



The deadline for entries for our House Christmas Card Competition is **Thursday 18 November**.

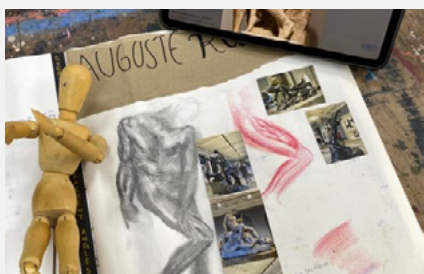
The winning designs will be sold in aid of our school charity, Noah's Ark Children's Hospice.

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#### Anti-Bullying Week: Odd Socks Day

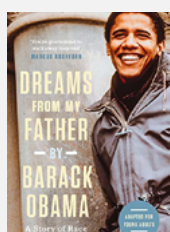
Next week is [Anti-bullying Week](#) and this year the theme of the campaign is 'one kind word'. On Monday 15 November we are inviting pupils and staff to wear odd socks to support the campaign's 'Odd Socks Day'.

#### Weekend fun: visit an art gallery



Our Sixth Form Art students each visited an art gallery over the October half-term to gather ideas and visual research for their A Level Fine Art coursework project. [Click here](#) to read their recommendations.

#### This week I am reading...



Mrs Vanessa Leigh, Admissions and Marketing Assistant, has chosen *Dreams From My Father* by Barack Obama, adapted for young adults. 'A real find for any parent hoping to encourage their young adult to widen their perspectives and embrace a good read. Obama's story, spanning his childhood to his time in office as the 44th President of the United States, enthralls and inspires.'

#### From the classroom

[Experiencing the Antarctic with Ian Richardson](#)

[Year 13 Psychology: a seminar with UCLH neurologist Dr Richard Perry](#)

[The return of live theatre trips](#)

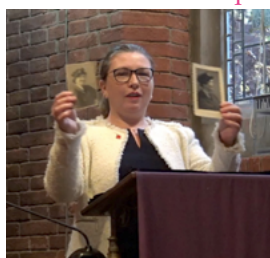
Welcome to the latest digest of news, events and blog posts from the website of Queenswood School. [Click on the pink hyperlinks to read more.](#)

#### House Performing Arts: The Results!



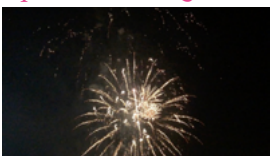
The agonising wait is over, and the results of this year's House Performing Arts Competition are in! In the week before half term, each House performed and recorded a programme of music, dance and drama items in the Clarissa Farr Theatre. You can watch their performances, as well as the superb adjudication from West End performer Jeff Nicholson, currently starring as Boycie in *Only Fools and Horses: The Musical*, via the link above.

#### The Week in Chapel: Remembrance and the Gunpowder Plot



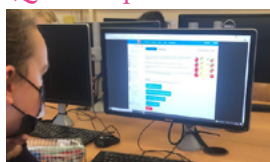
On **Monday**, Mr Sheldon explored the causes and effects of the Gunpowder Plot of November 1605, explaining the historical significance of autumnal firework displays in the UK. On **Wednesday**, Mrs Cameron spoke movingly about her Great Aunt Ruth and her extraordinary experiences during the Second World War. On Thursday, the school gathered for [a live-streamed Act of Remembrance](#) in tutor groups. A full Service of Remembrance will be held on Sunday at 6.00pm.

#### Spectacular QPA Fireworks and Food Festival



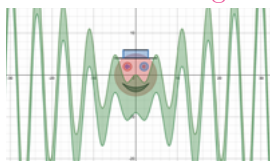
We were absolutely delighted to be able to host the legendary Queenswood Parents' Association Fireworks and Food Festival on Sunday 7 November, in aid of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice. Over 700 members of the school community gathered on Trew Lawn to enjoy a breathtaking display of pyrotechnics – our first since 2018.

#### Q's Computer Scientists Tackle Oxford University Bebras Challenge



This week, Queenswood entered the prestigious Bebras Computing Challenge, which involved students tackling a set of in-class computing tasks involving computational and logical thinking. Bebras is a well-established competition that is carried out in over fifty countries and is sponsored by Oxford University and the Raspberry Pi Foundation.

#### Maths Week England 2021: Desmos Art Competition



Our Sixth Form mathematicians created some fantastic entries for the Maths Week England Desmos art competition this week. Desmos is a dynamic graphing tool which the students enjoyed using to create art inspired by the theme 'the world around us'.

#### 2022 Cohort Enjoy Exciting New Assessment Day



It was wonderful to host our 11+ Assessment days during the past two weeks. The excitement was tangible as 176 prospective Queenswood pupils joined us for our newly-designed entrance events, for the first time being held in full before Christmas.