

NEWS FROM Queenswood



We would like to wish a happy summer to all our readers, and the very best for the future to those pupils and staff who are leaving Queenswood at the end of this academic year.

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The Queenswoodian magazine



The Queenswoodian magazine for the academic year 2022-23 has been published. It's a compelling round-up of the achievements and activities of pupils and academic departments, along with a selection of thought-provoking creative writing. Physical copies were distributed at Speech Day, and you can read a digital copy [here](#).

Video: Highlights of the Year



Summer fun: the holidays are here!



After a jam-packed term, school's out! To help you make the most of the long break, we have combined our features Weekend Fun and On Your Doorstep to bring you suggestions of **summer holiday activities** you might enjoy. Stay safe, sunscreen up and have fun!

This week I am reading...

Mrs Truran's Reading Suggestions for the Summer Holidays



Mrs Jayne Truran, our esteemed Head Librarian retired at the end of this term. She has enthused students and staff for the last seven years with her inspiring reading recommendations and provided invaluable support to colleagues throughout this time. We cannot thank Jayne enough and will miss her hugely. We wish her a very happy retirement full of adventures and of course, some great books! For one last time, here are Mrs Truran's summer holiday reading suggestions for each year group.

In brief

Violinist Asha wins prize in major international competition

Future Learn free courses for Year 12: select *limited access* when joining course

Lego Club: a reminder from Mrs Looker

Queenswood advert airs on Heart Radio: listen [here](#)

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.

Speech Day 2023



Pupils, parents, OQs, staff, Governors and VIP friends of Queenswood gathered on Saturday 1 July for a celebration of another year of outstanding achievement and participation. Our guest speaker was Olympic athlete Jodie Williams OQ, who spoke powerfully and poignantly about defining success. The outgoing Head Girl, Sofia M gave a very warm and witty speech, in which she paid tribute to the friends and staff who have supported her in her academic and sporting endeavours over the last seven years.

Aberdare Cup: U18 Tennis Team Complete the Treble for Queenswood!



Queenswood's U18 tennis team made history in the last week of June as they won the Aberdare Cup in Nottingham for the 28th time. This victory, coming just six months after our teams won the national schools championships at U13 and U15, means that Queenswood currently holds the national title at all ages.

The Week in Chapel: Farewell to Rev'd Vindra



On Wednesday, Rev'd Vindra led her final school service as Chaplain of Queenswood. Mr Daughton paid tribute to her thoughtfulness, her kindness and her inimitable elegance, before Rev'd Vindra herself reflected on her own spiritual journey, and the significance of Queenswood in her development as a minister.

DofE: An Update from our Bronze and Silver Award Students



Our Year 9 and 10 students have had an active year working towards their Bronze and Silver DofE Awards, learning new skills, volunteering and taking part in both practice and qualifying expeditions. Lola S (Year 9) and Kirat G (Year 10) tell us in their own words, what a fun and worthwhile experience DofE has been for them.

Sports Day Photo Gallery



The school came together on Friday 23 June for a magnificent celebration of sporting achievement and participation. Pupils cheered and waved giant House flags as records tumbled in track and field events, and the Purple Mile – a 16x100m relay race contested between parents, pupils and teachers – was won by the staff team.

Al Fresco Summer Concert with Rebetiko Carnival Band



We finished the musical year in style on Thursday 29 June, with a highly entertaining – and extremely well-attended – al fresco concert on Read Lawn. Ensembles of all ages and sizes, along with a number of solo vocalists, performed an eclectic programme of classical and popular music.

The Sixth Form at Queenswood: 'Whatever the Future Holds, You'll Be Ready'



Our outgoing Year 13 have created this video showcasing the superb facilities of the Bellman Sixth Form Centre, and explaining some of the unique privileges and responsibilities enjoyed by Sixth Formers at Queenswood. We'd like to thank them for their time and effort, and wish them all the best for the future.

Boarding News: A Video Round-up of the Year



Members of the boarding staff have put together this video round-up of a memorable term – we hope you enjoy it!

Artist of the Month: Greisi's Striking Statue of Liberty Sketch



Greisi B (Year 8) was named Artist of the Month for June 2023. Her striking pencil sketch of the Statue of Liberty is one of several artworks currently on display in Mrs Cameron's office.

Year 12 Students Enjoy Japanese Cultural Activities



Year 12 students enjoyed traditional Japanese cultural activities this week as they took part in a tea ceremony or sadou, and ikebana – the Japanese art of flower arranging. The students embraced the traditional sadou by preparing and drinking their own Matcha green tea, and for the ikebana activity they arranged flowers in vases and containers.

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.