



Following a review of the Queenswood admissions journey, we have made some changes to the timeline and procedures for September 2022 entry to Year 7. Click [here](#) for more information.

News and information from [www.queenswood.org](http://www.queenswood.org)

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Violin virtuoso Chloë Hanslip at Q



Ahead of her headlining appearance at Queenswood as part of the [Hertfordshire Festival of Music](#), we're delighted to share this extraordinary clip of internationally renowned violinist Chloë Hanslip, recorded at London's Wigmore Hall in April.

Weekend fun: Movie night



With long awaited hugs and indoor activities on the near horizon, why not spend one last weekend enjoying a home movie night? Here are [our suggestions](#) for some great films currently on Netflix, which you may wish to watch together this weekend.

This week I am reading...



*The Lady of the Ravens*  
by Joanna Hickson, OQ

Following a 25-year career at the BBC, presenting and producing News and Arts programmes, Joanna now writes historical fiction. Her latest novel tells the story of an Italian girl who becomes privy to the deepest and darkest secrets of Queen Elizabeth I and her glamorous Tudor court.

News in brief

[Year 9 mathematicians solve the Frog Swap puzzle](#)

[National Vegetarian Week: a recipe from Elizabeth B \(8S\)](#)

[Netball: Sports Scholar Peace makes London Pulse Squad](#)

[Mental Health Awareness Week: resources from Mrs Bishop](#)

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.

### Christina's Beautiful Composition Scoops Prestigious NLMF Prize



Many congratulations to Christina C (Year 11), who was awarded 3rd Prize with Distinction in the composition section of the North London Music Festival Competition. She composed a delightful piece for solo piano, titled 'Beyond The Sky', as part of her GCSE Music coursework portfolio.

### Queenswood Becomes an Oxford Scholastica Partner School



We are delighted to announce that Queenswood is one of the first schools to become an Oxford Scholastica Partner School. Oxford Scholastica's mission is to inspire students to discover, explore and prepare for their futures at an earlier stage, giving them the edge to enable them to succeed, have purpose and make a difference.

### Ayowande Attends Mock Trial Live Event



Congratulations to Sixth Former Ayowande who attended a most enlightening online course last Saturday. Joining Oxford Scholastica Academy's online Mock Trial Live event, she discovered what it is like to be a barrister whose client is alleged to have committed the most serious of crimes – murder.

### Queenswood Career Clips: A Request for Parent and OQ Volunteers



The Careers Department is aiming to build up an online Careers Library for our students, where they can dip in and investigate different careers, jobs and occupations. We are looking for parents, OQs and friends of the school who may be willing to send us a 5 to 10 minute video recorded on their phone or tablet, answering a few questions about their chosen career/occupation. If you are able to assist with this, please click on the hyperlink for more information.

### Drama Scholars and Award Holders Present 'Utasen – The Singing Monk'



We are proud to present the second in our season of comic Japanese ghost stories: 'Utasen – The Singing Monk'. This piece was filmed before and after lockdown in year group bubbles, incorporating green screen technology. When Utasan is challenged to a singing duel by Kozo, an evil landlord, he seeks the help of a group of friendly spirits...

### The Week in Chapel: Women in Science



On Monday, Mrs Mackay celebrated the work of Rosalind Franklin, whose vital contribution to the discovery of DNA was shamefully neglected for decades. On Wednesday, Mr Sheldon spoke about Christa McAuliffe, the American teacher and astronaut who tragically lost her life in the Challenger space shuttle disaster of 1986. The link takes you to Monday's service, with a link to click through to Wednesday's talk at the end of the video.

### Queenswood Down the Decades: the 1961 *Queenswoodian* Magazine



We are delighted to share some excerpts from the 1961 *Queenswoodian* magazine. Sir Thomas Bennett's Prize Giving Speech provides an illuminating observation of how opportunities for young women of the day were rapidly expanding and how with growing accessibility to motor transport, television and travel – their generation were enjoying more freedom than ever before. The opening of the wooden bridge over Shepherd's Way was much celebrated and the Sixth Form Biologists visited New Hatfield. We hope you enjoy another nostalgic trip down the decades!