

NEWS FROM Queenswood



Good luck to all students taking part in Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions this weekend

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Friday 19 May 2023

Year 12 Drama: *Moon Over Soho*



On Monday 22 May, Year 12 Drama students will stage two performances of their devised adaptation of the Threepenny Opera. Click [here](#) for tickets.

Weekend fun: local exhibitions



For students studying textiles, a visit to *Threads through Creation*, an exhibition at St Albans Cathedral, might be worth considering this weekend, and our Allotment Club members may enjoy a visit to the *2023 Chelsea Fringe Festival*. Please click [here](#) for more details.

This week I am reading...

Things a Bright Girl Can Do
by Sally Nicholls



Through rallies and marches, in polite drawing rooms and freezing prison cells and the poverty-stricken slums of the East End, three courageous young women join the fight for the vote. Shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2019, Nicholls' hugely enjoyable novel about the suffragette movement brings the heroines of the past radiantly alive for our young people of today. A captivating YA read, which explores the grim realities of poverty and war alongside the intensity of first love.

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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.

[Music Scholars and Principal's Award Holders Concert](#)



A busy summer of music activities kicked off on Tuesday 16 May, with a delightful concert of solo performances from some of our Scholars and Principal's Award Holders. The programme included musical theatre numbers alongside pieces from the classical repertoire. Enjoy highlights from the concert by clicking on the hyperlink above.

[Mental Health Awareness Week at Queenswood](#)



We have been marking Mental Health Awareness Week with a series of activities, talks and drop-in sessions during tutorials, breaktime, lunch and after school. Pupils have been expressing themselves through paint on a specially created 'graffiti wall', learning vital self-defence skills in a Krav Maga workshop, getting crafty at a 'knit and natter' session, enjoying dog therapy walks around campus, engaging in mindfulness colouring activities, and much more.

[This Week in Chapel](#)



This week in Chapel the focus was Mental Health Awareness Week. On Monday, our outgoing Wellbeing Prefect Georgie I (Year 13) outlined the many activities and drop-in sessions taking place. On Wednesday, Mrs Truran, Librarian, gave a very moving personal account of her family history and the magical power of reading for pleasure.

[Year 9 Textiles: Illuminating Blood Bag Project](#)



The Blood Bag Project is a craft project that aims to raise awareness of the rare blood condition Diamond Blackfan Anaemia (DBA) and to encourage more people to donate blood. Our Year 9 Textiles students have eagerly embraced this very special initiative and their unique craft blood bags have raised awareness amongst their peers and teaching staff.

[F1 in Schools: Bake Sale in Aid of STEM Competition](#)



Team Rhea is Queenswood's F1 in Schools team. F1 in Schools is a competition where students work to build the fastest model formula one car. Team Rhea are hosting a bake sale on Wednesday 24th May in order to raise money to build the car, and they would love your support. Click on the hyperlink for more information.

[Artist of the Month: Paula's Sweet Treats](#)



Many congratulations to Paula A A (Year 9), whose superbly rendered painting of confectionery is currently on display in Mrs Cameron's office. Paula was named Artist of the Month for April 2023.

[Mentor Partnership Programme with Northaw Primary School](#)



We have set up a mentor partnership programme with Northaw Primary School. The aim of this partnership is to give our pupils the opportunity to have an educational impact on another classroom. They have chosen the theme of 'being a positive upstander' and have run sessions based on this for the Year 6 class at Northaw.

[May Sports Round-Up: Tennis, Track and Field and More](#)



It's been a highly successful few weeks for Queenswood's sportswomen, with major individual and team success in athletics and tennis. Click on the hyperlink to see the latest pictures, videos and news from the QueenswoodSport Instagram feed.

[Inter-House Debating Competition 2023](#)



The school assembled in the Chapel on Friday 19 May for a closely contested Inter-House Debating Competition. Two speakers from each of the four competitive houses were tasked with setting out arguments for or against the motion, 'This House believes that teachers should be paid according to their students' results'.

[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.