

NEWS FROM Queenswood



Save the Date Sports Day

Friday 23 June

Don't forget to wear House colours!

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Coming Soon: A Monster Calls



Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 May

The Drama Scholars and Principal's Award Holders present a highly creative adaptation of Patrick Ness's award-winning novel. Conor, a twelve-year-old boy, encounters an ancient tree monster whose story-telling helps him cope with difficulties in his personal life. Tickets are available from the [Box Office](#).

Please note: This play deals with issues of grief and parental loss.

Weekend fun: Red Roses v France



This Saturday, England's Rugby Roses will take on France in Round 5 of the Tik-Tok Women's Six Nations tournament. Over 53,000 tickets have already been sold but there still some available, or you can watch the action live on BBC Two. Find out more [here](#).

This week I am reading...



Crossing the Line
by Tia Fisher

Erik's life has been falling apart ever since his dad died. Homework and being good at school stop feeling important

when you're the new man of the house. When Erik's bad behaviour attracts the wrong crowd, he's sucked into a terrifying new world of drug dealing, trap houses and violence. Highly readable and written in verse, Fisher's powerful novel explores how troubled teenagers can be swept up into the disturbing world of county lines. For fans of Jason Reynolds and Kwame Alexander.

In brief

[Brassed Off With Cancer: charity concert this Saturday in Q Hall](#)

[Queenswood Purple Challenge Competition: Easter bonnet winners!](#)

[Year 9 English: Letters to celebrities](#)

[EAL: Persuasive speeches](#)

[Year 9 Art: 'Food, Glorious Food'](#)

Good luck to Q Tennis players in this weekend's Herts LTA Lionel Cox Tennis Tournament – held here at Queenswood since 2002

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.

Queenswood Sports Awards Dinner 2023



Queenswood's sports stars gathered with staff and families for a truly memorable Sports Awards Dinner on Friday 21 April, celebrating another outstanding year of participation and achievement. Our guest of honour was Olympic triathlete Michelle Dillon. Many congratulations to all the prize winners, and thank you to everyone – over 240 pupils, parents and staff – who attended.

Physics: The Eurekas Limit Less Challenge



This week the Physics department have become a part of the Eurekas Limit Less Challenge, an annual physics awards programme for students aged 11-16 in the UK and Ireland to showcase the value of Physics and to inspire students to see physics differently. Click on the pink hyperlink above to find out how you could win up to £1,000!

A-Level Geography Field Trip to Yorkshire



Year 12 Geographers have had a fun and educational four days in Yorkshire learning the skills needed to design and complete their independent investigations. Their studies have taken them along the rapidly eroding Holderness Coast to survey the impacts of natural processes and into Scarborough to explore the town's place characteristics using the Great Places Wheel.

LAMDA Speech and Drama: Another Terrific Set of Results



Mrs Butlin, Mrs Finn and Mrs Goodman are delighted to announce another splendid set of LAMDA Speech and Drama results. 28 pupils took exams in Speaking in Public and Acting, with 19 Distinctions, 7 Merits and 2 Passes.

Culture Week: Celebrating Queenswood's Global Community



All this week we have been celebrating the many national cultures of Queenswood through a series of themed lunches and starter activities in lessons. Each day the celebrations, organised by the student-led Culture Society, focused on a different continent, and on Friday, pupils were encouraged to wear national dress or the colours of their national flags, with a lunchtime sale of food from around the world.

Culture Week: Students of Spanish Enjoy a Sevillian Feria de Abril



To coincide with Culture Week, the Spanish Department organised Q's very own Feria de Abril for Years 7 and 8 on Wednesday 26 April. La Feria de Abril is a weeklong fair that takes place in Seville every spring. It is one of the most important events in the calendar and celebrates many Andalusian traditions.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Training Weekend



Over the weekend of 22-23 April, 44 Bronze students and 19 Silver students took their first steps in their expedition section of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. They had a jam-packed weekend, learning new skills including map-reading using a compass and bearings, expedition nutrition and menu planning, and outdoor first aid.

Alexis and her Hearing Dog Rudy Feature in Favour Magazine



We were thrilled to hear that Alexis T (Year 7) and her hearing dog Rudy are featured in the spring issue of Favour, the magazine from the charity Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. Rudy helps Alexis to overcome the challenges she faces due to her hearing loss and you can read about their very special partnership in the magazine.

Chapel Highlights: Year 12 Students Neurodiversity Talk



April is Neurodiversity Awareness Month and on Monday in Chapel, Dr Yuasa, Assistant Head – Personalised Learning and Wellbeing, along with two students, Echo and Poppy (Year 12), came to talk to us. On Wednesday, we celebrated the winners of the [Queenswood Musician of the Year](#) competition and they received their trophies.

Artist of the Month: Angelina's Mouthwatering Dessert



Angelina O (Year 10) was named Artist of the Month for February 2023. Her striking painting of a strawberry dessert is inspired by the work of Lisa Milroy and Wayne Thiebaud is one of several artworks currently on display in Mrs Cameron's office.

School Council Report Form

Pupils can use [this form](#) (anonymously if they prefer) to share any issues or praise with members of the School Council.