

NEWS FROM Queenswood



Families of current pupils are warmly invited to join us for Speech Day on Saturday 6th July 2024.

Please RSVP [here](#).

Parents are reminded that Speech Day is a compulsory event for all pupils.

News and information from www.queenswood.org

Friday 17 May 2024

Year 12 Drama: *Wagatha!*



Monday 20 May | 4.45pm

Making use of the techniques of Bertolt Brecht, Lower Sixth Drama students will present a devised docu-drama inspired by one of the most bizarre and compelling court cases of recent years: the libel trial involving footballers' wives, Rebekah Vardy and Coleen Rooney. Click [here](#) for tickets.

Weekend fun: cinema and a catch-up



In last week's newsletter we reminded our students in exam years to look after themselves and to take a break from their revision when they need to. It's important for all students to relax after a busy week and immersing yourself in a good film is a great way of staying present and 'parking' any worries you might have for a short while. There are some great films currently showing at the cinema and we have compiled a [list](#) of our favourites for you.

This week I am reading...

HappyHead by Josh Silver



When Seb is offered a place on a radical retreat designed to solve the national crisis of teenage unhappiness, he is determined to change how people see him and make his parents proud. But as he finds himself drawn to the enigmatic Finn, Seb starts to question the true nature of the challenges they must undergo. The deeper into the programme the boys get, the more disturbing the assessments become, until it's clear there may be no escape... Squid Game meets They Both Die at the End, and nominated for the 2024 Carnegie Medal for Writing, HappyHead is a fantastic weekend read.

In brief

Netballers Ava, Sophie and River represent Hatfield at U12 National Championship Finals

Year 9 Drama students at *Sister Act*

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.

Mrs Cameron Chairs the BSA Conference for Heads



'As many of you are aware, I have the privilege this year to have been appointed Chair of the Boarding Schools Association. Last week was the BSA annual Conference for Heads, which I chaired. I was delighted to be able to open the conference with my address to the 150 delegates of boarding school heads from the UK and around the world.'

Leaders' Insights: Mrs Stokes' Article on Online Safety for the TES



Mrs Stokes has written a very insightful article for the Times Educational Supplement. In it she discusses results from the TES Safeguarding Awareness Week survey, which show online safeguarding becoming a bigger, more complex issue for schools. Click on the hyperlink above to read her article.

Four Wins from Four for Q's Invincible Athletics Teams



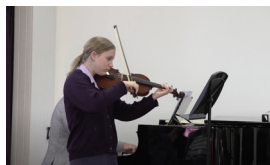
It's been an amazing couple of weeks for our Junior and Senior Athletics teams, with an astonishing four wins out of four! Both the U14 and U16 teams were overall winners in the first county fixture of the year on Wednesday 8 May. They followed up two days later with a clean sweep at the first round of the ESAA Track and Field Cup.

Superb Results at the National Girls' Tennis Doubles Championships



Queenswood enjoyed a great day at the National Girls Doubles Championships at Wycombe Abbey on Sunday 12 May. Edie G and Celine R C (Year 10) were crowned U19 champions, Gabby R and Alice H (Year 10) were U16 champions, while our two U14 pairs – Juliette H (Year 7) and Amara Y (Year 8), and Fern M and Aksheetta A (both Year 9) – reached the semi-finals.

Virtuosi Concert: Showcase for Soloists



Solo instrumentalists and vocalists performed at the Summer Term Virtuosi Concert, held in the Ernest Read Hall on Tuesday 14 May. The diverse programme ranged from Billie Eilish to Bach, and included pieces by Milhaud, Sakamoto and Villoldo. Congratulations to everyone involved in this delightful evening of music-making.

Anna, Adrienne and Sophie (Y10) Report on their Silver DofE Practice Weekend



Further to our article in last week's newsletter, we are delighted to share with you two accounts from Silver DofE students Anna B (10CS), Adrienne S and Sophie F (10H) who embarked on the recent practice expedition in the stunning Chiltern Hills.

A Message from Mrs Vine: Satellite Library for the Bellman Sixth Form Centre



In order to assist Sixth Form students with extended study and recommended reading, a number of books have been moved from the main Library to form a satellite Library in the Sixth Form Centre. Mrs Vine, Head of Learning Resources, would like to encourage students to request books from her that they consider useful for their courses.

This Week in Chapel: A Performance from the Quire and the Ascension of Jesus



On Monday of this week, students listened to the Quire perform two pieces, Viva La Vida and The Gaelic Blessing. In our Act of Worship, Reverend Kate talked about Jesus' ascension into Heaven and read us moving words attributed to Saint Teresa of Avila. She asked us to consider how we could go about doing good at Queenswood.

Terrific Music Theatre Exam Results



On Thursday 9 May students took their Music Theatre exams in the Ernest Read Hall, and this week we are very pleased to announce the results. We're thrilled to report that every candidate was awarded a result of Merit or higher (no lower than 82%), with the majority coming out with a Distinction!

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.