



Happy International Women's Day!

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Friday 8 March 2024

Save the date: Spring Concert



We welcome you to join us in the Queenswood chapel for a celebration of Music making from this term. The concert will include performances from all the Queenswood ensembles, including our choirs, orchestra, Year 7 massed singers and our chamber groups. The musical will cover a vast range of styles, from F Mendelssohn to Sia, as well as 'What Was I Made For?' from the *Barbie* film, the music of *Mary Poppins* and DJ sets! It is shaping up to be a must see event, which we look forward to sharing with you. Book your tickets [here](#).

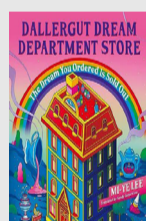
Weekend fun: celebrate Mother's Day



It's Mothering Sunday this weekend, so why not delight your mum, guardian or the someone special who cares for you, with a heartfelt gift to show your appreciation. Be it a handmade card or breakfast in bed, your gift does not need to break the bank to show that you care! [Here](#) are our ideas to celebrate your special person this weekend!

This week I am reading...

Dallergut Dream Department Store
by Miye Lee



In a mysterious town hidden in our collective subconscious there's a department store that sells dreams. Day and night, visitors both human and animal shuffle in to purchase their latest adventure. Each floor specializes in a specific type of dream: childhood memories, food dreams, ice skating, dreams of stardom. Flying dreams are almost always sold out. A captivating story that will leave a lingering magical feeling in readers' minds. Click the hyperlink to watch a review of this book by YouTube creator Jack Edwards.

In brief



Open Morning: watch the speeches from Jeannie J (Year 7) and Elizabeth J (Deputy Head Girl)

International Women's Day: Poems and Posters

University and career resources: a message from Miss Greensmith

World Book Day: take part in the English Department's Book Swap



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.

Queenswood Musician of the Year 2024



We enjoyed a fantastic night of music-making in the Ernest Read Hall on Thursday 7 March as over 20 finalists competed for the title of Queenswood Musician of the Year 2024. The competition was split into two categories, with prizes for singers and instrumentalists. More than 40 pupils had entered the preliminary rounds, and 21 were selected to perform in the Finalists Concert.

The John Fry Public Speaking Competition



The final of this year's John Fry Public Speaking Competition was an extremely closely-contested affair, with some of the finest oratorical displays ever seen at Queenswood. Our guest adjudicator was former Queenswood Head Girl, and previous winner of the competition, Lucy Pickworth.

The Hurley Cup: Inspiring Inclusion on International Women's Day



The Queenswood community marked International Women's Day with a very special Hurley Cup run. There were face-painting and bracelet-making stalls, raising money for the Girls Out Loud charity, which run programmes to 'empower girls to channel their potential and make better life choices'.

Year 13 Drama: *Dr Korczak's Example*



Year 13 Drama students staged a hauntingly poignant performance of extracts from *Dr Korczak's Example* on 4 March. The production was presented in an intimate thrust setting, with heart-breakingly sincere performances and a superbly detailed set design, which also incorporated thought-provoking multimedia projections.

World Challenge Expedition: Fundraising Quiz Night



The excitement is building for our World Challenge Quiz Night at Queenswood on Friday 22 March at 7pm, and there are still some places available! Tickets include a delicious supper and the team will be holding a charity raffle with some fantastic prizes ranging from a hair salon experience, dinner at the Cock of the North and a Vango 2-person tent!

Senior Spanish Trip: A Report from Stunning Seville



At the end of the February half-term holiday, our senior Spanish students visited Seville, the capital of Andalusia. Led by Mrs Nuñez and Miss Sutton they enjoyed a river cruise, traditional Flamenco dancing, a Spanish cookery class and much more! Spanish students Calypso, Asha, Poppy and Georgina share their report from stunning Seville.

Cake and Doodles: Thank You from the Newsletter Club



The Newsletter Club would like to say a big thank you to all of the staff and students who supported their Cake and Doodles event on Tuesday this week. A fantastic idea from Ophelia PB (Year 7) and coordinated with the assistance of Sienna M (Year 13), the lunch time drop-in was great fun and reminded us how relaxing it is to doodle!

London Marathon Challenge: Please Support Year 13 Student Mia M



In addition to preparing for A Levels, Mia M (Year 13) will also be taking on the momentous challenge of competing in this year's London Marathon. Running on behalf of the charity Headway Hertfordshire, Mia would be most grateful if you could support her fundraising. Good luck Mia!

Clapham North House Supper: The Magic of Disney!



On Thursday 29 February, Clapham North enjoyed a sparkling Disney+ themed evening to raise money for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice. Students and staff came dressed as characters from Disney+ and joined in with fun games including 'Pin the Tail on Simba' and 'Frozen Snow Ball Throw'. The evening raised a whopping £696!

Comic Relief: Queenswood Boarders Go the Distance!



From Friday 8 March until Sunday 17 March, Queenswood boarders will be working together to accumulate as many miles as possible by running, walking or cycling - all in aid of Comic Relief. Their collective distance travelled will be logged on Strava and they will raise vital funds for Comic Relief via their JustGiving page.

Assembly: The Importance of Speaking Languages



Sixth Form linguists gave a powerful presentation in our Chapel Assembly this week about the pleasures and advantages of speaking foreign languages. They gave examples of multi-lingual celebrities, and highlighted the achievements of the many members of our school community who speak more than one language.

International Women's Day: Celebrating Our Inspiring OQs



Today, on International Women's Day, we take great pride in celebrating a handful of inspirational OQs past and present, providing you with a snapshot into their lives and how they are leaving a mark on the world.

Business Live! at Disneyland Paris: A Lesson in Bravery



Maria-Giulia B (Year 12) writes: Many thanks to all the contributors to this immersive and insightful business event in Paris last Monday, 25 February 2024. It was such a great opportunity to travel to Paris and participate at our first business conference in person.

Computing Live! at Disneyland Paris: The Future of the Tech Industry



Issy N (Year 10) writes: The trip to Disneyland Paris was a three-day event that was educational, yet wildly entertaining, filled with both hard work and (of course) tonnes of rides and rollercoasters! One of the more interesting events of the trip was the 'Computing Live!' conference, hosted by award winning radio and television presenter, Remel London.

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.