



Open Events for Summer 2021

Saturday 15 May (online)

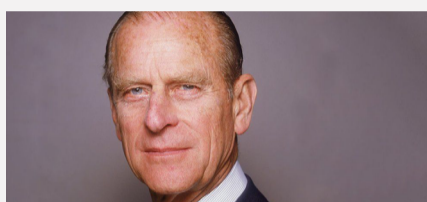
Wednesday 30 June (in person)

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News and information from www.queenswood.org

Friday 23 April 2021

HRH Prince Philip, 1921–2021



It was with great sadness that many of us watched [the funeral of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh](#) last weekend.

Tributes to OQ Helen McCrory



The Queenswood community was immensely shocked and saddened at [the news of Helen McCrory's passing](#) on Friday 16 April 2021. Helen, who was awarded an OBE for her services to drama in 2017, discovered her passion for acting as a pupil at Queenswood in the 1980s.

Weekend fun: Picnic in the Park

Now that we can meet in groups of up to six outside and the sun is shining, [why not enjoy a picnic](#) this weekend with friends or family?

This week I am reading...



[The Get-Ahead Cook](#) by OQ Jane Lovett

A collection of over 100 easy recipes for all abilities, each with prepare-ahead elements to lighten the load. Jane is a cook, food stylist, recipe developer and author with over 40 years of experience.

Drama club: *The Trial* (abridged)

Queenswood Drama Club have created this stylish, brooding and highly contemporary abridged adaptation of Kafka's *The Trial*. Joseph K awakes one morning to discover he has been arrested without explanation. This is the story of one individual's desperate – and often farcical – attempt to prove his innocence despite a corrupt and impenetrable legal system.



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.](#)

The Sixth Form: Revisited | [More Details Revealed as Donations Pass the Half-Way Point](#)



In this video, Mr Tim Garnham (Chair of Facilities Committee) and Mr Chris Fox (Head of Sixth Form) take a look at the latest artist's impressions of the redeveloped Sixth Form Centre. [Click on the hyperlink](#) to watch the short video; the end screen will take you to our donation page. We are very grateful to the many members of the Queenswood community who have already made such generous contributions to this worthwhile cause. Indeed, since this video was filmed, we have passed the half-way point towards our target of £300,000!

Hertfordshire Festival of Music Comes to Queenswood



We are delighted to announce that the prestigious Hertfordshire Festival of Music will be presenting several high profile events at Queenswood in June, including recitals and masterclasses by world-renowned violinist Chloë Hanslip ('...wholly infectious conviction, spontaneity and panache... superbly accomplished performances...' - *Gramophone*) and a Q&A with composer and Master of the Queen's Music, Judith Weir.

The John Fry Public Speaking Competition: Senior Winners Announced



We were delighted to be able to stage the final of this year's John Fry Public Speaking Competition in socially distanced conditions in the Clarissa Farr Theatre on Tuesday. Our finalists delivered eloquent, thought-provoking speeches on a range of given topics, and each had to answer an unprepared question from the floor.

Queenswood Music: [Enthralling Performances by Scholars and GCSE Students](#)



We present two superb online concerts, showcasing the talents of our instrumentalists and vocalists. These performances were recorded during the last week of the Spring Term, and the programmes are wonderfully diverse – from Chopin to Nirvana, from Bach to Yebba, there is music to suit all tastes.

Sports Scholar Peace Joins England Roses Netball Academy



Many congratulations to Lower Sixth Sports Scholar Peace A, who has been selected for the England Roses Netball Academy this season. It's yet another huge achievement for Peace, who has a very bright future ahead of her. [Click the hyperlink](#) to read the article she wrote for last year's Queenswoodian magazine about her experiences of representing her country.

The Week in Chapel: [An Emotional Time for the Queenswood Community](#)



In the first Chapel of the Summer Term, Mrs Cameron reflected on the recent passing of HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh and Helen McCrory. She also took time to celebrate the joys of spring, and the return of life and laughter to the Queenswood campus.

Keeping Healthy and Happy This Term



April is Stress Awareness Month and a timely reminder of how important it is for us all to look after our physical and mental health. With a busy Summer Term ahead and exams approaching, we hope this check list of suggestions from the Stress Management Society will support your health and happiness over the coming months.

The Beautiful Birds of Queenswood: [Spring has Sprung](#)



Following on from her previous articles, Miss Langdon, Visa Co-ordinator at Queenswood, keeps us abreast of what the beautiful birds of Q are up to now that spring has sprung! Appropriately, this article focuses on the astonishing and much-maligned cuckoo – 'an enigmatic character and...very sadly a declining species.'