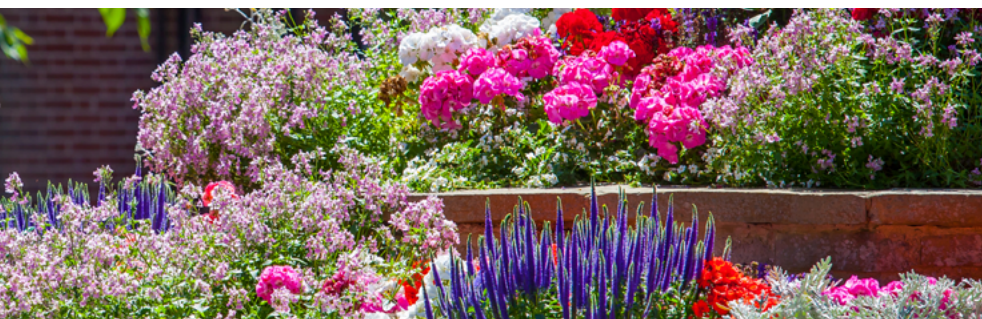


NEWS FROM Queenswood



We'd like to wish all the very best to pupils in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 for their end-of-year examinations next week.

News and information from www.queenswood.org

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The 'Bravo! Board'



Click [here](#) to find out about the amazing swimming exploits of Malaika (Year 7), who has been awarded Queenswood Elite Sportswoman status.

Weekend fun: Football's Coming Home



There is only one type of fun to be had this weekend – football! We give you [our guide to Euro 2020/21](#), and Queenswood's Head of Football Miss Bassett offers her insightful punditry.

This week we are reading...



A group of Year 7 students have enjoyed reading *Things the Eye Can't See* by Penny Joelson during their Personalised Learning lessons. It is a story of Libby and how she gets embroiled in a mystery which she then has to help solve to save her friends. Penny Joelson's creativity and exploration of disability and current societal issues makes the book interesting and exciting.

From the classroom

[Results of Inter-House Debating competition](#)

[Year 9 Religious Studies: exploring Buddhism through games](#)

[Year 7 Art: Spiral pictures on Read Court, inspired by Andy Goldsworthy](#)

News in brief

[Families in Focus: free course for parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities \(SEND\) in Hertfordshire](#)

[Queenswood ballet dancers donate uniform to charity](#)

[Congratulations Ms Milligan and welcome to baby Isabelle](#)

[Hartley House online raffle for Solace Women's Aid is now live](#)

['Girls That Can' Calendar: free and low-cost sporting activities in the Welwyn Hatfield area](#)

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.

Hertfordshire Festival of Music: Live Music-Making Returns to Queenswood!



After more than a year without any public performances, what a tonic it was to welcome the public into our concert venues for a week of glorious live music. As part of the Hertfordshire Festival of Music 2021, Queenswood hosted a series of socially-distanced recitals and events, including a masterclass with internationally acclaimed violinist Tasmin Little, an interview with the Master of the Queen's Music, Judith Weir CBE, and two sublime recitals given by Chloë Hanslip and Danny Driver.

Karl Hopwood: Internet Safety Talk for Parents



As some of you will be aware, Queenswood, with Stormont and Lochinver, hosted a virtual parents' event this week, with Karl Hopwood addressing internet safety. We have a recording of the event and this will be available online until Tuesday 15 June. Karl was in school on Wednesday speaking to each year group, and we hope that this will help to make all the pupils aware of dangers to avoid on the internet and also how to have a healthy online presence.

OQ Rowan McKellar Selected for Olympic Rowing Team



We are thrilled for OQ Rowan McKellar, who has been selected for the Tokyo Olympics. GB Rowing announced the final squads on Thursday, and Rowan is a member of the women's four. This is such an exciting opportunity for Rowan – we will be cheering every stroke of her oars this summer!

Roman Theatre Open Air Festival – Mr Jordan's Starring Role



As part of the Roman Theatre Open Air Festival at Verulamium in St Albans, our own Queenswood Theatre Manager, Mr Jordan, will be appearing in *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, which runs from 7 to 15 June. Click on the link above for more information and to book tickets

One Day Film School: Boarders Showcase Their Creativity



On Saturday 22 May, Queenswood boarders enjoyed an on-site crash course in film-making, courtesy of the fantastic team at One Day Film School. They learned about camera angles, editing techniques and building narratives, and put their new-found knowledge to use to create three compelling short films.

The Sixth Form Reimagined



We continue to receive very generous donations to our campaign to redevelop our Sixth Form Centre, and we'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has given since the last issue of the newsletter was published. If you would like to make a contribution, please click on the link above.

The Week in Chapel: Social Media and the Middle East



On Monday, Mrs Cameron spoke about the importance of using social media responsibly. On Wednesday, Rev'd Vindra explored the situation in the Middle East, in light of the recent tensions between Israel and the Palestinians. The link above will take you Monday's service, with a link at the end to view Wednesday's.

Mrs Moore Tells Queenswood to 'Go Wild'!



Next week in Chapel, Mrs Moore - Head of Personalised Learning at Queenswood, will be challenging our students to go wild for the rest of June! There is no need for alarm however, it's all part of the UK's biggest nature challenge. The Wildlife Trusts organisation has suggested 30 Random Acts of Wildness for everyone to participate in.

Proms at St Jude's Festival



This year, Queenswood will be supporting the Proms at St Jude's Festival, a wonderful array of music, literature, family events and heritage walks that takes place every summer in Hampstead Garden Suburb, North London. There are several events that might be of particular interest to our families, including an online-only conversation between Hilary Mantel (author of the *Wolf Hall* trilogy) and broadcaster Mark Lawson on Saturday 19 June. Click on the link above for more information.

Sofia Reaches County Finals of Road to Wimbledon Competition



32 pupils in Years 7, 8, and 9 have been competing all term in the Queenswood U14 Road to Wimbledon competition. This week saw the semi-finals and finals being played with Ava K, Scarlett-May M, Ava M and Sofia A making the last four. Sofia eventually emerged victorious, and will now go on to the County finals later this month.