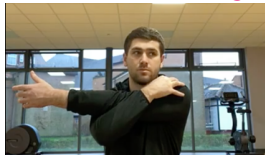
Three of our Lower Sixth debaters scored an impressive victory on Wednesday 20 January, securing passage to the regional round of the English Speaking Union's National Debating Competition. Meyiwa W, Maddy B and Sienna W all participated in an online debate with six local schools.

Reasons to be Cheerful from the Queenswood Purple Challenge Club



Have you heard about the [Queenswood Purple Challenge Club](#)? Every few weeks we set an activity or challenge for girls in Years 4, 5 and 6 to complete in their free time, and the winner receives £30 of Amazon gift vouchers. For our most recent challenge, girls had to list three things that brought them joy each day for a week during this difficult time. We'd like to share some of their uplifting messages with you. The next challenge is all about superheroes, and launches on Monday 25 January.

Get Active with QueenswoodSport Instagram



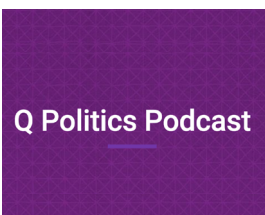
Queenswood's PE department have launched a range of fitness clubs via their Instagram account. As well as weekly challenges and inspirational skills demonstrations, there are several live sessions that pupils and staff can join each week.

The Week in Chapel: Martin Luther King Jr. Day



This week in Chapel we heard from Mr Sheldon (Senior Deputy Head) on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and from Rev'd Vindra on the theme of 'Encouragement and Support'. The hyperlink will take you to Monday's service, with a link at the end to continue to the Wednesday talk.

Politics Podcast: Covid, Brexit and Northern Ireland



In an episode of the Q Politics Podcast recorded shortly before the end of the Christmas term, Mrs Curtin (Head of History) is interviewed about the political landscape of Northern Ireland, past and present. There is also a free-range discussion among Sixth Formers about the news. It's fascinating to reflect on just how much has happened in the few short weeks since this episode was recorded!

Life is What You Bake of It! Mrs Lee Shares a Recipe to Try at Home



Although our girls are missing seeing Mrs Lee in person and using the wonderful Leiths cookery suite, they enjoyed practical cookery at home this week. Mrs Lee shared mouth-watering recipes for pupils to recreate at home in her Google Classroom, including pizza toasties and lemony prawn and pea linguini. Here's a recipe for teatime scones.

All Over the World: Record Number of Pupils Take 11+ Queenswood Exams



This week, girls have been sitting our 11+ online entrance exams in record numbers. It has been quite a technological feat to deliver robust, rigorous and fair tests for so many girls in so many locations – from Dubai to the USA, from South Africa to Hong Kong, not to mention across Hertfordshire and London.