

# NEWS FROM Queenswood



A reminder that all Year 12 students will be involved in Community Service activities on Monday 11 December. We'll bring you a full report in the final newsletter of the term.

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

Friday 8 December 2023

Save the Date: Queenswood Ball 2024



The undoubted highlight of the school's social calendar, the Queenswood Ball – organised by the QPA – will take place on **Saturday 29 June 2024.**

Weekend fun: Christmas crafting



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Why not enjoy some crafty fun this weekend and create your own Christmas decorations. You will find lots of ideas online to help you deck the halls! [Here](#) are a few craft tutorial videos that we like.

This week I am reading...

*Swimming on the Moon*  
by Brian Conaghan



Twelve-year-old Anna's parents are going through a rough patch, but Anna can't let them split up. Not when it might mean living apart from Anto, her twin brother. Anto might be a boy, and he might not speak (except using Lego bricks), and he might carry a coat hanger about like it's his closest friend, but that doesn't stop the two of them being like peas in a pod. Conaghan's YA novel sensitively explores what life is like for Anna, a neuro-typical teenager navigating life with her nonverbal autistic twin whilst coping with her parents separation. An honest, funny and enlightening read for students in Years 7 to 10.

In brief

**PricewaterhouseCoopers Graduate Scheme: Online Information Event**

PricewaterhouseCoopers (the second-largest professional services network in the world) is seeking to raise awareness of their funded degree schemes which are currently underrepresented by Black students. Black students in Years 12 and 13 are invited to learn more about the scheme and to register for PwC's online information event on 14 December [here](#).

**PWC  
GRADUATE SCHEME  
INFORMATION EVENT**

**THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER 2023  
4pm - 7.30pm  
ONLINE**

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.

**Christmas Carol Service at the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban**



The Queenswood community of pupils, parents, staff, governors, OQs and VIPs came together for a very special service of lessons and carols in the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban on Friday 8 December. For those who were unable to attend, or would like to relive and share the event, we filmed the entire service, and the video will shortly be available to watch via the above hyperlink.

**A Third National Title for Queenswood's Tennis Aces**



We are thrilled to announce that the U15 tennis team successfully defended their national title at the Bolton Arena on 1–3 December. This is the third national title in twelve months for this astonishingly talented group of players. It's also the second year in a row that they have triumphed in this competition, which started back in April with over 2,000 schools across the country entering.

**This Week in Chapel: International Day of Persons with Disabilities**



Continuing our theme of global citizenship, Dr Yuasa – Assistant Head, Personalised Learning and Wellbeing – talked to us about International Day of Persons with Disabilities. In our services, Chapel Steward Zahra K-E, 9S and Mr Kelley read from Mark 1:1-8 and Reverend Kate reflected on how giving and receiving forgiveness prepares us for God.

**LAMDA Speech and Drama: Tremendous Results from Latest Exam Session**



The Speech and Drama Department is celebrating another remarkable set of results, with 9 Distinctions and 4 Merits awarded to the 13 pupils entered for exams last month. Mrs Butlin, Ms Finn and Mrs Goodman would like to congratulate you all!

**ISTD Cecchetti Ballet: Q's Dancers 'En Pointe' with Superb Set of Results**



There were 23 entries in the latest round of ISTD Cecchetti ballet exams, ranging from Year 8s taking their first ever Cecchetti ballet exams to an international student in Year 13 taking Grade 5. We were thrilled with the results, which have just arrived: 0 x Fails, 0 x Passes, 8 x Merits and 15 x Distinctions!

**Reserva Duplicada: Hilarious Spanish Farce Comes to Queenswood**



Excitement filled the air on Tuesday as Onatti Productions graced our school with a spectacular performance of 'Reserva Duplicada'. The play, entirely in Spanish, was a linguistic and comedic delight for our Spanish language students.

**Artist of the Month: Chloe's Eye-Catching Pastel Study**



Congratulations to Chloe C (Year 9), who is December's Queenswood Artist of the Month. She was awarded the accolade for her superbly detailed and realistic oil pastel study of a cat's eye. It is now on display in Mrs Cameron's office.

**Kalli's NYO Debut at the Barbican**



Year 10 cellist and Music Scholar Kalli Z has her first concert engagement with the National Youth Orchestra at London's Barbican on Thursday 4 January 2024. She will be conducted by Sir Mark Elder in NYO Ascent, with a dramatic programme that includes Debussy's Rondes de Printemps and Richard Strauss's Alpine Symphony, alongside a new work by Dani Howard.

**An Eggs-hausting Week for Year 7 Scientists: Baby Egg Project**



Our Year 7 scientists are currently learning about reproduction, and this week were given a hollow egg to look after. Their task was to take good care of their new 'baby egg' for an entire week, as if it was their child. The students shared photos of their eggs-hausting week and were awarded House points for good parenting!

**Exploring Chemistry: Year 7 Science Club Turns Bath Time into a Blast!**



The Year 7 Science Club had great fun this week investigating chemical reactions by making glittery, fragrant bath bombs. The students followed an instructional video from the Royal Society of Chemistry, which we share in the article for anyone who might like to try this at home.

**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.