

# NEWS FROM Queenswood



## Save the Date

## Queenswood Parents' Association Coffee and Chat

Tuesday 14 November 14:30–16:00

Click [here](#) for details

News and information from [www.queenswood.org](http://www.queenswood.org)

Friday 13 October 2023

We Will Rock You: tickets on sale



Tickets are selling fast for our production of the legendary Queen musical, to be staged in the Clarissa Farr Theatre on Tues 28, Wed 29 and Thurs 30 November.

Weekend fun: Black History Month



Black History Month in the UK, shines a spotlight on the rich contributions and heritage of Black Britons. Established in the 1980s, it fosters understanding, combats discrimination, and enhances inclusivity. Numerous events, including exhibitions, festivals, and performances, are taking place locally and in the capital city, offering opportunities to celebrate this heritage. [Here](#) are some suggestions for events you might enjoy this weekend or over the next few weeks.

This week I am reading...

*Be a Birder* by Hamza Yassin



Journey along with *Strictly Come Dancing* champion and wildlife cameraman Hamza Yassin, as he recounts stories of his birding adventures, and shares tips and tricks to help you get started in birdwatching. A practical and easy-to-follow guidebook, *Be a Birder* will encourage you to pause, step outside and discover these remarkable creatures. Yassin also shares the story of his severe dyslexia and the strategies he used to write the book. A joyous read suitable for all ages. This book is also available on [Audible](#).

In brief

Lottie R wins selection to Herts Hockey, Bucks Cricket and MCC

Lucienne M called up to U15 Middlesex County Cricket

Emily Z is profiled in AEGIS magazine

A Future in Chemistry: free resources from the RSC for Sixth Form pupils

## 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.

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.

## Virtuosi Concert: A Superb Musical Showcase



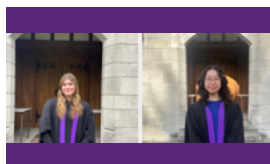
We were treated to a tremendous concert of solo and duet performances in the Ernest Read Hall on Thursday 12 October, with instrumentalists and vocalists performing repertoire that ranged from Saint-Saëns to the Smashing Pumpkins, and from Billie Eilish to Bach. You can enjoy short excerpts of each performance via the link above.

## A Sixth Form Academic Scholarship with up to 50% Fee Remission



We are inviting applications from academically gifted students for the Academic Award. This is a financial award for students entering Year 12 in September 2024. Successful applicants will be awarded a 50% reduction in day fees for the duration of the Sixth Form at Queenswood, conditional upon standards being maintained.

## Spotlight on Senior Prefects: Introducing Vivie F and Grace Y



This week we are delighted to introduce you to Vivie F, our Wellbeing Prefect and Grace Y, House Events and Charities Prefect. “The wellbeing and health of each individual in and outside of Q is very important and so my job is to ensure that we as a school, help communities by raising awareness and fundraising for charities.”

## October Sports Round-Up



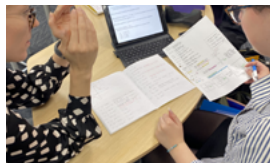
We present the latest posts from the @QueenswoodSport instagram account, including news of competition success in hockey, tennis, badminton, netball, football and cross-country. Many congratulations to everyone who has participated at any level in sport this term – we’re very proud of you all!

## Science News: Year 7 Pupils Demonstrate their Proficiency in Cellular Biology



Ms Sheikh, Teacher of Science at Queenswood, has shared a collection of photographs of this week’s homework task for Year 7 - to make a model or diagram depicting a cell. The students’ ideas were incredibly imaginative and Ms Sheikh was particularly pleased with their careful and accurate labelling. Well done Year 7!

## Adding Up To Success: Maths Support Sessions Multiply Achievement!



It’s encouraging to see so many students taking advantage of the lunchtime Maths support sessions this term. The sessions run on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes between 1:45pm and 2.15pm in F6. All pupils are very welcome to attend for part or all of the session for help, extension questions or puzzles.

## This Week in Chapel: Black History Month



In assembly, three prefects, Grace Y, Vivie F and Mia S introduced themselves and told us how they plan to support the Queenswood and wider community this year. In our services, the Chaplain drew on the inspirational story of The Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the first Black female Bishop in the Church of England.

## Global Lunch: A Feast for the International Class of 2023



The International Admissions Team hosted a lunch today to warmly welcome our new international students of 2023. This event offered a chance for staff to chat with the pupils who joined us in September about how they have adapted to life at Queenswood. The students shared their experiences and talked about their new friendships.

## ¡Viva España! Savouring the Flavours of Spain



Spanish National Day, also known as “Fiesta Nacional de España”, celebrates the unification of Spain and commemorates Christopher Columbus’s arrival in the Americas. One of our Year 9 Spanish students, Marta G R, led an initiative to celebrate this occasion at Queenswood.

## Q at Kew: Year 8 Geographers Explore a Tropical Paradise



Year 8 Geographers braved the wet weather on Thursday 12 October as they paid a visit to the world-famous Kew Gardens in London. Fortunately, many of the main attractions are to be found in the shelter of the beautiful palm house, so they escaped the worst of the rain. They also found time to explore the stunning treetop walkway.

## Harvest 2023: The Queenswood Community Donates to Hatfield Food Bank



Reverend Douglas and Grace Y (Charities Prefect) are very grateful to everyone who donated to our Harvest Appeal for toiletries and groceries in aid of the Trussell Trust. Thanks to your generosity, this week we were able to deliver 32 bags of much-needed produce and supplies to Hatfield Food Bank.

## Decidedly ‘With It’: Queenswood in 1968



As part of their introduction to Representation Theorists such as Stuart Hall, Liesbet van Zoonen and David Gauntlett, Year 12 Media Students have been looking through the Queenswood’s archives at some of the school’s historical promotional material. They were particularly fascinated by [this feature](#), published in 1968.