

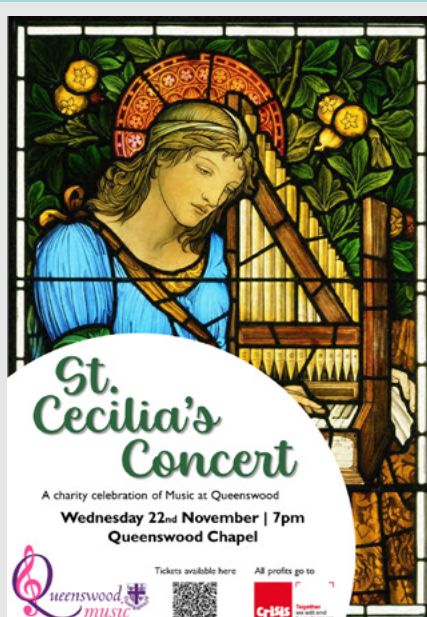


Visit the **Queenswood Box Office** to book your tickets for this month's *We Will Rock You* performances and the St Cecilia's Day Concert

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Friday 17 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.

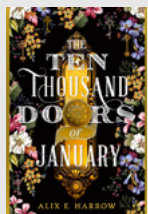
#### Weekend fun: portrait exhibition



The Taylor Wessing Photo Portrait Prize exhibition presents an outstanding collection of photographic portraiture, celebrating human stories through lens-based art. Running at the National Portrait Gallery until February 2024, tickets for under 25s cost just £5.

#### This week I am reading...

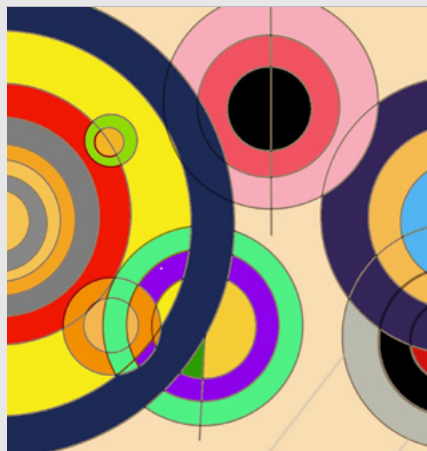
*The Ten Thousand Doors of January* by Alix E. Harrow



According to January Scaller, there's only one way to run away from your own story, and that's to sneak into someone else's... In a sprawling mansion filled with peculiar treasures and as the ward of the wealthy Mr Locke, January is a curiosity herself. This quiet existence is shattered however, when she stumbles across a strange book - a book that carries the scent of other worlds and tells a tale of secret doors, of love, adventure and danger. A spell-binding and beautifully written story.

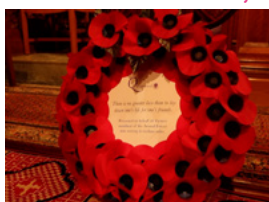
#### In brief

Digital Art Club: colourful designs inspired by Robert Delauney



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.](#)

#### Remembrance Day Service



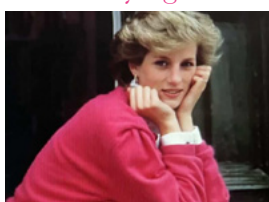
Pupils, parents, staff, OQs, governors and friends of Queenswood came together in the Chapel on Sunday 12 November for a deeply moving Remembrance Day service. Students from across the year groups read poems, prayers and passages of scripture, and the Quire gave a hauntingly memorable performance of 'Benedictus' from Karl Jenkins *The Armed Man*.

#### Raising the Roof at the Gold Singing Award Concert



We were treated to some wonderfully spirited performances at the Gold Singing Award concert on Thursday 9 November. Each of the eight finalists performed two songs from the popular, classical or musical theatre repertoire. The programme included numbers by Elton John, Queen, John Rutter and Frank Wildhorn.

#### Anti-Bullying Week



All this week, we have been raising awareness of Anti-Bullying Week through assemblies, PSHCEE lessons and tutor time. We encourage students to talk and build strong relationships with the school pastoral team. Much of our anti-bullying work is informed by our Anti-Bullying Ambassador team, who follow a programme created by the Diana Award.

#### PSHCEE at Queenswood: Schemes of Work



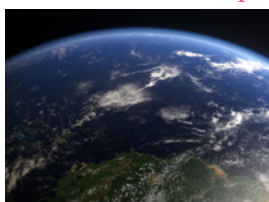
We take our commitment to Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship and Economic Education (PSHCEE) very seriously here at Queenswood. Our Schemes of Work for Years 7-11 are available to view by clicking on the hyperlink above, while parents are invited to join their daughters' PSHCEE Google Classrooms to view all lesson materials.

#### Read All About It: Media Students Explore the Newspaper Industry at the BFI



Media students in Years 12 and 13 visited the British Film Institute on London's South Bank on Tuesday 14 November for an intensive and immersive study day. The focus was the newspaper industry. We looked at how the press mediate the news agenda, how journalists and picture editors make explicit and implicit decisions about representation, and how the industry is regulated post-Leveson.

#### This Week in Chapel: Supporting our Students to Become Global Citizens



Our Assembly and Chapel Programme commenced with Mr Sheldon stating that although we live in a competitive world, we ought to use our competitive advantage wisely by giving the next person a helping hand. Mrs Stokes and Miss Cronin talked to us about bullying and the Chaplain explained that Jesus' role on Earth as a teacher, helps us to understand how to learn, live and work in community together:

#### November Sports Round-Up



It's been a highly successful couple of weeks for our sports teams, with great achievements in Tennis, Hockey and Cross-Country in particular. Click on the hyperlink above to see the latest posts from the QueenswoodSport Instagram account. Congratulations to everyone who has participated in sport at any level this term.

#### Maths Week England: Years 7 and 8 Tackle Perplexing Puzzles



This week the Year 7s and 8s have been taking part in some of the activities and puzzles set by the Maths Week England team. This year's theme is '3 is a magic number'. They have all really enjoyed this week of challenging puzzles, and have been left with a few still to complete over the next few weeks - so get your thinking caps on!

#### Fright Night: Year 9 Ghost Stories



Pupils in Year 9 have been writing genuinely chilling ghost stories in their English lesson. Mrs New, Head of English, has selected three of the best for you to enjoy. Don't have nightmares...

#### Christmas Carol Concert at Saint Albans Abbey: RSVP Required



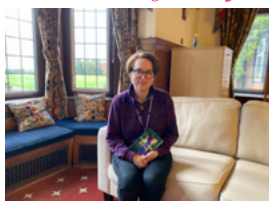
We are delighted to confirm that this year's Christmas Carol Service will take place at St Albans Abbey on Friday 8th December. Please find information about the event [here](#) and a [form](#) to complete regarding attendance. In order to ensure that this event runs as smoothly as possible, please complete the form this weekend.

#### Unsolved Mysteries Club: An Update from Miss Folan's Super Sleuths



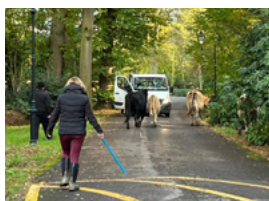
Fuelled by the Queenswood quality of curiosity, our Unsolved Mysteries Club meets every Thursday lunchtime in F1. Our Year 10 super sleuths run their incident desk, unravel perplexing stories and solve heinous crimes, whilst our KS3 detectives master the boardgame Cluedo. Miss Folan reports on this most unique club.

#### The 7 Lives of Milly Gray: Miss Maurer's Debut Novel is Published!



We are delighted to report that Miss Cholena Maurer, Lead Boarding Assistant in Centre House, is now a published author! Her debut novel *The 7 Lives of Milly Gray* is available to purchase from Amazon and a copy has also taken pride of place in Queenswood's Pauline Edgar Library.

#### Moove Over! It's Udder Chaos at Queenswood



Our residential staff experienced a moment of mayhem last weekend when some local cows decided to escape their field and visit Queenswood. Ignoring the no-entry signs at the Stable Mews exit, our 'unherd' of visitors, wandered towards school to meet Mrs Cameron. Thankfully, order was soon restored and the cows were safely 'mooved' on!

#### 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.