

NEWS FROM Queenswood



Open Morning
Saturday 23 September

A reminder that all pupils are required to be in school from 8.40am to 12.00pm.
Many thanks for your co-operation.

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Friday 15 September 2023

Save the date: *Into the Sixth Form* event



If you are a pupil or the parent of a pupil in Year 10 or 11, please save the date for our upcoming *Into the Sixth Form* event on 3 October. Refreshments will be served from 5.00pm, with talks starting at 5.30pm. More details will follow soon from Mr Fox.

Weekend fun: visit to Verulamium



Heritage Open Days - England's largest festival of history and culture continues this weekend, and on Saturday, Verulamium Museum in Saint Albans will be taking part in the festival and welcoming visitors for free. Find out more about the museum [here](#).

This week I am reading...

The Lost Bookshop by Evie Woods



'The thing about books,' she said 'is that they help you to imagine a life bigger and better than you could ever dream of.' On a quiet street in Dublin, a lost bookshop is waiting to be found and Opaline, Martha and Henry, too long the side characters in their own lives, find themselves transported to a world of wonder... where nothing is as it seems. An utterly magical and absorbing read from the bestselling author of *The Story Collector*, this mix of historical fiction, romance and fantasy will enchant our older students.

In brief

Trying something new: Annabelle Learns to Sail

Dance Scholar Teagan: soloist dance champion at House of Energy

Cut and Paste Exhibition at The Crick: the ethics of genome editing



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.

Spotlight on Senior Prefects: Introducing Willow H, Your New Head Girl



'I would like to increase communication between students and teachers – especially since the school has so many new faces and facilities like the wellbeing centre – so that everyone has the best experience possible.' Read Sienna M's interview with Willow H, Head Girl for 2023-24.

Edinburgh 2023: The Reviews Are In!



Year 13 Drama and Media students spent four days in August soaking up the unique atmosphere of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. They watched over twenty shows, ranging from hilarious improvised comedy such as *Showstoppers!* and *Austentatious* to profoundly moving drama, with puppetry, drag queens, physical theatre, circus and virtuoso musicianship.

Boarders' Trip to Thorpe Park



Boarders of all ages enjoyed their first outing of the year on Sunday 10 September – an action-packed trip to Thorpe Park. There are many more exciting activities planned for forthcoming weekends, including Laser Quest, One Day Film School and a 'Walk.Eat.Talk. Eat' tour of London. Click [here](#) to see the full programme.

Reverend Kate Douglas's Welcome and Licensing Service



We will bring you a full report on Reverend Kate's special service in next week's newsletter. In the meantime, click on the hyperlink above to view our Instagram post about the visit of The Right Reverend Richard Atkinson OBE, Bishop of Bedford, and The Reverend Dr David Chapman, Methodist District Chair and Queenswood Governor .

Just Married! OQ and School Counsellor, Katie Bishop, Shares Her Special News



We are thrilled to report that Queenswood's Resident School Counsellor and OQ Katie Bishop, married her partner Morgan Prior on 8 July at St Mary's Church, Hertingfordbury. In attendance at the very special occasion were several of Katie's OQ friends – our leavers of 1998.

Co-Curricular Clubs Are Off to a Flying Start!



Clubs got off to a flying start this week as our students threw themselves into the Autumn Term Co-Curricular Programme. Our Sixth Form newsletter reporters, Sienna M, Scarlett E and Emma DLM, along with Mrs Leigh, caught some of the fun on camera and are delighted to share their images with you.

MFL Instagram Relaunch



The Modern Foreign Language Department are relaunching their Instagram account ahead of the European Day of Languages, which the school will be celebrating on Tuesday 26 September. We'll bring you a full report after the event – in the meantime, if you're an Instagram user, you may like to [follow their account](#).

Cecchetti Ballet Associates Scheme: Successful Auditions for Year 9 Students



Congratulations to Isabelle A (9H), Tana S-B (9S) and Annabelle K (9W) who have successfully auditioned for the Cecchetti Ballet Associates scheme - Isabelle and Tana for the second year running! The students will enjoy monthly ballet classes at Rambert Dance, Twickenham, in addition to their weekly lessons at Queenswood.

OQ Joanna Neville Features in 'Art in America' After Warhol Conservation



OQ Joanna Neville, Class of 2012, remembers her time spent in the Queenswood Art Block with much fondness. Since leaving Q, Joanna has followed her love of Art and is currently working in New York as a paintings conservator, with a specialism in modern and contemporary artwork.

Lego Club: Every Brick Counts!



Mrs Looker's new Lego Club has proved to be one of our most signed-up-for activities this term. The club has gratefully received a few donations of pre-loved Lego and Mrs Looker has also purchased a quantity of good second-hand Lego from eBay – but she needs more!