

NEWS FROM Queenswood



Our programme of Parents' Pastoral events continues with a talk on 'Healthy Friendships' on Monday 29 January. Click [here](#) for details.

News and information from www.queenswood.org

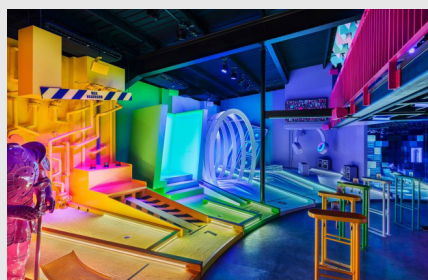
Friday 26 January 2024

World Challenge Trip: Quiz Night!



On Friday 22 March, our World Challenge Expedition students will host a fun Quiz Night at Q to raise funds for their forthcoming trip to Borneo. Click [here](#) for more information and tickets.

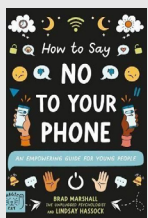
Weekend fun: swing into action!



If you like the idea of playing crazy golf this weekend, there are some hugely fun and innovative courses to visit in our area. With themes ranging from tropical jungles to immersive pop video tech, there really is a 9-hole experience for everyone! [Here](#) are our favourites.

This week I am reading...

How to Say No to Your Phone: An Empowering Guide for Young People by Brad Marshall and Lindsay Hassock



Drawing on over twenty years of experience as psychologists, Brad Marshall and Lindsay Hassock share cutting-edge insights on how children can say 'no' to their phones. Kids will discover the effects that their phone has on their brain and body. They'll learn how to create a relationship with their phone on their terms. They'll even establish simple, healthy screen time habits that stick. An enlightening read, perfect for fans of Dr Alex George's *A Better Day* and Marcus Rashford's *You Are a Champion*.

The Trew Legacy

Have you ever considered leaving a legacy for Queenswood in your will?



We have recently launched the **Trew Legacy information pack**, commemorating the 50 years of service that former Headmistress, Ethel Mary Trew, gave to Queenswood from 1897 to 1948. It guides you through the simple steps for making a legacy that will ensure your place in the future of tomorrow's Queenswoodians. For further information and to become a member of the Trew Legacy Club, please contact the Queenswood Foundation Office today on 01707 652000 or qfoundation@queenswood.org.

In brief

Culture Club: an introduction to Mahjong with Lillian and Janice

Digital Art Club: beautiful watercolour-effect images using Canva



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.

High Attendance, High Attainment

96%+ attendance <small>less than 2 weeks' absence per year</small>	Significant value added <small>In 2022 and 2023, Queenswood pupils with 96% attendance or greater achieved, on average, 1.2 GCSE grades per subject higher than predicted by baseline tests</small>
80-95% attendance <small>2 to 7 weeks' absence per year</small>	Some value added <small>In 2022 and 2023, Queenswood pupils with 80-95% attendance achieved, on average, 0.5 GCSE grades per subject higher than predicted by baseline tests</small>

As we get further into the school year, we would like to remind you of the importance of good school attendance for all students. Every day a student is absent is a lost opportunity for learning. Recent research by the Government, and our own data, have shown that students who constantly miss school are at risk of lower academic achievement.

Year 10 History: Holocaust Memorial Day



Year 10 historians are currently studying Nazi Germany, and this week spent time studying resources from the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust. The theme for this year's Holocaust Memorial Day is "Fragility of Freedom". Students explored cross-curricular links, reading survivor poems and other literature.

Year 8 PSHCEE: Queenswood Ethos and Qualities



In their PSHCEE lessons, Year 8 pupils have been creating posters and videos to illustrate our ethos values of kindness, honesty, accountability and integrity, and our Queenswood Qualities: resourcefulness and creativity, resilience and courage, and reflectiveness and curiosity.

Coming Soon: GCSE Drama Showcase Evenings



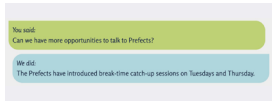
Join us for two consecutive evenings of GCSE Drama performances in February. Students will be performing extracts from Henry James' timeless ghost story, *The Turn of the Screw*, Alan Ayckbourn's hilarious farce, *Gosforth's Fête*, Denise Deegan's superb parody of 1920s girls' school adventures, *Daisy Pulls it Off*, and the Noël Coward classic comedy, *Blithe Spirit*. Please note: the plays are split across two evenings, and there will be two performances of each. You will find all the information about times and running orders via the **Box Office**.

Tennis and Sport Scholarships to US Universities



Ralph Clarke from Sport USA visited Queenswood on Tuesday 23 January to talk to parents and students regarding Tennis and Sport Scholarships to US universities. He spoke about the expectations, the pathway for students, the academic and sporting balance and what it is like to be a student athlete at a US university.

Pupil Voice – School Council: You Said, We Did!



Thank you to all pupils who have submitted comments and feedback via the School Council. Staff have listened to your suggestions and have implemented some changes.

STFC On-site Work Experience programme Summer 2024



Each year, STFC run a highly successful work experience scheme for students in Years 10 to 13. Pupils can apply now for on-site summer placements at the renowned Daresbury Laboratory in Warrington, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in Didcot, or The UK Astronomy Technology Centre in Edinburgh. To learn more about this incredible opportunity, please click on the pink hyperlink.

This Week in Chapel: Honesty and Accountability



In preparation for Safer Internet Day 2024, Mr Laming talked to us in Assembly this week. He reminded us about how we can stay safe online and challenged the students to reflect on how they might use their influence to inspire positive change on the internet. In our act of worship, the Chaplain spoke about rules and the value of role models.

Duke of Edinburgh Award 2024: Dates for your Diary



Our DofE training sessions commence this weekend and students working towards their Bronze Award will complete their expedition training on site at Queenswood. The pupils will develop their map-reading skills, learn how to put up their tents to withstand the British weather and plan their expedition menus. Good luck everyone!

Eco Warriors Club: Bake Sale for the Bees!



We send our congratulations to the Eco Warriors Club who raised awareness and vital funds this week for Save the Bees. Pollination by honey bees, wild bees and bumblebees is crucial for farmers and with bee numbers in decline, they really need our support. There is no Plan B, so well done Eco-Warriors!

Girls into Engineering: Residential Course for Students in Years 8 and 9



Girls into Engineering, run by **The Smallpeice Trust**, is an exciting and immersive 3-day course, taking place this August at Loughborough University. Working alongside industry experts, girls will practise their technical and collaboration skills, whilst enjoying a fun-packed programme of social activities and challenges.

Big Garden Birdwatch 2024: Count the Birds in Your Garden This Weekend



Would you like to take part in the world's largest garden wildlife survey this weekend? If so, just choose any hour from now until the end of Sunday to join the RSPB in their Big Garden Birdwatch 2024. If you have a camera or phone to hand, you could capture some photos and share them with newsletter@queenswood.org

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.