



# A very happy Easter to all our readers.

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To mark the anniversary of the start of the first national lockdown, we have put together this reflection on a year like no other. Staff and pupils have shared photographs of the most memorable moments from the last twelve months, perfectly encapsulating our Queenswood Qualities.



For some Easter themed fun this weekend, why not have a go at making these beautiful Spiced Easter Biscuits. The recipe was shared by the Royal pastry chefs this week and the delightful biscuits are a favourite with Her Majesty The Queen.



With the Easter break upon us, we have swapped our weekly feature 'This Week I Am Reading ... ' for a compilation of Mrs Truran's recommended

reads for each year group. So why not

#### 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.

#### From Virgil to Voyager: Academic Scholar Essays



We are very pleased to present the winning entries from our first cycle of Academic Scholar seminars. Students submitted writing on a range of designated topics including heroism, poetry, extraterrestrial life and identity. We hope you will agree that the work contained in these pages shows superb levels of perception, analysis, critical thinking and creativity.

### A-Level Media Studies Confirmed for September 2021



As Year 11 finalise their options for the Sixth Form, we're very pleased to confirm that A-Level Media Studies will indeed be offered from September 2021. Members of the Drama Department have been getting to grips with the Eduqas syllabus in recent weeks, delivering taster lessons to Year 11 and also to the Sixth Form in 'Column Q' sessions. Click the hyperlink to watch our introductory video.

### Prism Newsletter: Issue 3



The latest edition of the Prism newsletter looks at the work of the actor, singer, writer, director and LGBTQ+ activist Billy Porter. There is also news about a significant policy decision from Amazon, and a review of a Netflix series starring Porter, called Pose. Click here to read all issues of the Prism newsletter.

#### Podcasts: New Episodes of Econ Q and the Q Politics Podcast



In this week's episode of Econ Q, Yissy and Zoe (Year 12) are interviewed about their experiences of A-Level Economics and their involvement in the Tycoon for Schools project. Meanwhile, on the **Q** Politics Podcast, Sienna and Maddy speak to Mr Kelley about politics and the media.

### The Week in Chapel: The Easter Story



This week Rev'd Vindra has been taking a fresh look at the events of Holy Week. On Monday, she discussed the life and martyrdom of St Maximilian Kolbe, a Catholic priest who volunteered to die in place of a stranger in the German death camp of Auschwitz. The hyperlink will take you to Monday's service, with a link at the end to continue to the Wednesday talk.

### The John Fry Public Speaking Competition: Junior Winners Announced



The final round of the John Fry Junior Public Speaking Competition was held on Monday 22 March. Having impressed their English teachers with their oratorical skills during lockdown, ten girls from Years 7 to 9 were selected to deliver a speech on a topic of their choice.

enjoy a good read along with your Easter goodies?

Print copies of the Queenswoodian magazine for the academic year 2019-20 are now available, and your daughter should be bringing hers home today. The magazine is available to browse in digital format here. Please note - this magazine covers the events of last academic year; there will be a 2020-21 edition at the end of the Summer Term.



#### Year 7 Bake-Off 2021: The Final Results!



In the final round of their fantastic fundraising challenge for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, Year 7 made Delicious Desserts last week and also submitted their Showstopper entries. Miss Bassett would like to express her sincere thanks to all those who so generously donated to the Year 7 fundraiser.

#### Year 7 Go the Distance: The Final Push...



With just two days left to complete the challenge and reach their target distance, Year 7 have now walked or run a staggering 9,500 kilometres in their bid to raise money for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice. Please cheer them on, as along with their parents and siblings, they make the final push this weekend.

#### Inter-House Spelling Bee



On Friday 12 March, all of our Key Stage 3 girls staged spelling heats in their tutor groups to choose their representative to compete in the Queenswood Spelling Bee. With words ranging from 'sausage' to 'macabre' and 'conscientious', the competition was fiercely contested and the atmosphere was definitely buzzing!