

NEWS FROM Queenswood



Tes Schools Awards 2025
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Boarding School of the Year

#TesAwards



We've been nominated for two national awards for boarding!
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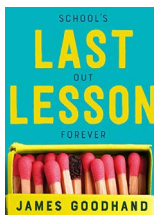
Weekend fun: hoedowns & showdowns



Looking for a weekend adventure packed with drama, duels, and a wild twist? **Romeo and Juliet** at the Globe Theatre is getting a Wild West makeover! Think star-crossed lovers in cowboy boots, hoedowns at the Capulet ranch, and pistol-packing showdowns on dusty Verona streets. Tickets start at just £5, so grab your hat, round up your crew, and saddle up for a weekend showdown at Shakespeare's Globe!

This week I am reading...

Last Lesson by James Goodhand



Last year, Ollie Morcombe was a star pupil, popular and a gifted musician. Then, after the accident, everything changed. Now he's an outcast, a prime target of the school bullies who have made his life a living hell. Today - the last day of the school year - he's brought those bullies a gift. A homemade pipe bomb. *13 Reasons Why* meets *The Wasp Factory* in an impossible to put down thriller that will take your breath away.

Careers News



Click **here** to read this week's Careers Newsletter.

Mrs King writes:

It's a busy term ahead for the Careers Department and Year 10. Each student will be having an individual meeting with Mrs King to talk about aspirations, pathways and plans!

Did you know there are hundreds of courses on Unifrog? From 'Books that Changed the World' to Virtual Work Experience, explore the 'COURSES' tool to find out more, or contact Mrs King for help.

And please do check out the newsletter for some great virtual events being hosted on Unifrog, just follow the links to sign up.

In brief



Isabella's charity skydive for BEAT

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 Music: Full of the Joys of Spring!



Over 100 pupils – along with many members of staff – came together for a joyful evening of music-making in the Chapel on Thursday 24 April. The programme included orchestral performances, classical chamber music, jazz standards, a funky take on Beethoven's Fifth, and arrangements of numbers by ABBA, Nina Simone and Taylor Swift.

Year 7 and 8 Mini Marathon and Good Luck Mr Ward!



Year 7 and 8 took part in the official Mini Marathon in Schools on Wednesday afternoon, completing a 2-mile run. The pupils collected sponsorship in aid of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, raising over £285 so far! Mr Ward is running the full Marathon on Sunday in aid of Noah's Ark and you can sponsor him **here**.

A Flurry of Fun: Ski Trip to Les Deux Alpes



The annual ski trip, which this year was to Les Deux Alpes in France, took place in the first week of the Easter holidays. It was a huge success, with pupils and staff enjoying six days of snow-based action on and off the piste. Click on the link above to view photos and videos from the trip.

This Week in Chapel: Living in Service, Humility and Love



In Chapel this week, Reverend Kate encouraged us to think about how we live our lives – with humility, service, and love. Talking about the Year 7 and 8 Mini Marathon that took place this week, she reflected on races run, lives well lived, and faith kept.

Queenswood Geographers' Flag Arrives in Antarctica



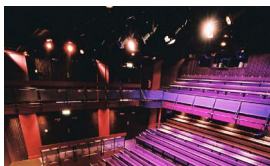
A special flag designed by Queenswood Geography students has made it all the way to Antarctica! The flag has been photographed on board the Sir David Attenborough ship. The photo was taken at St Andrew's Bay, South Georgia. The penguins are King Penguins, and there is a huge colony of them at St Andrew's Bay.

Rotary Club Photography Competition: Three Queenswood Prizewinners



Congratulations to Lily G (Year 13), Isabella W (Year 13) and Amy H (Year 12), who were all prizewinners in the recent Beds, Bucks and Herts Rotary Club Young Photographer Competition. Their pictures, all on the theme of 'Water', were praised by the judges for their technical achievement as well as their creativity.

LAMDA Speech and Drama: An Astonishing Set of Results



Ms Mottram, Mrs Butlin, Mrs Finn and Mrs Goodman are absolutely delighted with the latest LAMDA results – some of the very best that have ever been achieved at Queenswood. There were 34 Distinctions and three Merits awarded to the 37 pupils who took exams in March, including ten Medals (awarded to candidates at Grade 6 and above).

Drama Scholars and Principal's Award Holders Present *Oliver Twist*



From the award-winning Regent's Park Open Air Theatre comes a new version of the story of Dickens' beloved orphan. The original story of Victorian London's most famous child, it will have you on the edge of your seat and wanting more... There are two performances on Wednesday 7 May. Click **here** to book tickets.

THE QUEENSWOOD SUMMERTIME



SATURDAY 21 JUNE

6.30PM–1.00AM

Book Your Tickets Now for the Event of the Year!



For the first time **ever** we are hosting the Queenswood Ball in house! This year we are aiming to make the Ball an epic event for the whole Queenswood community and we are inviting all parents from every year group as special guests. Tickets are looking likely to sell out so please be quick to get your preferred table – click **here** to book.

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.