

NEWS FROM Queenswood



Well done to all students who have sat mock examinations and winter assessments this week.

We hope you have a relaxing weekend!

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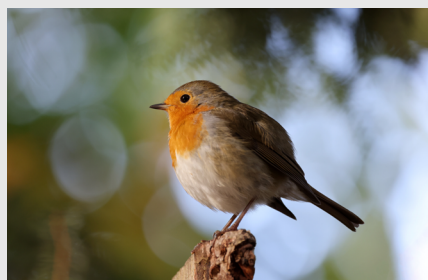
Friday 19 January 2024

Save the date: Virtuosi Concert



Join us on Tuesday 30 January in the Ernest Read Hall for a **showcase of music** from our Music Scholars, Principal Award Holders, GCSE and A-level Students.

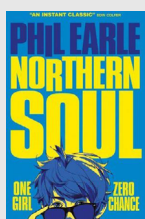
Weekend fun: make a bird feeder



It's only one more week until the Big Garden Birdwatch 2024, and with the weather turning colder, the birds in our gardens need more support. This weekend, why not help our feathered friends to stay well-fed and make these highly calorific **fat ball bird feeders**.

This week I am reading...

Northern Soul by Phil Earle



From the award-winning author of *When the Sky Falls* comes the hilariously agonising account of one teenage boy's disastrous attempts to win the heart of the cool new girl at school. Marv's fourteen and his life is simple. There's football. And his best mate, Jimmy. Perfect. Nothing else matters until a new girl at school called Carly crashes into his life. First love is unforgettable, and poor Marv is about to learn this the hard way – him, and his northern soul ... Published by Barrington Stoke, this book is an accessible read for all pupils.

In brief

Ashurst UK: free personal branding online course for Sixth Form students

Netball: Year 7 Principal's Award holders representing Hatfield



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.

Year 11: A-Level Taster Lessons



To mark the end of their GCSE mock exams, Year 11 experienced two days of A-Level taster lessons on 18 and 19 January. As well as grappling with new concepts in their current subjects – and sampling several subjects that were entirely new to them – pupils also had the chance to enjoy some of the special Year 12 and 13 privileges, including wearing Sixth Form dress and making full use of the Bellman Coffee Shop.

From the Archive: Queenswood in the *Illustrated London News*, November 1958



We've collated a set of photographs and captions that appeared in the *Illustrated London News* in November 1958. Back then, Bellman was the library, the Pauline Edgar Library was the swimming pool, and there was a hairdressing room in Stamp! Can you recognise all the rooms and buildings depicted in these fascinating images?

Year 12 Academic Mentoring Scheme



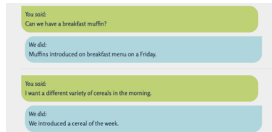
After the successful Year 12 Community Action Day last term, many of our Year 12 students have been inspired to volunteer more of their time within our own Q community. With this in mind, they will be running an Academic Mentor Scheme for Years 7 to 11. There is a lot of evidence suggesting the benefits of peer mentoring, including: improving critical thinking, boosting confidence, and enhancing emotional skills such as empathy and respect.

Ivanna's Video Application for Oxford University Engineering Summer Course



Ivanna V (Year 12), one of our EAL students from Ukraine, is applying for a place on the prestigious Immerse Summer Programme, hoping to join the Engineering course, hosted by Oxford University. Here she is talking about her impressive range of personal qualities as part of the application process.

Pupil Voice: You Said, We Did!



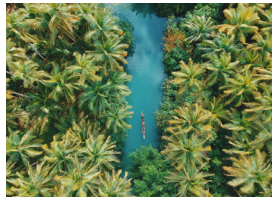
Pupils have been offering comments and suggestions about the food at breakfast, break, lunch and supper, and staff have listened to the feedback. Click on the hyperlink to read the messages from pupils, and the responses from members of the Catering Team.

We Will Rock You: Relive Our Sell-Out Whole School Production



The video of November's production of *We Will Rock You*, featuring a cast of 120 performers and a peerless soundtrack of Queen classics, is now available to watch. Thanks to **Black Cat Video** in Potters Bar for their superb videography and editing.

World Challenge: Countdown to Borneo!



14 students are counting down the days until their wild expedition to Borneo in July 2024, where they will be immersed into the ancient biodiverse rainforest and become Global Citizens. Parents and students can access all the information about the trip via the hyperlink above. Booking will open soon for our World Challenge Quiz Night, which takes place on Friday 22 March. Watch this space!

Newsletter Club: Ophelia's Burns Night Supper Menu



You may recall from last week that our new Newsletter Club members are keen to share some of their favourite recipes with you. This week, Ophelia PB (7S) shares her chosen menu for a scrumptious Burns Night Supper, including her family's recipe for traditional Scottish Shortbread. Delicious!

This Week in Chapel: The Queenswood Values of Accountability and Honesty



We celebrated Martin Luther King Day in Assembly this week and Mr Sheldon spoke to us about King's legacy and his teachings and in particular, his focus on the importance of accountability. In our Act of Worship we heard the story of Jesus calling Philip and Nathanael to be disciples and we reflected on Nathanael's honesty.

Sabores de Tradición: Spanish Pupils Share their Family Recipes



On Saturday, Marta, Alicia, Miriam and Bea, our Spanish boarders, shared family recipes with their fellow boarders and staff. Our Year 7-9 full boarders enjoyed learning how to make croquetas and tortillas. The Spanish families were on hand by video call, if advice was needed!

PUPIL VOICE: 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.