

# NEWS FROM Queenswood



We'd like to wish all our readers a very happy half-term holiday.

Spanish students are heading to Seville, while Business, Computing and Media students will be travelling to Disneyland Paris. We'll have a full report in the next issue.

News and information from [www.queenswood.org](http://www.queenswood.org)

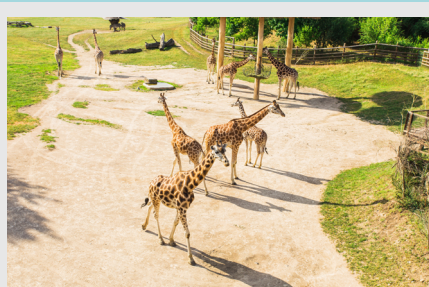
Friday 16 February 2024

## World Challenge Trip: Quiz Night!



On Friday 22 March, our World Challenge Expedition students will host a fun Quiz Night to raise funds for their trip to Borneo. Tickets are selling super fast, so please click [here](#) to buy yours and avoid disappointment!

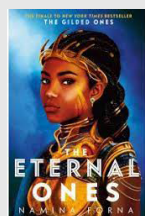
## Half-term fun: we're going to the zoo!



We're going to the zoo, zoo, zoo - do you want to come too? After a busy half-term, we are all ready for some holiday relaxation, so why not plan a fun day out at the zoo? [Here](#) are our favourite locations to hang with the orangutans!

## This week I am reading...

### *The Eternal Ones* by Namin Forna



Deka is a goddess-in-waiting with the potential to save her people from the brutal ancient goddesses who terrorize her kingdom of Otera. But first she must find the source of her divine power - and if the Gilded Ones find it before she does, they will drain her power and tear Otera apart. The final thrilling instalment of the epic fantasy series, *The Eternal Ones* is a perfect half-term read for fans of *Children of Blood and Bone* and *Black Panther*.

## In brief

### First Aid Training for Queenswood's Sixth Formers

### Latest news from the QueenswoodSport Instagram feed

### Queenswood Joiners of 2024 receive their special gift



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.

## Stamp Family Service



Year 7 and 8 pupils and their families came together in the Chapel for a delightful service of music, readings and performances on Friday 16 February. A video of the full service will be available to view via the hyperlink above shortly.

## Success for Q Mathematicians in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge



Congratulations to all students who took part in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust Intermediate Maths Challenge. As ever the challenge was tough but our students showed their resilience and resourcefulness to achieve exceptional results. Those achieving Gold awards have also qualified for the next round of the competition.

## Oxford University Computing Challenge 2024



In the week of 15 January this year many of our talented computer scientists took part in the Oxford University Computing Challenge, which is the follow up to the Bebras challenge and for students who achieved the top 10% of results in the country. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

## GCSE Drama: A Fabulous Showcase of Performance and Design



Our largest ever cohort of GCSE Drama students staged a brilliantly entertaining showcase of their talents across two evenings in February. In addition to the 27 students who performed, others were responsible for the set, costume lighting and sound design. Many congratulations to everyone involved in these tremendous performances.

## Year 8 Spanish: Junto por un mejor Internet



To celebrate Safer Internet Day, GCSE Spanish students explored Los riesgos y peligros de Internet (the risks and dangers of the Internet). In lessons, they looked at the major threats posed by social media, and pupils considered a range of solutions from reporting and blocking suspicious or harmful accounts, to seeking alternatives to being online.

## Queenswood Promotional Video Wins Awards at LA Film Festival



A promotional video for Queenswood's Sixth Form, created in 2019 by Chris Mugford, has scooped three awards at a Los Angeles film festival. The video depicts Sixth Form students imagining themselves in futuristic workplaces, and then as adults reminiscing with their own children about their time at Queenswood.

## Queenswood Staff and OQs on the International Sporting Stage



We are delighted to share exciting news of sporting achievements by OQs and Queenswood staff. Sofia Martin (OQ 2023) has been selected for England U21 Hockey, Peace Akinyemi (OQ 2022) has joined Saracens Mavericks NSL (Netball Super League) as Goal Keeper, and Rowan McKellar (OQ 2012, left) is preparing for the Paris Olympics as part of the women's GB Rowing Team.

## Artist of the Month: Ava's Superb Oil Portrait



Congratulations to Ava P (Year 13), who is February's Queenswood Artist of the Month. Her remarkably life-like portrait, in oil paints on canvas, is currently being exhibited in Mrs Cameron's office.

## Reminder: An Amazing Opportunity to Exhibit at the Royal Academy of Arts



Calling all artists...Would you like an amazing opportunity to submit work to the Royal Academy of Arts and have your artwork put on display in the galleries and online as part of the big summer exhibition? Would you like your artwork to be seen by a panel of artists and arts professionals? If your answer is yes, then why not get involved now.

## Meet Queenswood's Elite Sportswomen



This week, two pupils were awarded the coveted Queenswood Elite Sportswoman badge, in recognition of their national rankings in individual sports. Bryony (Year 8) recently represented Great Britain in fencing and Edie (Year 10) represented Great Britain in tennis at the U16 Winter Cup in Portugal.

## Strumming Success: Guitar Club Report



On Tuesday, our Newsletter Club reporters Ophelia, Eva, Leah and Maddy, visited Mr Hartley's Guitar Club to see what was going on and to practise their videography skills. Having got to grips with the camera, the girls took turns filming and then chatted with Mr Hartley and his students about Guitar Club.

## Duke of Edinburgh: Bronze Award Training Weekend



On the 27/28 January, Year 9 students working towards their Bronze DoE Award enjoyed their training weekend held at Queenswood and in the surrounding area. Sahi K (9H) shares her account of the activities undertaken and the essential skills the students mastered, ready for their expedition later in the year.

## This Week in Chapel: Kindness, Honesty, Integrity and Accountability



In Assembly this week, our Sixth Form students asked us to imagine being a new student at Q, and how for some this might feel daunting. They encouraged us to share the 'ripple effect' of kindness. In our Act of Worship, the Chaplain drew our attention to Ash Wednesday and invited us to think about something we may have got wrong this half-term and for which we might say sorry.

## Clapham South House Supper: Met Gala Glamour!



Clapham South enjoyed a fantastic House Supper this week, with a very glamorous 'Met Gala meets Hollywood Movie Night' theme. South also raised a whopping £1,268 at the supper from a raffle in aid of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice. Lisa O (Year 12), shares her report about the evening and some brilliant photographs capturing the fun.

## 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.