

# NEWS FROM Queenswood



One of the most welcome sights of this academic year – a coachful of pupils setting off for day out! We snapped this photo of Year 11 as they headed to Thorpe Park at the start of Enrichment Week.

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Miss Bassett: Read Now, Run Later!



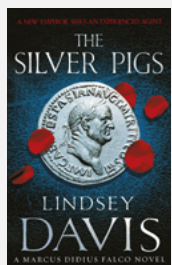
Having already coordinated a mammoth fundraising effort this year with Year 7, raising almost £2,000 for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, Miss Bassett is now taking on another challenge. She'll be running the Virgin London Marathon in October in aid of Queenswood's sponsorship of the 'Whispering Wood' at Noah's Ark.

Queenswood's Euro Football Tournament



As part of Enrichment Week our Year 7, 9, 10 and 12 pupils staged their own Euros tournament this week. Unfortunately England did not perform well enough to bring home the Henri Delaunay Cup, but the pupils enjoyed the competition nevertheless.

This week I am reading...



Mrs Donna Cresswell, Director of External Relations, has chosen *Silver Pigs* by Lindsey Davis. 'Mystery, conspiracy, fast-paced dialogue, a great plot and a dash of romance – this novel has it all. And on top of that, it's set in ancient Rome, so for all you Classics fans – this is one to get your teeth into.'

News in brief

[Books2All: Help reduce educational inequality by donating books](#)

[The Sixth Form Reimagined: Your donations are greatly appreciated](#)

[Hartley House online raffle for Solace Women's Aid: over £1,000 raised](#)

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.

Enrichment Week 2021



Pupils from all year groups enjoyed an action-packed week of activities and trips from 21 to 25 June. Although COVID restrictions meant that year group bubbles had to be maintained at all times, it was so refreshing to see pupils having fun beyond the classroom, in a return to something approaching normality.

There was so much going on that we've decided to split our round-up into two parts. In this edition, find out about Year 7 wielding medieval weaponry, Year 10 mastering the art of DJ-ing, Year 8 working with one of the world's leading theatre companies, Year 9 exploring the Japanese custom of Tanabata, Year 12 witnessing a murder, and much more!

Year 7-9 and Gold Singing Competitions: The Results



We are delighted to announce the winners of our two online singing competitions, judged this year by West End star Natalie May Paris, who is currently starring as Jane Seymour in *Six*. Natalie was extremely impressed by the talent on display in the many video submissions, and recorded messages of support to all participants.

Year 13: Afternoon Tea at St Michael's Manor



As part of a memorable week of activities and events to mark the end of their time at Queenswood, Year 13 spent an idyllic afternoon at St Michael's Manor in St Albans on Wednesday. They enjoyed a sumptuous afternoon tea, followed by an emotional photoshoot in the beautiful grounds of the hotel.

Celebrate Pride Month 2021



Pride Month, which takes place throughout June, is an annual celebration marking the anniversary of the Stonewall riots in New York in 1969. Here our Head Girl Hannah V tells us about Prism, Queenswood's club for pupils in Year 9 and above, where students meet to discuss LGBTQ+ issues and culture.

The Beautiful Birds of Queenswood: One Swallow Does Make a Q Summer



Following on from her previous articles, Miss Langdon, Visa Co-ordinator at Queenswood, tells us about her favourite summer visitor to Q - the Swallow. We hope that you enjoy her fascinating observations and that you manage to catch a glimpse of this remarkable bird over the summer holidays.