

NEWS FROM Queenswood



Break a leg to everyone involved in next week's performances of *We Will Rock You* – there are a handful of tickets left from the **Box Office**

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Friday 24 November 2023

Carol Service at St Albans: RSVP



Further to last week's newsletter, please complete this [form](#) regarding your attendance at this year's [Christmas Carol Service at St Albans Abbey](#) on Friday 8 December.

Please be advised that for safeguarding purposes, only students with exceptional circumstances and whose parents have informed us via the Google form, will be allowed to leave the abbey directly and not return to school.

Weekend fun: Women in Revolt



Running until April next year, [Women in Revolt](#) is a groundbreaking exhibition at Tate Britain, celebrating women who defied societal constraints and ignited change. Their art helped fuel the women's liberation movement and is studied as part of the Media Studies A Level syllabus.

This week I am reading...

[The Keeper of Stories](#) by Sally Page



She can't recall what started her collection. Maybe it was in a fragment of conversation overheard as she cleaned a sink? Before long (as she dusted a sitting room or defrosted a fridge) she noticed people were telling her their stories. Perhaps they always had done, but now it is different, now the stories are reaching out to her and she gathers them to her... Shortlisted for The British Book Awards 2023 Pageturner Book of the Year, *The Keeper of Stories* is a captivating read, which celebrates the timeless power and beauty of storytelling.

In brief

[University of Leeds: free Business Studies undergraduate taster course](#)

[Sports Scholar Spotlight: cross-country star Izzy M](#)

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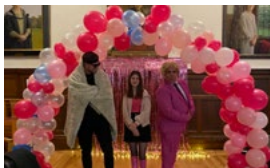
Welcome to the latest digest of news, events and blog posts from the website of Queenswood School. Click on the pink hyperlinks to read more.

Wrapped with Love: Queenswood's Gifts for Operation Christmas Child



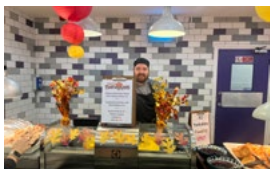
It was incredibly heartwarming on Monday to see a pile of beautifully wrapped shoeboxes in the Chapel, full of precious gifts for the Operation Christmas Child appeal. Students and staff donated 57 boxes, filled with an array of cuddly toys, fluffy socks, toothbrushes, bars of soap, toy cars and much more. They are now making their way to children all around the world affected by war and poverty.

Hartley House Supper: A Barbie and Ken Extravaganza!



Hartley House hosted a fabulous evening on Tuesday this week at their Barbie-themed House Supper. The students and teachers came dressed as an array of Kens and Barbies, drawing inspiration from the iconic Barbie film, and enjoyed an evening of fantastic food, dancing, competitions and a charity raffle in aid of Noah's Ark Hospice.

A Feast with Friends: Queenswood Celebrates Thanksgiving Day



On Thursday, students and staff at Queenswood marked Thanksgiving Day with a sumptuous lunch, provided by our wonderful Catering Team. We enjoyed roast turkey with cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, Yorkshire puddings and the jewel in the crown - candied sweet potatoes topped with marshmallows!

This Week in Chapel: An Address from Year 12 Student, Natalia H



Our Assembly and Chapel programme this term strives to support our students to become global citizens. This week, we celebrated the first of our multi-faith weeks and were addressed by Sixth Form student, Natalia H, who enlightened us about the interplay of Shinto rituals, Buddhism and Zen Buddhism in Japan.

A Spectacular Charity Concert for St Cecilia's Day



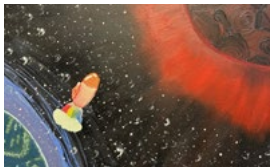
Around 100 performers from all year groups came together in Queenswood's Chapel on Wednesday 22 November for a wonderfully rousing and eclectic concert. The concert honoured St Cecilia, the patron saint of music, and tickets were sold in aid of Crisis, the homelessness charity, raising over £550.

Drop Everything and Read! An Update



Queenswood pupils continue to 'Drop Everything and Read' in tutorials. At least once a fortnight, time is set aside in tutorial for silent reading. Pupils are reminded that they should carry a book with them at all times – you never know when you will next be instructed to Drop Everything and Read!

Art Scholars' Musical Masterpieces to Decorate Essame Studios



The Art Scholars were recently commissioned to produce works of art to adorn the walls of the practice rooms in the Essame Studios. The works were inspired by pieces of music from a range of genres, including Holst's *The Planets*, Queen's 'Bohemian Rhapsody' and 'Chicken 'n' Dumplings' by Ray Bryant.

Heaven for Bookworms – Pop-Up Scholastics Shop in the ABC



The Scholastic Book Fair has been a great success this week in its celebration of reading. Reading for pleasure is transformative for pupils' academic success and personal wellbeing and the fair is used nationally to promote reading for pleasure. Q students have even earned free books for the school through their book purchases!

Words of Wisdom from Year 12



On Friday 17 November, several Year 12 students visited the Year 11 assembly to give a talk about their GCSE experience last year and offer some revision tips. There was a Q&A session at the end of the talk, and Year 11 found it a very useful and reassuring experience.

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.