



We would like to draw your attention to the 12pm finish on Friday 25 March. You can view term dates [here](#).

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Queenswood Coronavirus Update



Mrs Cameron wrote to all parents and guardians to explain [the implications of the lifting of coronavirus restrictions](#) in England this week.

Open Morning: Saturday 5 March

Mrs Cameron writes:

As we get back into the swing of more normal activities, post-Covid restrictions, I am looking forward very much to the next [Open Morning](#), which is fast approaching on Saturday 5th March. I love to showcase our school to prospective families and I imagine you recall from your own experience, how important that open event was in making your decision to choose Queenswood. This message is just to remind you that all pupils are expected to attend and help bring to life for our visitors, the rich and diverse learning opportunities they enjoy.

8.40am: arrival. Please drop off in the usual Pupil Drop Off Car Park.

11.45am: collection. Please pick up from the Pupil Drop Off Car Park.

Weekend fun: Altered magazine art



Try your hand at creating a piece of [altered magazine art](#). Using magazines that are no longer needed, find an image that interests you, then create your masterpiece with pens, acrylic paints or oil pastels etc.

Next week I am reading...



Every Line of You by Naomi Gibson (9+).

An edge-of-your-seat thriller which will keep you gripped to the last page...

Lydia has been creating her AI, Henry, for years. Now, Henry is strong, clever, loving and scarily capable: Lydia's built herself the perfect boyfriend in a hard-drive filled with lines of code. But what is Henry really?

In brief

[Apply now for Channel 4's Junior Bake-Off: Ready, Set, Bake!](#)

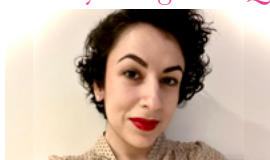
[The sound of history: Mr Dobson's restored replica Tudor virginal](#)

[OQ Pippa D Collins to perform at PizzaExpress Holborn](#)

[On your doorstep](#)

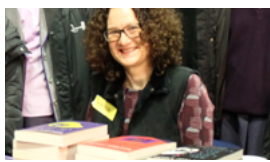
Welcome to the latest digest of news, events and blog posts from the website of Queenswood School. Click on the pink hyperlinks to read more.

Zoë Lykourgou OQ: Japanese-speaking Cybercrime Analyst



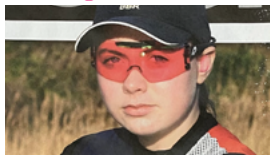
In the latest in our series of reminiscences from recent leavers, Zoë Lykourgou (OQ 2015) explains how a love of the Japanese language took her from Queenswood, via SOAS and Oxford, to a career as a cybercrime analyst.

Author Talks Are Back: Award-Winning Novelist Penny Joelson Visits Q



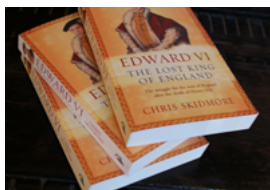
On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome author Penny Joelson to Queenswood to speak to Year 7 and 8 English students in the Clarissa Farr Theatre. Penny is one of the UK's leading YA (Young Adult) writers, with a string of popular and thrillingly plotted novels to her name, including *I Have No Secrets* and *Things The Eye Can't See*.

'Young Shots': Bethany's Monthly Column in National Magazine



Bethany N (Year 10) is an experienced and highly successful clay shooter who competes in Olympic Skeet events. Now she has been commissioned by *Clay Shooter* magazine to contribute a monthly diary piece about her progress and achievements entitled 'Young Shots'.

Year 11 Historians Awarded Prizes for Enthusiasm and Commitment



The History Department is delighted to announce that three pupils in Year 11 have been awarded prizes for their work at GCSE. Mrs Curtin (Joint Head of History) commented that Sophie A, Jodi-Faye H and Mia S 'have a passion for the subject that shines through in lessons and they are also talented historians who have achieved excellent academic success in a number of papers'.

Academic Scholars Talk: Sienna W on a Better Internet for All



On Wednesday 23 February, Sienna W (Year 13) gave a fascinating talk to Academic Scholars about censorship and regulation of the internet. Sienna, who has an offer of a place to study PPE at Oxford, offered some inspiring positive solutions to the current system of algorithms and unconsciously biased moderators, which she described as 'dystopian'.

The Week in Chapel: Redefining Failure and the Importance of Fairtrade



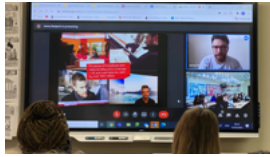
On Monday, Mrs Cameron encouraged us to think about the concept of failure from a positive perspective. On Wednesday, Rev'd Vindra marked Fairtrade Fortnight with a talk about the global imperative to pay a fair price for farmed produce. The link takes you to Monday's Chapel, with a link to watch Wednesday's service at the end.

Tennis Scholar Jess M Earns WTA Ranking



The future is looking very bright for Queenswood Tennis Scholar Jessica M (Year 12). Following her first two ITF successful competitions she has now gained her very first professional WTA ranking. She has also been selected to represent the United Kingdom as a Global Scholar at the 2022 Global Young Leaders Conference held in Washington D.C and New York City.

Year 13 Psychology: Seminar with Mental Health Campaigner Jonny Benjamin



The Year 13 Psychology class were lucky enough to speak to Jonny Benjamin OBE on Friday 25 February about his experiences of schizoaffective disorder, his life story, and the amazing charity work he now dedicates himself to in breaking down the negative stigma still attached to mental health.

Year 10 Art Trip: The National Gallery and a Walking Tour of London



On Thursday 24 February Year 10 Art students took a trip to London to gather resources and information for our 'Structures' project. They explored the exhibitions of works by Albrecht Durer and Kehinde Wiley at the National Gallery, and sketched a series of London landmarks.

Inter-House Photography Competition



Taking inspiration from the 'surreal' themes suggested, pupils are invited to create a series of three images. They should upload these images to their House Google classroom by Friday 18 March. They may work in full colour or greyscale. A winner will be selected from each House and displayed around the school.

Speech and Drama: Outstanding Success for 'New Era' Candidates

This week saw another tremendous crop of results for Speech and Drama students. In the most recent session of exams, the 33 candidates amassed 30 Distinctions and 3 Merits.