

# NEWS FROM

# Queenswood



We hope you are enjoying some well-earned rest and relaxation now that the holidays are here. In this mini newsletter we bring you reports of a few events that took place at the very end of the Summer Term.

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

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## Purchasing school uniform



Our uniform suppliers, Stevensons, would like to remind parents of new pupils that in-person appointments at our on-site school shop are available from Monday 12 July to Thursday 5 August: click [here](#) for details. A one-on-one appointment is particularly helpful when a child is starting a new school and the appointments are reserved **exclusively for new starters**. Parents who are [shopping online](#) this year are advised to do so as soon as possible, as Stevensons' despatch teams will become increasingly busier towards the end of summer.

## COVID guidance for September 2021

There are a number of imminent changes affecting schools, including quarantine arrangements, face coverings, bubbles and asymptomatic testing. We are keeping abreast of the latest government guidance and will communicate before the start of the new school year. Please keep an eye out for further information.

## Term dates: Autumn 2021

### Term begins for staff

Wednesday 1 September

### New pupils and Year 12 Induction

Friday 3 September

### Term begins for returning boarders\*

Sunday 5 September (evening)

### Term begins for all pupils

Monday 6 September (08:20)

### Home weekend for Years 7 and 8

Friday 24 September (16:30) to Sunday 26 September

### Half Term

Friday 15 October (16:30) to Sunday 31 October

### Home weekend for Years 7 and 8

Friday 19 November (16:30) to Sunday 21 November

### Term ends

Wednesday 15 December (12:00)

\*A number of overseas pupils will be quarantining at Queenswood from Saturday 28 August on a five-day 'test to release' programme.

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.

## Speech Day 2021



A week of prize-giving ceremonies culminated in our annual Speech Day on Saturday 3 July. Our guest speaker was Kate Bellingham, former presenter of *Tomorrow's World* and now a powerful advocate for women in STEM. The centrepiece of her speech was a clip from 1994 in which she introduced the concept of 'The Internet' to *Tomorrow's World* viewers. Kate reflected on the bewildering advances in technology that have taken place in the intervening 27 years, and invited the class of 2021 to imagine how the world will change in the next quarter of a century.

## Sports Day: Records Tumble on the Last Day of Term



After heavy rain twice postponed the event, it was particularly special for the school community to gather on the last day of term for a gloriously sunny Sports Day. Records were smashed in several track and field events, and the highly competitive Purple Mile relay race was won convincingly by the student team.

## Online Music Competitions: Watch the Winning Entries



The results of three online competitions for Queenswood musicians were announced at the end of the Summer Term. Our guest adjudicators, Linton Stephens of the Royal College of Music and West End star Natalie Paris, were extremely impressed with the standard of musicianship on display. You can watch videos of all the prize-winning performances in the [Musician of the Year](#) and [Year 7-9 and Gold Singing Competitions](#) by clicking on the hyperlinks.

## The Aberdare Cup: Heroic Efforts from Our Young Teams



We would like to congratulate our two tennis teams on reaching the final of the National Schools Championships, which took place in Nottingham last week. Sadly the teams were beset by injuries, but for these young players to have progressed so far is a tremendous achievement – particular for Dina, Bella, Scarlett-May, Tamara and Hannah, who were all making their debuts. Queenswood is one of only two schools in the country to field two teams in the competition, which is entered by over 2,000 schools each year.

## 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.

## Date for Your Diary: OQ Eleanor Grant and Family in Concert at Queenswood



We are very excited to announce that OQ Eleanor Grant, singer, double bassist and student at the Royal Academy of Music will be joined by her parents, world renowned vocalists Simon Grant and Jacqueline Barron, for a very special concert of musical treats in the Chapel at 7.30pm on Thursday 14 October 2021.



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