

NEWS FROM Queenswood



We'd like to wish all our readers very happy half-term holiday.

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House logos: winning designs



Congratulations to Sophie C and Izzy T (Year 10), winner and runner-up of our [competition](#) to design House logos for flags and other promotional materials.

Weekend fun: Herts County Show



It's forecast to be a gloriously sunny weekend; perfect weather to visit the [Herts County Show](#). With a packed programme including show jumping, cattle and sheep competitions, and performances from the Atkinson Action Horses, the show is a fantastic day out!

This week I am reading...

Frida Kahlo: Her Life, Her Work, Her Home by Francisco de la Mora



Frida Kahlo is remembered as one of the most inspiring personalities of the 20th century. In this vivid graphic novel, endorsed by the Frida Kahlo Museum in Mexico City, de la Mora explores both the public and private faces of the iconic artist, documenting the landscapes and environments that inspired her, the dreams and nightmares that drove her, and the many people she loved. It is also a joyously beautiful tribute to her life, her work, her home – and her art.

In brief

[Calling all geographers: RGS Young Geographer of the Year competition](#)

[Year 7 Art: imaginative continuous line drawings](#)

[Year 10 DT: giving a new lease of life to old wooden spindles](#)

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.

Lower School Singing Competition 2023



21 pupils from Years 7 to 9 took part in the final of this year's Lower School Singing Competition, held in the Ernest Read Hall on Thursday 25 May. Our adjudicator, West End star Kim Leeson Davis, was extremely impressed by the standard of singing, and had the difficult task of awarding prizes.

Year 12 Drama: *Moon Over Soho*



Year 12 Drama students staged their own highly inventive adaptation of the Threepenny Opera story in the Clarissa Farr Theatre on Monday 22 May. Inspired by the muscular physicality of Steven Berkoff, and the dark, unsettling music of the Tiger Lilies, this concise, intricately detailed production evoked the sleaze and violence of London's East End in the 19th century.

Inter-House Spelling Bee 2023



Queenswood's keenest wordsmiths battled it out in the Clarissa Farr Theatre on Wednesday 24 May as the four houses competed for the title of Inter-House Spelling Bee Champions 2023. Pupils faced a series of classic spelling bee word lists featuring vocabulary from English, Maths and Science, plus a number of specialist rounds, such as Japanese loan words and terms related to the King's coronation.

This Week in Chapel: Honey Bees and Sewing Bees



The theme in Chapel this week was Community. On Monday we heard from Mr Sheldon (Senior Deputy Head), who marked World Bee Day with a fascinating analysis of the complex social structures of the beehive. On Wednesday, Mr Turner (Teacher of DT) introduced us to a community of which he and his department are proud members – dedicated fans of *The Great British Sewing Bee*.

Artist of the Month: Jemima's Brooding Cityscape



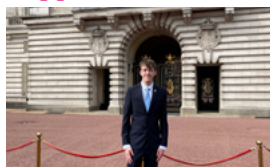
Jemima T (Year 9) was named Artist of the Month for March 2023. Her highly atmospheric charcoal cityscape is one of several artworks currently on display in Mrs Cameron's office. Congratulations, Jemima!

Tennis Festival



We rounded off the half-term with a fabulous Tennis Festival at the Pavilion. Tutor groups set up charity stalls selling refreshments, games, water balloons – and the opportunity to splat teachers with custard pies (which, as ever, proved popular!) The afternoon culminated in the final of the Nicola Mabbitt Tournament, and the awarding of many prizes for the various singles and doubles contests that have taken place in recent weeks.

Support Staff Colleague Matty Lee Receives DofE Gold Award



We are thrilled to report that our Support Staff colleague Matty Lee, was awarded his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award on 15 May. Matty, accompanied by his mother and fellow Queenswood member of staff, Ms Jo Lee, received his award from the Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace. Congratulations Matty!

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award: Practice Weekend for Year 9



Last weekend our Year 9 students working towards their Bronze DofE award, enjoyed a fantastic practice weekend in preparation for their expedition in June. The weekend included a 10k walk around the local area and a camp-out on Trew Lawn with lots of lasting memories being made along the way.

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.