

# NEWS FROM Queenswood



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers.

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A message from Mrs Cameron



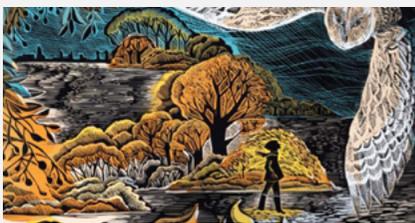
As the Autumn Term draws to a close I want to take this opportunity to send you **my very best wishes**.

Weekend fun: Get crafty for Christmas



Why not enjoy some crafty fun this weekend and **create your own Christmas decorations and gifts**? There are lots of ideas online to help you deck the halls and make your home look even more merry and bright. Here are our Christmas craft suggestions.

Next week I am reading...



With the Christmas holidays upon us, we have swapped our weekly feature 'This Week I Am Reading...' for a **compilation of recommended reads** for each year group from Mrs Truran.

In brief

**Queenswood Wind Band: 'Jingle Bells Bossa Nova'**

**Don't throw it away – throw it our way!** **Q** artists need items to upcycle

**Baking people happy: Mrs Lee's Christmas cakes for Noah's Ark**

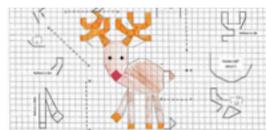
Welcome to the latest digest of news, events and blog posts from the website of Queenswood School. Click on the pink hyperlinks to read more.

A Service of Lessons and Carols



Sadly our plans for a whole school service at St Albans Abbey had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions, but we hope you enjoy this compilation of new readings and musical performances, combined with archive footage from Christmases past.

**Christmas Maths: Year 8's Festive Transformations**



Our Year 8 mathematicians have been consolidating their learning about Transformations this week and have created some fun and festive examples of Translations, Rotations, Reflections and Enlargements.

**The Week in Chapel**



On **Monday** Mr Frater gave a powerful and thought-provoking talk on the tragic recent deaths in the English Channel, and challenged us all to learn more about the unfolding crisis. On **Wednesday**, Rev'd Vindra reflected on the visitation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary.

**Art Competition: Create a Portrait of Santa**



Mrs Platt-Hawkins, Head of Art and Photography, is launching a fun Christmas art competition for the holidays - to create a portrait of Santa. This could be a line or tonal drawing in pencil or pen, on regular paper or Christmas leftovers. You could work in colour in pencils, watercolour or paints. You might choose to create a collage or sculpture or take a photo of someone dressed up. For a digital approach, perhaps make a film, stop frame animation or time lapse.

**Christmas Feasts at Queenswood**



We are so grateful to our amazing Catering team for the sensational festive food served this week. On Thursday night the boarders gathered for a delicious meal, while on Friday the Dining Hall was resplendent with Christmas jumpers, decorations and seasonal songs as the whole school enjoyed a feast of turkey and all the trimmings.

**Bethany and Mikayla Shine at Black Bears Polo Tournament**



Congratulations to Bethany N (Year 10) and Mikayla I W (Year 9) who represented Queenswood at the SUPA (Schools and Universities Polo Association) Arena Tournament at Black Bears on Sunday 28 November. Despite the freezing temperatures the girls had a great time, finishing second in a highly competitive group.