

NEWS FROM Queenswood



GCSE and A-Level Computing and Business students are off to Disneyland Paris this weekend for a series of live subject-related conferences and seminars. Bon voyage!

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Whole School Photograph

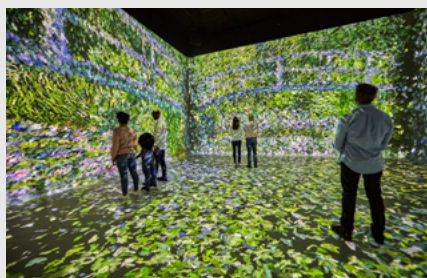
The whole school photograph takes place on **Wednesday 15 March**. It is very important that all pupils dress smartly. Years 7–11 must wear blazers, with or without a school jumper, and smart black school shoes. Sixth Formers must wear smart business attire. All lapel badges should be worn, but lanyards will be temporarily pocketed.

Year 11 Drama: *Amélie*



On Monday 27 February, Year 11 Drama students will stage two performances of scenes from this innovative adaptation of the classic French movie. Click [here](#) for tickets.

Weekend fun: step into the art scene



Immersive and multi-sensory art is taking the London cultural scene by storm and with most of the current exhibitions offering free or cheaper entry for Under 17s, this weekend why not step into one of [these](#) fascinating installations.

This week I am reading...



The Salt Path by Raynor Winn

Just days after Raynor learns that Moth, her husband of 32 years, is terminally ill, their home is taken away and they lose their livelihood. With nothing left and time running short, the intrepid couple decide to walk 630 miles of the sea-swept South West Coast Path, from Somerset to Dorset, via Devon and Cornwall. With each step of this remarkable journey, Winn crafts a truly life-affirming account of human endeavour, the healing effect of the natural world and how home can be lost, rebuilt and rediscovered.

In brief

What's on at the Crick: free entry to 'Genome Editing' exhibition

Tennis Scholar Hannah R takes J100 singles title in Slovakia

House Photography Competition: a super display of team effort and collaboration across year groups!

Stop Press!



Several of Queenswood's creative writers have had their work published in the latest Young Writers *Power of Poetry* anthology. We'll bring you a full report next week.

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.

Classics Trip: Rome Wasn't Toured in a Day!



GCSE and A-Level students of Latin and Classical Civilisation enjoyed four fascinating and action-packed days in Rome during the February half-term. This was a superb opportunity to see for themselves some of the ancient monuments and buildings they have been studying in class. Highlights included the Pantheon, the Trevi Fountain, the Forum, the Colosseum – and, of course, many, many trips to the gelateria!

Queenswood 2023 Joiners Receive a Special Gift from Mrs Cameron



We have been delighting our next cohort of Queenswoodians over the last few weeks with a surprise gift from Mrs Cameron - a 'Queenswood Joiner of 2023' purple hoodie! Our Joiners 2023 album is filling up with some wonderfully 'smiley' photographs and we can't wait to see the new students wearing their hoodies with pride for Induction Day in the Summer Term. The acceptance deadline for the offer of a Year 7 place in 2023, is Monday 6 March.

Victoria Cunningham OQ: Vice-President, Allied World Reinsurance, Bermuda



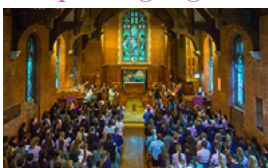
In 2015 I was awarded the Bermuda Insurance Institute's Young Industry Leader award. The opportunities I was afforded at Queenswood built my leadership skills and I am now a recognized reinsurance underwriter in Bermuda, the US and London markets.

Pancake Party Fun: Our Students Celebrate Shrove Tuesday



At lunchtime on Tuesday, our students enjoyed mini pancakes with cream and syrup in the Dining Room to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Our Boarders also held their own pancake party in the evening, cooking and devouring pancakes together in the Centre Boarding House Kitchen. The evening was great fun and the students did a great job of the clearing up too!

Chapel Highlights: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



On Monday in Chapel Mrs Cameron spoke about the importance of creativity and encouraged us all to be creative, especially when dealing with challenges. Later in the week, we observed Ash Wednesday and we sang the hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* - a most pertinent hymn for Lenten reflection.

Miss Bassett in Paris: Half Marathon for Noah's Ark



We are excited to report that Miss Bassett, Head of Year 8, along with OQ Bex Hurley, is travelling to France in early March to compete in the *Harmonie Mutuelle Semi de Paris* – the Paris Half Marathon. *Les dames courageuses* will be running the 21.1km race, through the iconic streets of Paris, in support of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, a most inspiring local charity that Miss Bassett has supported tirelessly for the last three years. Please support Miss Bassett [here](#). *Allez-y!*

More News of University Offers for Year 13



Recently we brought you news of some of the exciting offers of places at universities and other higher education institutions received by Year 13 students. We're now receiving news of offers for creative arts undergraduate courses.

Pastoral Talks for Parents: The Self-Esteem Team



On Monday 20 February, we welcomed Alex from The Self-Esteem Team for the first in a series of talks for parents and staff on pastoral themes. The event was very well received, and several parents commented on how helpful it was to have pragmatic, takeaway solutions that could be instantly implemented.

Music in Chapel: Ensembles Warm Up for Chamber Music Competition



In preparation for their participation in the prestigious South East Schools Chamber Music Competition, Queenswood's string ensembles performed extracts from their programmes in Chapel this week. We're delighted to share excerpts of performances by the Arioso Piano Trio and the Melisma String Quartet.

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award: Maeve's Epic Voyage



Maeve G (Year 13): 'I was so excited to find a brilliant and unusual residential course for my Gold Duke of Edinburgh award. I took part in the Rona Sailing Project, living on a boat with other teenagers, learning how to sail large yachts as a team... It really was a great experience. I made so many new friends and have been invited back to sail on other projects with Rona and even take part in some racing.'