



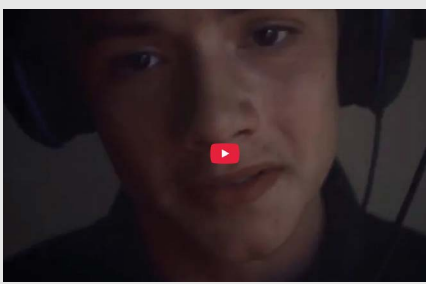
The deadline for purchasing tickets for our sensational Summertime Ball is **Friday 6 June** – click **here** to book yours asap!

Save the date: Summer Concert



We are delighted to invite you to this year's Summer Concert on Tuesday 1 July at 7pm. This year's concert will take place on Trew Lawn, with musicians performing under a covered stage, flanked by the view of the sun setting. We invite you to bring a picnic and picnic blanket or chair and enjoy the sounds of the summer. [Click here](#) for more information.

Coming soon: Online Safety Talk



The Breck Foundation is a charity with national relevance and impact, founded in 2014 in response to the tragic loss of Breck Bednar. They will be giving a talk on Online Safety for parents and staff in the Clarissa Farr Theatre at 5pm on Thursday 26 June. Click [here](#) if you would like to attend.

Weekend fun: Herts County Show 25



Looking for unforgettable weekend fun? Then head to the [Herts County Show](#), a fantastic family day out packed with excitement, entertainment, and country charm. This year's headline act, the Atkinson Horses, will thrill audiences with their breathtaking stunts and precision riding - an absolute must-see!

This week I am reading...

*Skulduggery Pleasant: A Mind Full Of Murder* by Derek Landry



In *A Mind Full of Murder*, the 16th Skulduggery Pleasant novel, Derek Landry delivers another fast-paced adventure. Skulduggery and Valkyrie investigate a series of brutal magical murders linked to a terrifying new enemy. As the body count rises, they must unravel a deadly mystery threatening the fragile peace of their world. A bone-shaking new trilogy for fans of Rick Riordan and Jonathan Stroud.

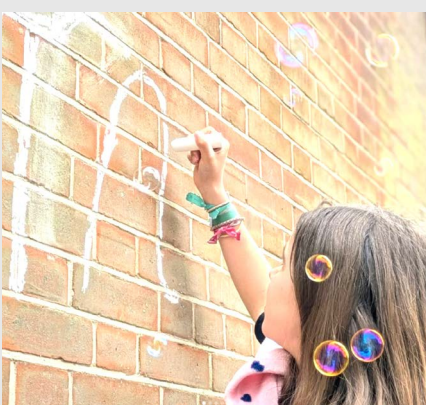
Careers News



Ms King writes:

[Click here](#) to read this week's Careers Newsletter. From mastering revision techniques to building effective revision timetables, exploring summer schools and applying for the Sisterhood Summer Launchpad for Future Entrepreneurs - Unifrog has the next few months covered! All of this and more in this week's Careers newsletter!

In brief



Stamp and Mymwood's crafty weekend 'tea PARTY'

Netball: Sports Scholar Sophie M excels in 'Road to the Copper Box'

Fencing: Bryony S to compete for GB at the U14 European Championships

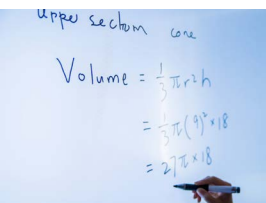
Welcome to the latest digest of news, events and blog posts from the website of Queenswood School. Click on the pink hyperlinks to read more.

Pride in Progress, Strength in Support – A Message from the Principal



"The last few weeks have marked the beginning of GCSE and A Level examinations at Queenswood. As we reach the halfway point and next week's break, I could not be more proud of the commitment and resilience shown by our Year 11 and 13 students." Please click the pink link to read Mrs Cameron's message in full.

Excellent Results in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge



Our Year 7 and 8 students recently took part in the UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge, a prestigious national competition that encourages and celebrates mathematical thinking. The challenge involves tackling a series of intriguing problems designed to test students' reasoning and problem-solving abilities. We are thrilled to announce that our students have achieved some truly excellent results!

Year 12 Theatre Studies: A Dazzlingly Inventive Docudrama



Year 12 Drama students staged an astonishingly inventive and powerful piece of devised theatre on Monday 19 May. Titled 'Missing: Presumed Dead – The Curious Case of John Darwin', the play told the bizarre story of the infamous 'Canoe Man', who faked his own death in 2002 to escape debt and fraudulently claim life insurance.

Lower School Singing Competition: The Results



The Ernest Read Hall was packed to the rafters for the final of the Lower School Singing Competition on Thursday 22 May. Our adjudicator, the acclaimed vocalist, top liner and vocal coach Christina Laurie, had the unenviable task of selecting a handful of prizewinners from the 19 talented finalists.

Half Term Newsletter Quiz: Win Sweet Treats and an Early Lunch Pass for Two!



Year 7 student Harleen L, a member of the Newsletter Club, has designed a fantastic quiz inspired by this term's newsletter editions. Put your knowledge to the test by completing the [Google Form](#) - you could win sweet treats and an early lunch pass for you and a friend!

Year 8 Spanish: Yui Commended in Prestigious Oxford University Competition



Many congratulations to Yui K (Year 8), who has won a commendation in the Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators run by Queen's College, Oxford. Yui's entry, translated from Spanish, was one of more than 22,000 submissions, so it is a fabulous achievement to have received this prestigious commendation.

Breaking News: Queenswood to Become a Pioneer of the John Muir Award



Queenswood has successfully become one of the first schools recognised by the John Muir Trust as a centre authorised to deliver the new John Muir Award. This award is a free micro-accreditation for pupils that centres around 25 hours of environmental and conservation volunteering.

Enrichment Week Activity Programmes



A week of exciting and enriching trips and on-site activities is planned for Years 7–10 and Year 12 for the week beginning Monday 16 June. Please note, there are two versions of the programmes for both Year 8 and Year 9. If your daughter is not travelling to France or the Battlefields, she will follow the 'UK Activities' itinerary.

Junior Academic Scholars: How to Revise



*Nina D (Year 7) writes:* '...Personally, I like to use a technique called the Pomodoro technique. It means I have to work for 25 minutes, and then take a break. It has been tested, and resulted in increased productivity and speed. I find that 25 minutes is highly effective to how I work, and really helped me take in more information.'

The Big Word Game



The Queenswood Big Word Game was back with a buzz this week, bringing together students from Years 7 to 12 in a contest of vocabulary, quick thinking, and team spirit. After a fiercely fought battle, Clapham North emerged victorious, claiming 1st place with an impressive 70 points.

Year 8 Artists: Exploring the Wonders of Tring's Natural History Museum



Year 8 Art students enjoyed studying the spectacular creatures at Tring Natural History Museum on Tuesday 20 May. Focusing on recording shape, pattern, texture and line, they eagerly drew from a variety of taxidermy specimens – from giant mammals to tiny fleas, and from exotic birds to deep sea coral.

Polo is Back for Summer 2025!



We're thrilled to announce that Queenswood Polo Club is back for the summer term! Our team – Cornelia, Roza, Eva, Elina, Saskia, Lucy, and Alisa – have returned to the field with energy and determination, ready to take their game to the next level. We can't wait to see what this talented group can achieve. Watch this space!

Year 10 Design and Technology: Hands-On Conservation in a Stunning Church



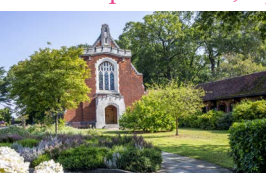
On Thursday 22 May, Year 10 DT students spent an inspiring day at St Mary at Hill, a stunning Christopher Wren church in the heart of London, exploring careers in conservation with Square Mile Churches. From stone carving to gilding, plaster moulding to illumination, they embraced hands-on workshops with experts

Dr Boyce: Swanwick's New Housemaster



This summer we bid a fond farewell to Miss Natalie McGreavy, who has been Housemistress of Swanwick, our dedicated house for flexi-boarders, since its opening in September 2024. We are very fortunate to have appointed Dr Boyce as her successor, in the role of Housemaster.

Lifted Up in Faith, Sport, and Spirit: Celebration and Reflection in Chapel



Chapel this week included a special service of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion, a student-led assembly on the power of sport, and a reflection on Jesus' ascension. Reverend Kate encouraged students to be active in faith and life, supported by the Holy Spirit, especially during exams and upcoming challenges.

Reunited and Reminiscing: We Welcome Back the Classes of '95, '05 and '15



Last Saturday, we were delighted to welcome back the Classes of 1995, 2005, and 2015 for their 30th, 20th, and 10th reunions, along with several much-loved former staff members who joined us for the special occasion. It was a truly memorable day, filled with laughter, stories, and reconnections.

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.