

NEWS FROM Queenswood



Today was a pyjama-themed Home Clothes Day in aid of The Brain Tumour Charity. Thank you to everyone who donated. It's not too late to pay – click [here](#) to give your consent for £1 to be added to the bill

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Friday 9 February 2024

Year 11 Drama Showcase: tickets on sale



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](#).

Flipping good fun: pancake making!



It's Shrove Tuesday next week and an opportunity to practise your pancake flipping skills! The Newsletter Team are delighted to share their favourite [recipe](#) for some truly dino-mite pancakes, so this weekend, why not cook up a storm and have some flipping good fun!

This week I am reading...

Not the End of the World
by Hannah Ritchie



We are bombarded by doomsday headlines that tell us the soil won't be able to support crops, fish will vanish from our oceans, that we should reconsider having children. But in this bold, radically hopeful book, data scientist Hannah Ritchie argues that if we zoom out, a very different picture emerges. The data shows we've made so much progress on these problems, and so fast, that we could be on track to achieve true sustainability for the first time in history. An invigorating and practical call to action, *Not the End of the World* will enthuse anyone feeling anxious about the future of the planet.

In brief

Inter-House Badminton: victory for Clapham North

Sports Scholar Sophie T selected for Ireland national netball team



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.

Inter-House Debating: A Win for Clapham South



Eight finalists – two representatives from each House - came together for the final of the Inter-House Debating Competition on Friday 9 February. The motion was 'This House believes that social media makes you more sociable'. Congratulations to everyone who took part, and to the overall winners, Zahra and Delight from Clapham South.

新年快乐 – Xīn Nián Kuài Lè! Queenswood Celebrates Lunar New Year



On Saturday 10 February, more than 1.5 billion people worldwide will celebrate Lunar New Year, as we enter the Year of the Dragon. We joined in the festivities at Queenswood with a delicious Chinese banquet on Friday, while in EAL lessons, pupils made beautiful calligraphy decorations and savoury dumplings.

Safer Internet Day: An Inspiring Talk by Pop Star Natalie Shay



We marked Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6 February with a series of activities and events, including a talk and concert by Natalie Shay, for pupils in Years 7 to 9. Natalie spoke about mental health, body image and cyber bullying, and performed a number of songs, including her breakout single 'The Edge', as featured on BBC TV and Radio 1.

OQ Frankie Spooner: Working in Tech



On Wednesday 7 February we welcomed Frankie Spooner OQ (2010) back to Queenswood to speak to our Sixth Form students about mindset and how this has made her successful in her career in Tech sales. Frankie told us how she fell into the Tech industry after finishing university, and how she learned to deal with knockbacks.

Seminar: Careers With Maths



During lunchtime on Thursday 8 February, students in Years 10-13 were invited to a webinar by the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme on the career paths that qualifications in Mathematics can lead to – including developing jet powered engines for the Red Arrows.

Pupil Voice: Single Use Plastic Water Bottles and Packed Lunches



In a recent School Council meeting, the students discussed the inclusion of single use plastic water bottles in the packed lunches provided by the School. Ella R, School Council Prefect and Sylvia L, Eco Committee Prefect, share details of this important discussion and how the Catering Team are responding to their concerns.

Queenswood's Gambit: A Report from Chess Club



Queenswood's Chess Club meet every Friday lunchtime and the club is proving to be very popular this term. Led by Mr Miller, the students are enjoying learning a new skill, meeting new friends from across different year groups and listening to music. Regular attendees at Chess Club, Evie ME and Adelaide W, report on what's going on.

This Week in Chapel: Being People of Integrity



In Assembly, Mrs Stokes encouraged us to be people of integrity: to do what we say we are going to do and in doing so, to build pride within ourselves and earn respect from others. She spoke about people who inspire her, including human rights lawyer, Amal Clooney. In our Act of Worship, we learned about Jesus' transfiguration and the Chaplain invited us to embrace the period of Lent.

PwC Virtual Insight Programme: An Opportunity for Students in Years 11 and 12



Are you in Year 11 or 12 and interested in a career in accounting, business or technology? If so, then PwC's Virtual Insight Programme will give you the opportunity to gain lots of valuable skills and explore your career interests and options with PwC. Applications are now open for the 2024 programme and you can apply via the [hyperlink](#).

RSM Insight Event: An Invitation to Year 13 Students and their Parents



RSM, one of the top 10 accounting firms in the UK, would like to invite students from Year 13, along with their parents, to an upcoming insight event for prospective school leavers at their London Farringdon office. To find out more about the event and to confirm your attendance, please click on the [hyperlink](#).

Medical Society: Diabetes Talk



On Wednesday 31 January, Medical Society welcomed two guest speakers from the Hertfordshire Community NHS trust. Claire Mearing and Lindsey Ochiltree have both been running the DAFNE (dose adjustment for normal eating) course for people with diabetes for nearly 20 years.

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.