

# NEWS FROM Queenswood

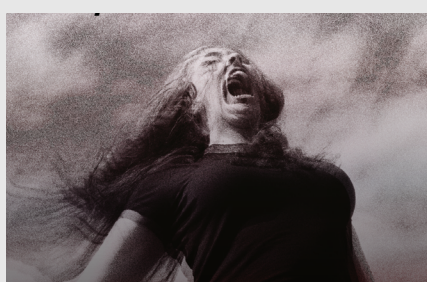


Wishing all our readers a  
**Happy Periodic Table Day!**

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

Friday 7 February 2025

## Year 11 Drama: *The IT*



On Monday 10 February, GCSE Drama students will stage two performances of this darkly comic state-of-the-nation play.. Click [here](#) for tickets.

## Weekend fun: visit The Crick Institute



Take this weekend to step inside one of the world's most innovative research institutes and experience a unique exhibit that celebrates the brain's complexity and power. Located just outside St Pancras Station, The Francis Crick Institute is the UK flagship for discovery research in biomedicine and is home to 1,500 scientists. Entry to *Hello Brain!* is free and you can find out more [here](#).

## This week I am reading...

### *Songlight* by Moira Buffini



They are hunting those who shine... Don't be deceived by Northaven's prettiness, by its white-wash houses and sea views. Many of its townfolk are ruthless hunters. They revile those who have developed songlight, the ability to connect telepathically with others. Friends, neighbours, family will turn on each other in an instant...

“The standout young adult novel of the year... *The Handmaid's Tale* but with mind reading”  
The Times

## Careers News



Click [here](#) to read this week's Careers Newsletter. Next week is National Apprenticeship Week, and there is an [online Apprenticeship Fair](#) on the Unifrog website from 4pm on Wednesday 12 February.

## In brief

### Mara's journey to fencing triumph



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.

## Holocaust Education Trust: Tracy Moses Tells Her Father's Story of Survival



Queenswood Humanities students from Year 9 to 13 welcomed Tracy Moses from the Holocaust Educational Trust on Tuesday 4 February. In her talk she shared her father Harry Spiro's testimony as a survivor of the Holocaust. After Tracy's moving and thought-provoking speech, the students asked many questions.

## Creativity, Conversation and Connection at our *Evening of Answers*



On Wednesday, our 11+ offer holders and their families attended a memorable *Evening of Answers* at Queenswood. Parents enjoyed an informal Q&A with Mrs Cameron and her senior team, while their daughters participated in a fun mug-decorating session inspired by the colourful designs of artist Jon Burgerman.

## This Week in Chapel: Appreciating our Freedoms and the Importance of Respect



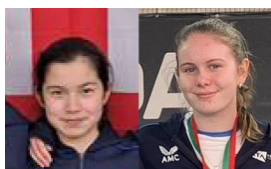
On Monday and Tuesday, Tennis Scholars Arabella L, Ava McM, and Emily N, with the support of Miss Sluter, presented to the school about the importance of appreciating our freedoms. Sharing insights from their trip to Bahrain for the Tennis World Championships, they encouraged us to reflect on rights we may take for granted.

## A-Level Physicists at the House of Lords



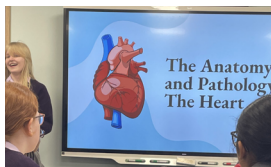
Year 12 A-Level Physicists spent the day in the rarefied atmosphere of the House of Lords on Tuesday. At the invitation of Lord Mair, they attended an all-party Parliamentary Engineering Group discussion on decarbonising the economy. They also had the opportunity to network with leading figures from industry and academia.

## International Victories for Tennis Stars Milica and Edie



Congratulations to Tennis Scholars Milica M (Year 9) and Edie G (Year 11) on their outstanding international success. Milica helped the U14 GB team win in Sweden, qualifying for the finals in the Czech Republic, while Edie's U16 team triumphed in Portugal, advancing to the finals in France.

## Academic Scholars: The Human Heart and Dead Languages



This week, Issy N (Year 11) gave an insightful talk on 'The Anatomy and Pathology of the Heart,' covering its function, structure, and common diseases. Lucy B (Year 13) discussed 'Why Study a Dead Language?' highlighting Latin's benefits for language skills and university applications. Both talks sparked engaging discussions.

## Emma Cole's Inspiring Talk on HIV Education for Year 12 and 13 Students



As part of the Sixth Form Speaker Programme, Year 12 and 13 students recently had the privilege of hearing from Emma Cole, a representative from Positive Voice, which is an organisation dedicated to providing HIV education since 1991. Emma's talk offered a comprehensive and engaging overview.

## An Invitation from the Newsletter Club to Cake and Cardmaking



Join the Newsletter Club next Tuesday 11 February between 1pm and 2.10pm for cake, creativity, and conversation! This free event is open to anyone who would like to make a Valentine's Day card for someone special – whether it's a friend, family member, or someone you love. It doesn't have to be romantic, just a thoughtful gesture!

## A Date for Your Diary: Dyslexia Presentation Evening



On Wednesday 26 February, Louise Selby, a Dyslexia Specialist Teacher, trainer and assessor, will lead a presentation evening at Queenswood. This event is recommended for parents, guardians, students and teachers interested in discovering strategies to support young people – or themselves – with dyslexia or dyslexic traits.

## World Challenge Expedition to Peru: Fundraising Quiz Night



Join the Queenswood Quiz of the Year! Friday 7 March, 7:00pm – 10:30pm. Tickets: £20 (includes a three-course meal). Bring your team of 10 and enjoy dinner, a quiz hosted by Mr. Daughton, plus a raffle and auction. Proceeds will support Queenswood students' 2026 World Challenge expedition to Peru.

## SAVE THE DATE



## SATURDAY 21 JUNE

## 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.