

# NEWS FROM Queenswood



Welcome to a new academic year at Queenswood. We hope you had a wonderful summer!

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## Co-Curricular Programme: Autumn 23



Please consider the **Autumn Term Co-Curricular Programme** this weekend, and then sign up on SOCS to the clubs you would like to join. Tutors will be happy to assist if you need help.

## Weekend fun: Heritage Open Days



Rothamsted Manor in Harpenden is opening its doors to the public this weekend as part of **Heritage Open Days** – England's largest festival of history and culture. Pop along for a manor house and garden tour, fun activities and enjoy a cream tea!

## This week I am reading...

### *Impossible Creatures* by Katherine Rundell



It was a very fine day, until something tried to eat him. A boy called Christopher is visiting his reclusive grandfather when he witnesses an avalanche of mythical creatures come tearing down the hill... Written by the author of *The Explorer* and *The Golden Mole*, *Impossible Creatures* is the first instalment of a thoroughly immersive epic fantasy series which finds an ordinary boy and a flying girl enmeshed in adventures with a host of magical creatures. A riveting read, perfect for our Year 7 students.

## In brief

**Summer sports round-up: success for Q's sportswomen**

**Tatler Schools Guide 2024: 'It's a grand slam from Queenswood'**

**Queenswood Transport Service: a new look for our fleet of vehicles**



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.

## A-Level Success for Queenswood's Class of 2023



Pupils, parents and teachers at Queenswood School are celebrating a richly deserved set of A-Level results. Year 13 students have been rightfully rewarded for their dedication and hard work. They are now looking ahead to exciting undergraduate courses at some of the leading institutions in the UK and USA.

## Queenswood Pupils Celebrate GCSE Results



Year 11 pupils and their teachers are celebrating a strong set of GCSE results. 71.1% of grades were 9-6 (equivalent to A\*-B in the previous grading system), with 50.3% at grade 7 or above. There were some tremendous individual success stories, with over a half of students achieving at least nine grades 9-6 and several receiving five or more grade 9s – an outstanding accomplishment.

## A First Glimpse of Our Stunning Wellbeing Centre



We are pleased to announce the opening of the new Wellbeing Centre. This is a space for students to have a quiet and reflective moment during their busy school day. There are designated areas for students to be able to do mindfulness activities and take a time-out in a calm environment.

## Strategic Developments: Renovations in Science and the 'ABC'



As part of our five-year strategy, we are delighted to announce that extensive work has taken place during the summer holidays on two significant development projects. In the Science Department, two laboratories have been entirely reconfigured, while the first stage of the renovation of the Audrey Butler Centre has also taken place.

## Queenswood Hall: Switching on the Sunshine!



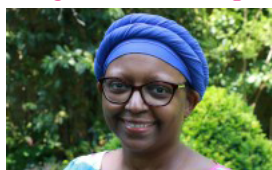
The sun is shining gloriously and it is fantastic to see the ongoing transformation of Queenswood Hall as it becomes our first building to be adorned with solar panels. We estimate that the panels will create enough renewable energy to provide around 9% of the electricity we currently need at Queenswood.

## Drop Everything and Read



Drop Everything and Read is a wonderful way of encouraging our students to read. This term books will form part of students' equipment and they will be given the opportunity to stop everything and read for ten minutes each week. Staff will read alongside students and enjoy the ability to be able to slip into another world.

## OQ Anna Nsubuga: UK Ambassador and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO



OQ Anna Nsubuga, Class of 1993, recently contacted our Alumnae and Fundraising Manager - Amy Cronin, to share with us her news having presented her credentials to the Director General. We are delighted to report on Anna's most impressive career to date and her exciting and critical new role with UNESCO.

## Capture the Flag



There was fantastic House spirit on display at our first competitive event of the year on Thursday 7 September. The annual inter-house Capture the Flag competition took place under cloudless skies on Trew Lawn. Congratulations to Waller, the overall winners, and well done to everyone for their relentless enthusiasm despite the heat!

## Senior Hockey Tour to Utrecht



Queenswood's Senior Hockey players enjoyed a fantastic pre-season tour of Utrecht, Netherlands at the start of September, including training sessions at the world's largest Hockey club! You can follow their journey via these posts from the QueenswoodSport Instagram account.