



Third time lucky! We managed to hold Sports Day 2021 on the very last day of the Summer Term. A full report on all the action will be published in a special issue of the newsletter during the holidays.

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The Bravo Board: Bravo Bears!



This week's 'Bravo!' goes out to every pupil in Year 7. To mark the end of an extraordinary first year at Queenswood, we presented each of them with their very own Bravo Bear during the prizegiving ceremony on Thursday.

Summer Fun: High Tides and Good Vibes



The summer is finally here, and it's time to get some sand between our toes! In the Admissions and Marketing Office we have been busy planning our staycations and choosing our favourite sea and sand destinations. Here are our top tips for a day at the seaside!

Next week I am reading.



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.

#### Prizegiving Week and Speech Day



We have been honouring the outstanding achievements of our pupils in a series of prizegiving ceremonies this week. The celebrations will culminate on Saturday at our annual Speech Day, where the guest speaker will be the televison presenter and advocate for girls in STEM, Kate Bellingham. Due to COVID restrictions, we are only able to host Year 13 and their families this year, but a video of the event, including footage of the awards ceremonies for each year group, will be available for the whole school community to watch shortly afterwards. Look out for an email on Saturday afternoon.

### Duke of Edinburgh: Silver and Gold Expeditions



A group of intrepid pupils from Years 10, 11 and 12 have just returned from a week of adventure in the Peak District. We've put together a montage of some of the best photographs; we'll have a full report in the next issue of the newsletter.

# Enrichment Week 2021: Part Two



In the second part of our round-up of Enrichment Week activities, we bring you more information about the fascinating Psychology Day enjoyed by Year 12, some beautiful tessellating artwork created by Year 8 and 9 pupils, and a showstopping demonstration of ballroom dancing by Stephen Paine, aka Queenswood's Head of Maths!

#### Year 7 Raise Vital Funds With a Cake, Bake and Sweet Sale



Our incredible Year 7 Kindness Ambassadors were busy organising another fantastic fundraising event this week. The girls planned and ran a Bake, Cake and Sweet Sale for other pupils and staff, which raised over  $\pounds 300$  for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice and various teenage cancer charities.

### LAMDA Chapel: Verse and Prose for Summer



It is traditional to finish the year in Chapel with a selection of seasonal readings from our LAMDA students. On Wednesday, pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 treated us to poems and extracts from a wide range of authors, including Christina Rosetti, Alan Ahlberg, Joanna Lumley and Gerald Durrell.

# Camp Beaumont: Summer Activities at Queenswood



After a challenging year for lots of young people, Camp Beaumont will be running confidence building day camp adventures for 3- to 16-year-olds at Queenswood this summer, with a whole host of sports, arts and crafts activities, and lots of fun water-based outdoor games. Families can use the discount code HS20 to get 5% off day camps, 10% off camp weeks and 50% off extended stays.



With the summer holidays upon us, we have swapped our weekly feature 'This Week I Am Reading...' for Mrs Truran's compilation of recommended reads for each year group. We hope that you have a fun and restful break, get some sand between your toes and enjoy lots of good books during your time off. Happy holidays!

#### News in brief

Hartley House raffle for Solace Women's Aid: an astonishing £1,145 raised to secure safe and stable futures for women and girls around the world

Dahlia C: youngest ever Queenswood Sports Personality of the Year

Highlighting OQ Businesses: June 2021

### Olympic Dreams Come True: Three OQs Selected for Tokyo 2020



This week, Queenswood Sport is celebrating a genuinely historic milestone, with confirmation that three former pupils have been selected to represent Team GB at the Tokyo Olympics! Sisters Jodie and Hannah Williams (pictured) will be competing together in the 4 x 400m relay, while rower Rowan McKellar will be part of the women's four. Jodie has also been selected for the 400m.

# The Sixth Form Reimagined: Renovation Work to Start Imminently



We were very excited with the arrival of a load of timber at Queenswood this week. The wood will be used to construct the outdoor seating area next to Bellman as part of the Sixth Form Centre renovation project. Many parents and OQs have kindly supported this venture, with donations totalling £227,000 as we go to print.

#### The Queenswoodian Magazine 2021



The latest edition of the school magazine has arrived. Pupils will be able to pick up print copies before they leave for the holidays, or when they return in September. It's also available to browse online – just click on the hyperlink above to view.