



## Seventh Heaven in Devon!

Our youngest pupils enjoy a bonding trip to remember...

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Scholarship applications are open!



Applications are invited from pupils who would like to be considered for scholarships in Academic (13+ and 16+), Art, Dance, Drama, Hockey, Music, Sports and Tennis.

**Please note:** We are willing to consider all applications but please be aware that these awards are competitive, and we regret that it is very unlikely that we will offer a scholarship to all applicants. Please only apply if you are prepared to accept that these difficult decisions are made in good faith by the assessors and on the basis of what is presented to them in the application and on the assessment day. Teachers will be very happy to talk to candidates about their application after the scholarships have been awarded, but this is not an opportunity to reverse a decision.

Click [here](#) for information about where to collect an application form.

Weekend fun: London Film Festival



Film enthusiasts from around the world are gathering to celebrate the highly anticipated London Film Festival, 2023. With a rich and diverse lineup of films, this year's festival promises to be a thrilling cinematic experience. Click [here](#) for film times and ticket purchases.

This week I am reading...

*The Forward Book of Poetry 2024*  
by Various Authors



It was National Poetry Day on Thursday and the theme this year was 'refuge'. Organisers of the event - the Forward Arts Council, have curated a selection of most compelling poems based on this theme for schools to share with their young people. You can read the poems [here](#). Our reading suggestion this week is The Forward Book of Poetry 2024, which brings together the best poetry published in the British Isles over the last year, including the winners of the 2024 Forward Prizes.

In brief

[RIBA Future Architects: free resources for Sixth Form aspiring architects](#)

[Year 10 Art: responses to Robert Indiana's LOVE sculpture](#)

[New travel authorisation required for entry into the European Union](#)



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### Into the Sixth Form 2023



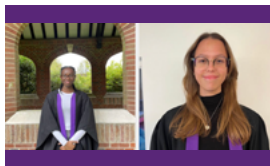
Year 10 and 11 students had the opportunity to explore the offerings of Queenswood's Sixth Form during our open event on Tuesday 3 October. The highlight of the evening was the dynamic subject fair held in Queenswood Hall, with information stations for all 27 subjects offered in our curriculum. Click on the hyperlink to tour the subject fair, and to listen to speeches from staff and students.

### Mid-Autumn Extravaganza!



On Friday 29 September the EAL department celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival, also known as the Moon Festival. The girls enthusiastically crafted lanterns and mooncake boxes, immersing themselves in rich cultural tradition. The event was adorned with an array of Chinese teas served in authentic teacups.

### Spotlight on Prefects: Gemma, Stamp Prefect and Melisa, International Prefect



This week we introduce you to Gemma E, Stamp Prefect, who supports our youngest pupils in Years 7 and 8 and Melisa A, International Prefect, who helps to ensure our students from overseas are supported in every aspect of student life. The girls talk about their prefect roles, ambitions and fun moments in the Sixth Form.

### Go Red for Dyslexia: Dyslexia Awareness Week 2023 at Queenswood



This week at Queenswood, we celebrated Dyslexia Awareness Week with the theme 'Uniquely You'. In the PLC, students explored their unique thumbprints in red ink, symbolizing support for the *Go Red for Dyslexia* campaign and the Personalised Learning Team shared a wealth of informative resources about this neurological difference.

### Kalli Joins the National Youth Orchestra



We are thrilled to report that cellist and Queenswood Music Scholar Kalli Z (Year 10) has won a place in the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain. This is a superlative achievement. The NYO, known in the music industry as 'the world's greatest orchestra of teenagers', comprises just 160 players, and competition for places is fierce.

### Fencing News: Year 8 Bryony Selected for England's U14s Sabre Team



We are delighted to report some incredible fencing news this week as we have just learned that Bryony S (Year 8) has been selected for England's U14s Sabre Team. This is a phenomenal achievement, especially as she only started fencing after joining the school's co-curricular club last academic year. Well done, Bryony!

### Geography: Year 11 Field Trip to Norfolk



Year 11 Geographers spent a fruitful three days in Norfolk in September completing their GCSE fieldwork. The Geography focused on coastal processes and students collected data such as beach profiles and sediment shape and size in order to compare the characteristics of Salthouse and Weybourne beaches.

### Medical Society: Drug Absorption and Metabolism



This week at Medical Society Miss Smith (Head of Science) gave a lecture on drug absorption and metabolism. In the lecture we considered the effect of polar bonds on drug absorption and administration and we discussed the first pass effect and how this must be considered by medics when calculating drug doses.

### Academic Scholars' Seminar: Solar Panels



Last month, Mr Ian Williams, Queenswood's Bursar, spoke to the Academic Scholars about the process of installing solar panels on the roof of Queenswood Hall, an initiative that will supply around 8-9% of the school's annual energy needs. Izzy P, Year 8 Academic Scholar, reports.

### Ultimate Adventure: Year 7 Bonding Trip to Devon



Year 7 pupils have enjoyed an action-packed week of bonding activities in Devon. They've been climbing high ropes, kayaking, racing scooters, shooting arrows, tackling the Wipeout course...and getting very, very wet! Click on the hyperlink to view a small selection of the hundreds of photographs that were taken during the week.

### This Week in Chapel: Celebrating and Valuing All that God Creates



In assembly, the Green Q Prefect and Eco Warrior Team outlined their plans for enhancing environmental awareness and sustainability at Queenswood. In this week's service, a reading from Genesis 1:1-5 emphasized the Earth's dependence on God's creative power. The Chaplain urged everyone to take responsibility for caring for the planet amidst climate change and pollution.

### Q Welcomes Southern Cape Netball and Hockey Teams from South Africa



Our Senior Queenswood teams were in action on Tuesday afternoon as we welcomed Southern Cape Netball and Hockey squads from South Africa. The matches saw some highly contested play and it was an incredible opportunity for our students to compete against a team's whose style of play was entirely different from their own.

### 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.