

# NEWS FROM Queenswood



There's a wealth of information in this week's newsletter about Internet Safety Day, which takes place on Tuesday 6 February.

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## Safer Internet Day: Web Safety Cards



These **Internet Safety cards** are a great way to learn about privacy and screen time settings on social media platforms. They will be extremely useful for parents and pupils alike.

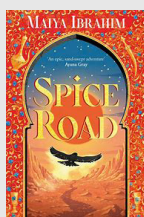
## Weekend fun: Photography Exhibition



This weekend, why not head to the Natural History Museum to visit the spectacular **Wildlife Photographer of the Year** exhibition. With soundscapes, videos, expert insights and stunning photography, you'll leave not only awe-inspired by the beauty and diversity of nature but also hopefully with a renewed drive to do what you can to protect it.

## This week I am reading...

### *Spice Road* by Maiya Ibrahim



In the hidden desert city of Qalia, secret spice magic awakens the affinities of those who drink the misra tea. With her affinity for iron, seventeen-year-old Imani can wield a dagger like no other - and for that she has gained a reputation as the next greatest Shield, battling djinn, ghouls, and the other monsters spreading across the sands. The first in an epic fantasy series for fans of Sabaa Tahir, Hafsah Faizal and Elizabeth Lim, set in an Arabian-inspired land. A Sunday Times bestseller, this epic adventure which will delight YA readers.

## In brief



**'Lord of the Rings': Mr Turner's arboreal art featured in *Country Life***

**Sport Scholar Izzy M: The Importance of Sleep**



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 13: University Offers Streaming In



We are delighted to announce that our Year 13 students are receiving scores of conditional and unconditional offers to study at the UK's leading universities. As of 31 January, offers include places to study Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge and Nottingham, Biological Sciences and Chemical Engineering at Imperial College London, Law at LSE, English at Warwick and many more.

## Safer Internet Day: Inspiring Change



Queenswood will be celebrating Safer Internet day on Tuesday 6 February. This is a global campaign run by the UK Safer Internet Centre which is celebrated in 170 countries and involves and influences government, charities, police forces and tech companies including social media and gaming platforms.

## Safer Internet Day: Mr Laming's Assembly



'The theme for Safer Internet Day this year is all about change online. Technology is changing all the time, often at a rapid rate. Think about how technology has changed in your lifetime alone. What new developments have happened in the last 10 years?...We can also think about this theme in another way: how is the internet changing us?'

## From Hertfordshire County Council: Measles Cases are Rising in the UK



Measles cases in the UK have been rising since November 2023. While Hertfordshire has no outbreaks at the moment, we are close to London and the West Midlands where there has been a large rise in cases. The UK Health Security Agency has declared the increase in cases of measles a national incident. [Read more...](#)

## Year 8 Options Talks: Mr Sheldon and Mrs Khan



Mr Sheldon and Mrs Khan gave a presentation to parents of Year 8 pupils on Wednesday 31 January, outlining details of the curriculum in Year 9. At Queenswood, pupils have the chance to choose to drop – or trial – certain subjects prior to making their GCSE Options. This video explains the process.

## Virtuosi Concert: From Bach to Herbie Hancock...and Bach Again!



Our Music Scholars joined forces with Year 10 and A-Level music students to give a highly entertaining and eclectic 'Virtuosi' concert on Tuesday 30 January. In addition to the solo performances, we also enjoyed Year 10 ensemble renditions of two modern jazz classics: Miles Davis' 'All Blues' and Herbie Hancock's 'Chameleon'.

## Vincent Van Gogh: An Immersive Experience for Year 8 Students



Year 8 artists immersed themselves in the Vincent Van Gogh exhibition on Thursday 25 January. With projections cataloguing his love of still life through flowers, to his 'starry, starry night' paintings, as well as his sunflowers, landscapes and self-portraits, his work was brought to life in dazzling colour and movement.

## January Sports Round-Up



It's been a highly successful couple of weeks for our sports teams, with great achievements in Cross-Country, Hockey, Netball and Football in particular. Click on the hyperlink above to see the latest posts from the [QueenswoodSport](#) Instagram account. Congratulations to everyone who has participated in sport at any level this term.

## Year 8 Have a Dream: Anti-Racism Speeches Inspired by MLK



Inspired by Dr Martin Luther King Jr's legendary 'I have a dream' speech, in Religious Studies Year 8 have been crafting their own speeches aimed at ending racial prejudice and discrimination. We've put together a compilation of some of the highlights from their powerful speeches.

## Newsletter Team: What's Going On at Robotics Club?



Our Newsletter Club roving reporters visited the Robotics Club on Tuesday to find out what exciting activities were taking place. The club fosters creativity, problem-solving and teamwork, and this term the students are gaining hands-on experience of Python coding and electronics as they build their own heat-activated nature cams.

## Wellbeing Hub Pastoral Webinar: Healthy Friendships and Relationships



On Monday, we were delighted to host a pastoral webinar for parents and carers of students in Years 7-10, with guest speaker Alicia Drummond from Teen Tips - Wellbeing Hub. The talk explored the world of child and adolescent friendships and how parents and carers can support their young people to build healthy relationships.

## This Week in Chapel: Accountability and Kindness



In our assembly this week, we marked Holocaust Memorial Day and **Mr Daughton told a story** which illustrated the concept of a 'Moral Imperative' (Kant). The Chaplain read from the Gospel of John and the book of Ephesians, and invited us to practice kindness, not just on some days, but on every day.

## The Brain Tumour Charity: Home Clothes Day



Student Natalya F-D (12W) is participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award and for her volunteering element, is supporting The Brain Tumour Charity. In support of this fantastic charity, students are invited to join in with a home clothes day on Friday 9 February. To find out more about the day and how your daughter can participate, please click the link.

## 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.