

NEWS FROM Queenswood



Welcome back!
A very Happy New Year
to all our readers.

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Friday 5 January 2024

Boarders' weekend activities



Click [here](#) to view the exciting programme of activities and trips planned for boarders this term.

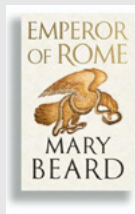
Weekend fun: DIVA at the V&A



For a sequin-studded extravaganza, why not pop along to the V&A this weekend and explore their stunning DIVA exhibition. Meticulously curated, it showcases the glamour, talent and impact of legendary performers through costumes, memorabilia and multimedia installations. To find out more and book tickets, click [here](#).

This week I am reading...

Emperor of Rome by Mary Beard



What was it really like to rule and be ruled in the Ancient Roman world? In this most lively and insightful account, Britain's most famous classicist shines her

spotlight on the emperors who ruled the Roman empire, from Julius Caesar (assassinated 44 BCE) to Alexander Severus (assassinated 235 CE). *Emperor of Rome* goes directly to the heart of Roman (and our own) fantasies about what it was to be Roman, offering an account of Roman history as it has never been presented before. Also available on Audible.

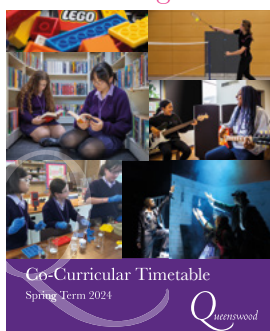
In brief

[Newsletter Club](#): it's your news; why not join the team!

[Boarding newsletter](#): December 2023

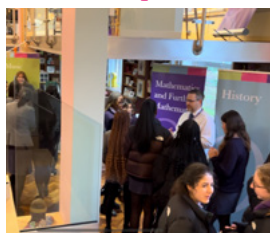
Welcome to the latest digest of news, events and blog posts from the website of Queenswood School. Click on the pink hyperlinks to read more.

From Riding to Robotics: Co-curricular Activities Spring 2024



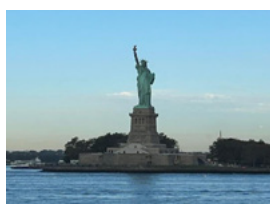
The co-curricular timetable for the Spring Term has just been finalised. With 170 clubs and activities per week – not to mention plenty of opportunities for quiet afterschool study – there really is something for everyone on offer. We would encourage all pupils to try a new experience this term – and if you can't find the club you're looking for, why not talk to Mrs Stokes about setting it up yourselves? Parents are invited to go through the document with their children this weekend, and tutors will be on hand to assist with signing their tutees up to clubs via SOCS. The co-curricular programme begins on Monday 8 January.

A-Level Options: The Next Steps for Year 11 Pupils



Year 11 pupils began contemplating the next stage of their academic careers on Friday 5 January, with a series of talks from senior staff and discussions with subject teachers in the Bellman Sixth Form Centre. They learned about the 28 A-Level subjects available at Queenswood, as well as exciting academic opportunities such as the Extended Project Qualification and our own programme of elective non-examined courses known as Column Q.

Educational Visits: The Year in Review



Mrs Bullock, our External Visits Co-ordinator, has been reviewing the year 2023, and she's amassed some impressive statistics, including 80 day visits, 10 overseas trips and 26 residential stays. We're so pleased that educational visits are thriving again at Queenswood, after the lean years of the pandemic. There are many more to look forward to in 2024 - watch this space for more details!

Year 8 and 9 Visit to the Opal Coast: Last Few Spaces Remaining



There are a few places remaining on the Year 8 and 9 trip to the Opal Coast in northern France, which takes place from 27 to 30 March 2024. The trip will include a visit to Boulogne-sur-mer, a chocolaterie, croissant-making at a boulangerie, exploring the town of St Omer (pictured left) with a treasure trail, cheese and snail tasting, and crêpe-making in the evenings.

Queenswood Catering: Menus for the Spring Term



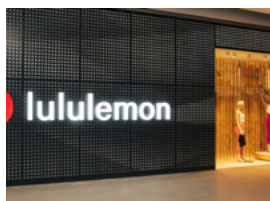
The Catering Team have provided a warm welcome back-to-school for all students with their nutritional and delicious meals and breaktime snacks. To see what the pupils will be enjoying this term, please see the lunch and supper menus on the website [here](#).

Your Plate, Your Planet: Veganuary 2024 Celebrity Cookbook



There are many reasons to try eating a more plant-based diet including the benefits to our health, the environment and animals. If you would like to try your hand at some vegan cookery this month, you might find inspiration in the Veganuary Celebrity Cookbook 2024.

lululemon: Virtual Work Experience Opportunity for Sixth Form Students



lululemon is an innovative performance apparel company for yoga, running, training, and other athletic pursuits. Via their job simulation programme, they are currently offering virtual work experience opportunities for Sixth Form students interested in pursuing a career in marketing and omni and retail technology. The simulation lasts 6-7 hours and is free to attend. Click the pink hyperlink for more details.

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.