





Study leave has commenced for Year 11 and Year 13. We'd like to wish all the very best to every pupil sitting public exams over the coming weeks.

VE Day at Queenswood, May 1945



Weekend fun: be kind to yourselves



We understand that if you are in Year 11 or 13, you may be feeling under pressure as you head towards your GCSE and A Level exams. As you ‘dig deep’ for this final leg of your preparation, it’s more important than ever to look after yourselves, both physically and mentally - eating well, getting plenty of sleep and taking a break from revision. With this in mind, we have put together some tips on how to navigate the exam period and **be kind to yourself** along the way.


This week I am listening to..

How to Manage Exam Anxiety
Owning it: The Anxiety Podcast




Instead of our usual reading recommendation, this week we’re sharing a podcast that offers helpful advice and support for managing exam pressure. Please reach out to your teachers or any trusted adult at school if you need support during your exams.

Careers News




[Click here](#) to read this week’s Careers Newsletter.

In brief




Imogen's Race for Life

Race for Life: Please support Imie’s fundraising for Cancer Research UK




Fencing: Bryony S excels in British Youth Championships



Get your tickets for the social event of the year [here](#)

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.

Innovative *Oliver Twist* Leaves Audience Begging for ‘More’!




This week we were transported to the grimy backstreets of 19th century London for the Drama Scholars’ and Principal’s Award Holders’ brilliantly atmospheric production of *Oliver Twist*. Set to a soundtrack of modern pop and rock, this was a radical and innovative retelling of the Dickens classic, with a cast of 25 talented performers.

Back to the ’80s: Old Friends, New Stories at our OQ Reunion




On Saturday 26 April, we had the pleasure of hosting a 1980s Reunion and welcoming back OQs who left between 1980 and 1989. Over 80 alumnae attended, with many returning for the first time in 40 years! It was a truly memorable day and we are now preparing for our next reunion for the Classes of 1995, 2005 and 2015.

Artist of the Month: Emily’s Beautiful Ink Landscape




Emily L (Year 9) was our Artist of the Month for February 2025, and this week she met with Mrs Cameron to talk about her work. This beautiful landscape sketch was created using blue and black ink, and took Emily approximately two days to complete during the February half term.

A Stunning Singing Performance in Chapel by Melania (Year 11) and VE Day




On Tuesday this week, students were treated to a performance of *Feeling Good*, beautifully sung in the style of Nina Simone by Melania D-M (11H). On Wednesday and Thursday of this week, we celebrated VE Day, singing the hymn ‘I vow to thee my country’ and giving thanks for those who gave their lives in sacrifice for our freedom.

World Challenge Expedition: Fundraising Bake Sale




Queenswood students raised an impressive £527.90 at a fundraising bake sale this week, in support of their 2026 World Challenge expedition to Peru. A wide selection of homemade cakes, brownies and cookies were on offer, with staff and students turning out in force to support the event.

Silver Stories: Sophia and Addy Share Donald’s VE Day Memories



Addy T & Sophia Z (Year 13) have been calling Donald since November 2023, as part of their volunteering for DofE. They call him in the Silver Stories Club every week in their breaktime. Donald is 90 and lives alone with his dog ‘Pickle’. This week was especially memorable as they called him on VE Day.

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expeditions at Queenswood




Three Bronze Duke of Edinburgh teams from Year 9 spent much of the Bank Holiday weekend practising their camping and navigational skills, in preparation for their forthcoming expeditions. They made full use of our beautiful 120-acre campus and the surrounding countryside to get themselves ready for DofE success later this term.

The Newsletter Club Explores the Library




The Newsletter Club visited the Library on Tuesday and enjoyed a very informative and engaging talk from Queenswood Librarian, Mrs Vine. Lily S (7N) reports on the visit and tells us how students can make the most of this exceptional resource.

Artist of the Month: Izzy’s Striking Charcoal Portrait



Congratulations to Izzy T (Year 12), who was our Artist of the Month for March 2025. Izzy produced this remarkable portrait in charcoal, which is currently on display in Mrs Cameron’s office.

Sports News Round-up



Click on the pink hyperlink to catch up with the latest from the Queenswood Sport Instagram account, including news of success for our Tennis teams in a wide range of competitions, and more photos from last week’s Sports Awards Dinner.

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.