

# NEWS FROM

# Queenswood



Click [here](#) to watch the delightful Stamp Family Service, put together remotely during lockdown and broadcast on Friday 5 February. It features readings, prayers and musical performances from pupils in Years 7 and 8.

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Off-screen day: Tuesday 2 February



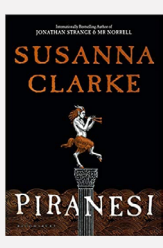
Our designated Off Screen Day was a great success. Pupils from all year groups spent quality time away from their devices: drawing, painting, walking, cooking, experimenting, writing, making music, solving puzzles and much, much more. We've put together [this booklet](#) to give you a flavour of what they got up to.

Family fun: Make your own movie



The Queenswood Media Club have enjoyed making their own short films recently and experimenting with WeVideo, a free, cloud-based editing platform that allows users of all skill levels, to create professional-style videos and podcasts. So this weekend, why not record some precious memories and use your smart phone to [make a short family film](#). Just record your footage on your phone or tablet, do some quick and easy editing, and when it's in the can, you can share it with us.

This week I am reading...



Our contributor this week is [Mrs Alison Kelley](#), Director of Drama. She has chosen *Piranesi* by Susanna Clarke.

'Fancy something completely different?...If you wish to escape the repetitiveness of lockdown and lose yourself in a mysterious, alternative reality then look no further.'

From the (virtual) classroom

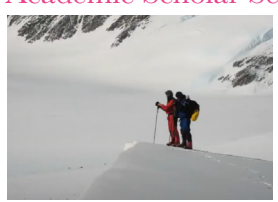
[Year 8 Science: Lily F's incredible periodic table of cup cakes!](#)

[Middle School Maths: UKMT Intermediate Mathematics Challenge](#)

[Year 7 Music: 'Glassical' compositions – making music in the kitchen](#)

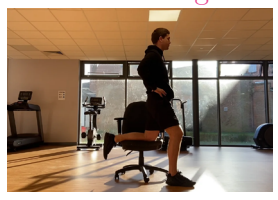
Welcome to the latest digest of news, events and blog posts from the website of Queenswood School. Click on the pink hyperlinks to read more.

## Academic Scholar Seminar: Ian Richardson's Antarctic Expedition



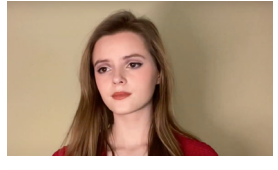
On Wednesday 3 February, the Academic Scholars were treated to a fascinating seminar with Mr Ian Richardson, former Head of Biology at Queenswood. In 2006, Mr Richardson participated in a research expedition to Antarctica, along with a group of geography and science teachers.

## Desk Stretching with Mr Ward



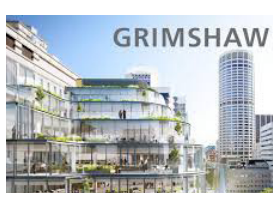
Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Mr Ward, our Strength and Conditioning coach, presents stretch and mobility sessions via Instagram live. Being seated for long periods and working from home can take its toll on our bodies, so he has created a short video of exercises that pupils, staff and parents can do from their desk or chair to combat periods of inactivity.

## OQ Eleanor Grant Performs on Compilation Album – *The Way of Light*



We are delighted to share some exciting news from OQ Eleanor Grant this week. She has just released a lockdown version of 'The Way of Light' composed by Nigel Hess. Eleanor's recording is the signature track on the Way of Light album, which is released on 5 February.

## Grimshaw Architects Share Exciting Developments with Year 11



On Friday 5 February, architecture firm Grimshaw joined Year 11 to discuss the benefits of architecture as a career, and talk about possible routes into the profession. They also launched and spoke about the exciting work they will be doing with Queenswood in redeveloping the Bellman Sixth Form Centre – more details to follow soon!

## NEW Hertfordshire Walks: Mrs Harris on the History of Welwyn Garden City



Walking has become an extremely popular activity during lockdown, and in Hertfordshire we are blessed with some beautiful towns, villages and open country to explore. In the first of a regular series, Mrs Harris (Head of Pupil Recruitment) shares one of her favourite routes, and reveals some of the fascinating history of a pioneering experiment in town planning.

## The Week in Chapel: Mental Health Week and Hope



On Monday Mrs Mackay gave a talk to coincide with Mental Health Week, featuring a video message from the Duchess of Cambridge. On Wednesday, Mr Daughton spoke to us about hope. The hyperlink will take you to Monday's service, with a link at the end to continue to the Wednesday talk.

## The Race to Tokyo – We Did It!

7 days  
265 athletes  
1,938km cycled  
1,143km run  
7,039km walked  
10,122km covered

During the last week of January, staff, pupils and even some parents logged every kilometre they ran, walked or cycled, in a collective effort to cover the distance from Queenswood to Tokyo, where the Olympic Games are scheduled to take place later this year. We're pleased to announce that we more than reached our goal! Congratulations to everyone who took part, and be sure to look out for more weekly challenges on the PE instagram feed.

## Look Up and Get Lost with Star Count 2021



When did you last see the Milky Way, that pale band which appears to arch across the night sky, formed from many billions of stars which make up our own galaxy? Why not 'look up and get lost' this weekend by joining CPRE - the Countryside Charity in their Star Count 2021. Choose a clear night between February 6th and 14th, look up at the constellation of Orion and let CPRE know how many stars you can spot.