

Today is the deadline for purchasing tickets for our sensational Summertime Ball – click here.

### News and information from www.queenswood.org

Friday 6 June 2025

Save the date: Summer Conce



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.

Weekend fun: Pride movie nigh



Pride Month is an opportunity to celebrate LGBTQ+ culture and to raise awareness of issues facing the LGBTQ+ community. If you need a break from revision, and like the sound of some relaxing TV this weekend, why not celebrate Pride with a Netflix movie night! Here are some of our favourite series and films currently streaming on Netflix. Have a great weekend!

This week I am reading.

# The Diary of Sarah Forbes Bonetta: A Novel by Victoria Princewill



"You are not an aristocrat. An aristocrat is born to a noble family. You were born into royalty. You are a princess." Set in 1860, this is the story of Sarah

Forbes Bonetta, the intelligent, multilingual Yoruba princess from West Africa who became the protégé of the British Queen Victoria. Learning on her seventeenth birthday that her real name is Aina, Oma'ba Aina from the fallen Oyo Empire, Sarah attempts to navigate life as a foster daughter, a protégé and a young black girl in Victorian England. A powerful retelling of the extraordinary life of orphaned African princess, Sarah Forbes Bonetta.

In brief

## Let's Leap Summer Camps: use the code SUMMER10 for a 10% discount



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.

#### Calling All Geographers: It's Competition Time!



Mrs Looker (Head of Geography) would like to highlight three upcoming national competitions. One is targeted at those studying, or about to study, A-Level Geography; one is open to students from any year group; and one is a photography competition that anyone can enter – even parents! Click on the hyperlink for details.

#### Junior Academic Scholars: Gearing Up for the End-of-Year Exams



Year 7 Academic Scholars are feeling very positive about their end-ofyear exams. Nina, Ella, Amelia and Isabella have been discussing their favourite subjects and sharing revision tips.

#### Queenswood Sports Stars in Action for Club and County



It's been a remarkably successful few weeks for some of our sporting stars, with stellar performances in hockey, netball and tennis. Most excitingly, some of our very newest Queenswoodians – four girls who will be joining us in September – are through to the England U11 National Netball Finals this weekend. We wish them all the best!

#### Polo Match Report: Queenswood vs Felsted B



Queenswood's polo team kicked off their season in style with a 2–0 win against Felsted B team at the stunning Silver Leys Polo Club. Under brilliant blue skies and in perfect playing conditions, the girls delivered a composed and spirited performance, especially impressive considering they've only had two training sessions so far this year.

#### D of E Silver Practice Expedition: Canoeing and Campcraft



Our Silver Duke of Edinburgh students enjoyed an adventure on the river Ouse before half term, in preparation for the qualifying expedition later this term. You can relive the fun in these posts from the @Queenswood\_DofE Instagram feed.

## 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.

#### From Cuban Breaks to Showbiz Shakes – It's Strictly Q!



'Strictly Q' has been bringing some Latin flair to Friday lunchtimes! This year, we've been swept away by the vibrant rhythms of the cha-cha, mastering everything from Cuban breaks to daring drops—all with the infectious energy of this cheeky dance.

#### Chapel News: A Summer Singalong and Mr Turner's Talk About Creativity



On Wednesday, in the hope of relieving some of the tension building around exams, we enjoyed a Summer Singalong in Chapel during which we sang some of our favourite songs from this academic year. On the Monday before this, Mr Turner gave an interesting, informative and humorous presentation entitled 'Creativity'.

#### Todd in the Hole Festival – 20% Discount for Queenswood Families



We're thrilled to offer Q families an exclusive 20% discount on tickets to this year's Todd in the Hole Festival! More than just a music event, it's a fun-filled, family-friendly celebration of great food, drink, and live entertainment. Keep an eye out for Miss Yaffe and Mr Booth, who help organise the festival – you may see them there! Please use code TODD25 when you book.

#### Careers News



Click here to read this week's Careers Newsletter.

Mrs King writes: There are some lovely webinars coming up on Unifrog over the next few weeks, and some top advice on how to fill time with useful activities over the school holidays – just click on the links in the newsletter. If there is there anything you'd like to see featured in your weekly Careers Newsletter, just let me know!

#### 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.