

# NEWS FROM Queenswood



We're so looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school from Monday 8 March. [Click here](#) to read the latest communication from Mr Sheldon.

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## Year 7: Walking and baking for Charity



This half term, Year 7 pupils are busy walking, running and baking to raise money for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice in Barnet. [Click here](#) to track their progress and make a donation to a fantastic local cause.

## Family fun: Netflix suggestions



It was great to hear about your family movie nights last half-term and how so many of you enjoyed our film suggestions. [Here are some new film releases](#) you may wish to watch on Netflix this weekend.

A message of support from Reverend Vindra, Queenswood's Chaplain

## This week I am reading...



At Queenswood, we love to read! Whilst we have to wait a short while longer before we can use our wonderful library and explore the wider world again, the Year 7 girls have been enjoying exciting literary adventures from the comfort of home.

## From the (virtual) classroom

Drama Design Club: wonderfully intricate *Aladdin* model boxes

Teacher of Japanese, Mrs Moore, has haiku published by Japan Society

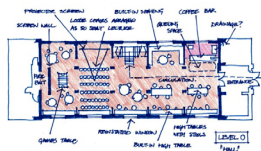
Fairtrade Fortnight: facts and ethical recipes from Mrs Lee

Year 13 A-Level PE: superb presentations on sporting injuries, treatments and preventatives

Queenswood enters Welwyn Garden City Youth Drama Festival

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 Centre Renovation: Student Survey



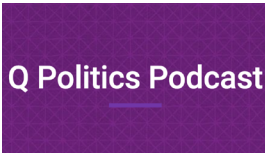
Our exciting plans to renovate the Sixth Form Centre are well under way. Before half term, a representative from Grimshaw Architects met online with Year 11 pupils to introduce the project. This week, we have consulted with all pupils in Years 10 to 13 about the features and facilities they would like to see incorporated.

## OQ Sports News: Georgie Walker and Jodie Williams



It's been a highly successful week for two of Queenswood's sporting alumnae. Georgie Walker helped her university women's tennis team to a record-breaking US ranking of #23, while athlete Jodie Williams has just been crowned British 400m indoor champion, and has qualified for next week's European Athletics Indoor Championships.

## Q Politics Podcast: Patriotism



In the latest episode of the Q Politics Podcast, Meyiwa, Maddy, Sienna, Diamanti and Becky discuss various recent manifestations of patriotism, from Myanmar to Washington, D.C. There's also an interview with Mr Frater (Teacher of Religious Studies) about the politics of Scotland.

## Geographers: Enter the UN COP26 Creative Earth Competition



The Geography Department would like to encourage all KS3 and KS4 Geographers to exercise their artistic skills and enter an art competition. It is being run by the UN COP26 Climate Change Conference in collaboration with WWF. As part of their Together for Our Planet campaign, they are inviting young people to get creative and show global leaders the world they want to live in. For more details please click the hyperlink above, and don't forget to show your teachers your entry. Closing date is Monday 5 April 2021.

## PE Challenge: The Tokyo Games Medal Challenge



This week and next, we're encouraging all pupils to get involved in the PE Department's Medal Challenge. Choose your favourite sports, and complete as many of the listed tasks as you can in order to win 'medals'. The winners will be posted on the [QueenswoodSport Instagram](#) feed in the week beginning Monday 8 March.

## The Week in Chapel: Fear of Failure and Walking Together



On Monday [Mr Sheldon](#) spoke about combatting nerves, and the peculiar sensation he felt when his supervisor recently emailed feedback on his current university studies. On Wednesday, [Mr Kelley](#) spoke about the unifying power of communal family walks in lockdown.

## Advice for the Return to School from Ms Bishop, School Counsellor



This is and has been a very uncertain time and although it would be great if we could make COVID disappear, we can't (not yet anyway!) With the return to school now less than two weeks away, some of you may be feeling a mix of emotions – pleased and excited or perhaps worried and anxious – all of which are very normal when a change is about to take place.

## Apply Now for Channel 4's Junior Bake Off – On Your Marks, Get Set, Bake!



Channel 4 are looking for budding bakers for series 7 of Junior Bake Off. Anyone aged between 9 and 15 years old can apply. Filming will take place from July 2021, but applications close on Sunday 28th March 2021.

## Local History: The Italian Balloonist and the Sick Cat



Did you know that a field opposite Queenswood was the site of the first ever landing of a hot air balloon in England? Click the hyperlink to read about the astonishing exploits of Italian balloonist Vincenzo Lunardi in September 1784, and his emergency landing near Shepherd's Way to offload a sick cat...