

# NEWS FROM Queenswood



Our Remembrance Service takes place on Sunday 12 November at 6.00pm in the Chapel

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Friday 10 November 2023

## St Cecilia's Day Concert



Join us on Wednesday 22 November for a spectacular music concert in Queenswood Chapel. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets. All profits go to the Crisis homeless charity.

## STOP PRESS: Gold Singing Award

The finals of the Gold Singing Award 2023 were held in Ernest Read Hall on Thursday 9 November. Congratulations to **Isabella P-V** (Year 13), the overall winner, and to **Amy H** (Year 11, Highly Commended) and **Anna B** (Year 10, Commended). We will bring you highlights from the performances in next week's newsletter. In the meantime, if you would like to view a video of the full concert, please contact [nick.kelley@queenswood.org](mailto:nick.kelley@queenswood.org).

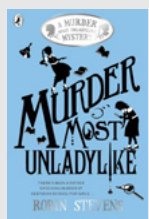
## Weekend activity: poppy craft



Remembrance Sunday is an opportunity to reflect, remember, and show gratitude for the sacrifices made by our Armed Forces and their families. This weekend, you might like to have a go at [making your own unique poppy](#) to wear at the Remembrance Service.

## This week I am reading...

### *Murder Most Unladylike* by Robin Stevens



The Murder Most Unladylike series, written by Robin Stevens, follows the daring investigations of schoolgirl detectives Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong. Set in 1930s

England, this thrilling mystery series, soon to be in its 10th year, entwines friendship, suspense, and clever sleuthing as the girls unravel perplexing crimes, navigating through twists, secrets, and schoolyard dramas. An appealing read for pupils across multiple year groups, this series is also available on Audible.

## In brief

Teagan M, Year 10: dance success at UDO Encore, Wiltshire competition

Ruby selected for London Pulse U13 Netball hub

Lights, Camera, Computer - Action! free course for Media Studies pupils

Youth Late, 27 November: National Portrait Gallery event for students

Ware Brass and 100 Years of Disney: Mr Treadgold's upcoming concert

Year 8 create beautiful Rangoli designs to mark Diwali

*Día de los Muertos* celebrations at Queenswood



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.

## Armistice Commemoration



On Friday 10 November the whole school came together on Trew Lawn to mark Armistice Day, which this year falls on Saturday. The Senior Prefects read the responsorial poem 'What Are We Fighting For?' by Brian Moses, after which pupils and staff observed a two minute silence.

## New York State of Mind: Cross-Curricular Trip to the Big Apple



During the half-term break, Sixth Form students specialising in Art and English embarked on a cross-curricular journey to New York. Freia T (Year 13) provides an account of this thrilling visit, complemented by captivating photographs captured in the city that never sleeps.

## Junior Classics Trip to Sorrento



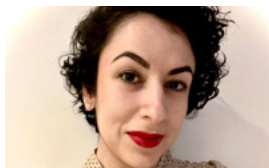
In the first week of half term, the Classics Department took 40 students from Years 8, 9, & 10 to Sorrento, Italy. Students had the opportunity to experience walking in the footsteps of Ancient Romans on the streets of Pompeii and Herculaneum, admired the beautiful frescos of Villa Oplontis and were amazed at the scale of the Greek Temples at Paestum.

## Junior Hockey Tour to Barcelona



We're pleased to be able to bring you the day-by-day account of the highly successful Junior Hockey tour to Barcelona that took place during October half-term.

## OQ Zoë's Inspiring Message for the Class of 2023



On Wednesday 18 October, OQ Zoë Lykourgou (2015) came back to Queenswood to speak to the Upper Sixth. She gave a really insightful talk on what she'd wished she had known in Year 13, having now been through university and in a job doing tech engineering.

## Success for Queenswood Sixth Formers in UKMT Challenge and Olympiad



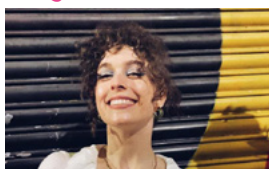
Before half term, Queenswood pupils in Years 12 and 13 took part in the UK Mathematics Trust Senior Maths Challenge and Olympiad, a prestigious competition attracting the UK's most able young mathematicians. We report on the tremendous achievements of Lizzie J, Cici C and Fiona F in the competition and give you some questions to try at home!

## Oddballs: Get Your Charity Queenswood Bobble Hats!



We still have Queenswood branded Oddballs bobble hats for sale, modelled here by Grace Y, Charities Prefect. Funds raised from the sale of the hats will go towards our chosen charities including Prostate Cancer UK. Buying a hat is easy, just complete the Google Form and the £10 cost will be added to your school bill.

## OQ Lizzie Cardozo: From Queenswood to the Saatchi Gallery



We were delighted to welcome back Lizzie Cardozo (OQ, 2013) on Monday 6 November. Our Art Scholars were fortunate to hear from Lizzie about her journey from being a Q dance scholar to working as an artist and exhibiting at the Saatchi Gallery. Lizzie spoke how – for her – dance, textiles and art all intertwine.

## Operation Christmas Child: Bringing Joy, One Shoebox at a Time



Operation Christmas Child is an annual project by Samaritan's Purse that invites people to fill shoeboxes with gifts for children in need worldwide. Grace Y, Charities Prefect, is asking all students to join her in supporting this very special initiative and explains how to prepare a shoebox for the appeal. The deadline to bring your shoebox to school is next Thursday 16 November.

## OQ Becky Addresses Queenswood's Medical Society



The Medical Society has had an exciting week this week with two fantastic guest speakers. Our first guest was Becky Walter, an OQ and third year student of Veterinary Medicine. Becky talked to the potential medics and vets from Years 10 to 13 about her experiences as a Vetmed student.

## Black History Month Art Competition – Portraits Inspired by Bisa Butler



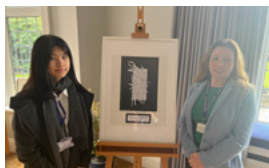
Thank you to the many students who entered our Black History Month art competition. We asked you to produce a piece in response to the work of Bisa Butler, the award-winning African American textile artist, celebrating your own culture.

## Model United Nations Club



At the request of some Year 9 students with a keen interest in global politics, this half term Dr Enright is delighted to have started offering Model United Nations club. The club will be meeting on Wednesdays from 1:30-2:15pm in S8, and anyone in Year 9 or 10 is welcome to join.

## Artist of the Month: Janice's Textured Sculpture



Janice L (Year 13) was named Artist of the Month for October 2023. In this sculptural piece Janice is exploring textures and preservation in Nature. Made from found sticks, plyboard, mod roc and acrylic paint, she has been inspired by artist Leonardo Drew who explores the theme of order and chaos using mixed media.

## 'Lest We Forget': Poems on the Theme of Remembrance by Mia and Issy



Two of Queenswood's creative writing students took part in a national poetry competition 'Lest We Forget', which invites 4-18 year-olds to write a poem in any style on the theme of war and peace in nod to Remembrance Day this year.

## 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.