

NEWS FROM Queenswood



Wishing all our readers a very happy Coronation Bank Holiday Weekend

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Coming Next Week: *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](#).

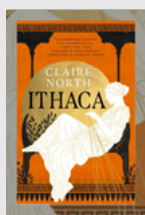
Please note: This play deals with issues of grief and parental loss.

Coronation fun on your doorstep...



If you're planning to celebrate the Coronation this weekend, there are lots of fun local activities for you to choose from. Our [suggestions](#) include watching the events in London, Coronation baking at home and even mucking out the elephants at Whipsnade Zoo!

This week I am reading...



Ithaca by Claire North

Seventeen years ago, King Odysseus sailed to war with Troy, taking with him every man of fighting age from the isle of Ithaca. None of them has returned, and the women of Ithaca have been left behind to run the kingdom. From the multi award-winning Claire North comes a daring, exquisite and moving tale that breathes life into ancient myth, and tells of the women who stand defiant in a world ruled by ruthless men. It's time for the women of Ithaca to tell their tale. A vibrant historical fiction novel for our older students.

In brief

[Made the Same Way](#): listen to a brand new Science podcast from The Crick

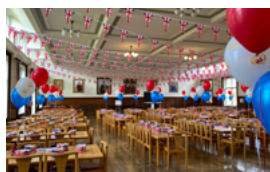
[Design Technology](#): Year 10 get crafty with recycled wood

[Mrs Platt-Hawkins walks the Camino de Santiago](#)

[Inter-House Rounders](#)

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.

The Coronation of King Charles III: Queenswood Celebrates



The Dining Room was bedecked in glorious red, white and blue on Friday, as the School celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III with a scrumptious party lunch. Our fantastic Catering team served a quintessentially British menu including fish and chips and a garden party tea, all of which was eagerly devoured by the pupils!

Primary and Prep Schools Tennis Festival



Over 200 children from local primary and prep schools joined us for an afternoon of Tennis activities on our clay courts on Tuesday 2 May. Pupils enjoyed the opportunity to hone their skills, and to pick up tips from our coaches and scholars. Thanks to the many Year 11 and 12 leaders who supported the event during their PE lessons

The Best Seat in the House: A Coronation Bench for the Q Community



To commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III, we were delighted to unveil a beautiful bench encircling the catalpa tree on Trew Lawn, planted in 1946 to commemorate the school's Diamond Jubilee. The Queenswood community will enjoy stunning views of Trew House and the surrounding grounds for many years to come.

Fencing: Success for Zina (Year 9) at the Osijek Fencing Cup



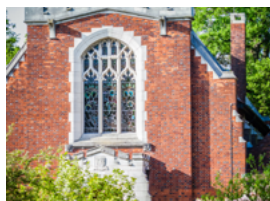
We send our congratulations to Zina S (Year 9) who took part in the Osijek Fencing Cup in Croatia in April, finishing an impressive 6th overall in the U14 category and 33rd in the U17s. The next competition for Zina on the European circuit will take place in Bulgaria in May. Well done Zina!

A Notice from Mrs Platt-Hawkins: GSA Photography Competition 2023



The Girls' School Association is delighted to announce a new photography competition to encourage girls to be bold and go beyond their perspective through visual creativity. The theme of the competition is 'now you know' and it's an opportunity to show the world what you wish they knew about your life in just one photo.

Chapel Highlights: Gold Singing Award Finalists



On Wednesday in Chapel, we honoured the prize-winners of this year's Gold Singing Award, which took place back in November. We enjoyed performances from Bethany N (Year 11), Commended, Konyinsola S, (Year 13), Highly Commended, and Isabella P-V (Year 12), Winner. Mrs Elle Jackson, Director of Music, presented the trophy to Isabella.

Music Concerts and Events: Summer 2023



The Summer Term is always busy in the Music Department, and this year is no exception. We have a range of concerts and competitions to look forward to over the next two months, including the Lower School Singing Award and the joyful al fresco Summer Concert on Read Court. We are also proud to continue our association with the Hertfordshire Festival of Music, and we will be welcoming Emma Johnson, 'Britain's favourite clarinetist', for a masterclass on 15 June. Click on the link above to see the full programme of events.

Junior Hockey: 10 Queenswood Hockey Players Represent Hertfordshire!



Queenswood's Junior Hockey players have enjoyed a superb end to the 2022-23 season, with an unprecedented 10 players selected to represent Hertfordshire in the East of England Championships last weekend. Abi T and Willow D played for Herts A, the overall champions, and received gold medals for their efforts!

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.