

NEWS FROM Queenswood



Our next **Virtual Open Event** is on Saturday 15 May. We are delighted to announce that from Monday 17 May we will be able to welcome prospective families on site for individual tours.

News and information from www.queenswood.org

Friday 7 May 2021

The merits of boarding



Juniper W (Year 9) joined Mrs Cameron, Mrs Ludwick (and Zennor the dog!) for an [online discussion about the merits of boarding](#) on Tuesday, as part of an Independent Schools Show Parents Forum titled 'Senior Boarding in Action'.

Weekend fun: Crazy golf!



If you like the idea of some outdoor fun with friends or family this weekend, why not play [a round or two of crazy golf](#)? This mini version of the 'greatest game ever played' combines exercise, hand-eye coordination and healthy competition.

This week I am reading...



Erebus: The Story of a Ship by Michael Palin

Mr Kelley (Head of Publicity) has chosen this fascinating and macabre true story of adventure, exploration and mystery in the frozen wastelands of the Arctic and Antarctic.

News in brief

[A-Level Dance students strutting their stuff post-lockdown!](#)

[The Sixth Form: Reimagined – £168,000 donated so far](#)

[OQ Marina Jenkins' new role with ITV News West Country](#)

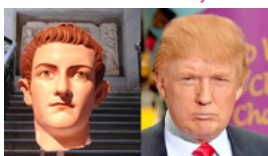
Welcome to the latest digest of news, events and blog posts from the website of Queenswood School. [Click on the pink hyperlinks to read more.](#)

GCSEPod: Queenswood in the Running for Regional Prize!



Queenswood pupils have been making great use of the fabulous resources on GCSEPod as they revise for assessments. Earlier this week we were in the No. 1 position in the Regional Pod Games, based on the average number of streams per GCSE student in the school. We are currently at No. 3; if we can regain our position at the top of the leaderboard by 30 June the School we will be crowned regional champions and have the opportunity to compete at national level next year!

Classics: Maddy's Essay Entered for Cambridge Prize



Maddy B (Year 12) has written a fascinating essay on the dangers of drawing comparisons between modern political figures and leaders from classical history. It has been entered for the Newnham College Cambridge Classics Essay Prize. You can read her essay by clicking on the pink hyperlink.

History: Meyiwa's Essay on the Haitian Revolution Entered for Sheffield Prize



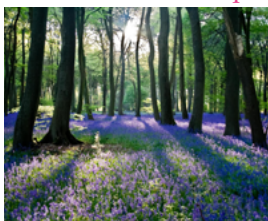
Meyiwa W (Year 12) has been exploring the consequences of the French Revolution for the island of Haiti. Following the expulsion of colonial powers in 1803, Haiti became the first black free republic state and the first state in the western hemisphere to ban slavery. Her intriguing essay on the subject has been entered for the University of Sheffield History Essay Competition.

Amina Selected for University of Miami Dance Team



Many congratulations to Amina M (Year 13), who has been selected to join the prestigious University of Miami Dance Team. She won her place in the elite 12-strong troupe thanks to a superb video audition inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, and is looking forward to the opportunity to represent the Miami Hurricanes football team as well as dancing at occasions such as the Super Bowl.

The Week in Chapel: Mental Health Awareness Week – Nature



On Wednesday, Ms Bishop, our Resident Counsellor, spoke about Mental Health Awareness Week (10–16 May), with an emphasis on appreciation of the natural world. It has been fantastic to begin the phased reintroduction of in-person congregations in Chapel. So far this term Years 10, 12 and 13 have each attended a 'live' service. We continue to broadcast pre-recorded services to the whole school community twice-weekly.

Queenswood Down the Decades: the 1951 *Queenswoodian* Magazine



A delve into the Queenswood archives this week uncovered a host of treasures, some of which we thought you may wish to see over the next few weeks. Here we present excerpts from the 1951 edition of the school magazine, including the first ever Queenswood Drama Festival, the staff production of *Cinderella* and a very amusing essay titled 'Why I Have Been Moved to the Front'.