



Invitations to the Queenswood Parents' Association Ball were sent out today. If you are a parent, a member of staff or a Sixth Former, be sure to check your email! We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this very special event on Saturday 25 June.

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Ukraine Appeal: Thank you



We were proud and humbled on Wednesday as our **pupils, parents and staff joined together** to support the humanitarian aid effort in Ukraine by bringing their donations to school.

'Q' here for a tour!



The Admissions and Marketing team, supported by our Senior Prefects, have been busy touring families around the school this week. We thought we would share with you **some of what we show our visiting families on a Q tour**. This week we are starting with Stamp House.

Weekend fun: Friendship bracelets



Why not show your friends how much you care this weekend by making them **a personalised friendship bracelet?**

This week I am reading...



When Shadows Fall by Sita Brahmachari (Teen & YA Fiction)

Kai, Orla and Zak grew up together, their days spent on the patch of wilderness in between their homes, a small green space in a sprawling grey city. Music, laughter and friendship bind them together and they have big plans for their future – until Kai's family suffers a huge loss.

In brief

Date for your diary: Jazz Classics with Georgina Nicholas OQ

Theodora shares her 'Approaches to Portraiture' photography project

OQ Hockey reunion match: Thursday 24 March

House Photography Competition: one week to go

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.

Melisma Quartet Reaches Final of Renowned Chamber Music Competition



On Tuesday 15 March, Queenswood's Melisma String Quartet will perform at the stunning church of St George, Hanover Square, in the final of the South East Schools Chamber Music Competition. It is the first time that an ensemble from Queenswood has entered this extremely prestigious competition.

The John Fry Public Speaking Competition 2022



This year's John Fry Public Speaking Competition, held on Friday 4 March, saw five of Queenswood's most capable orators discussing ethical and moral issues related to the coronavirus pandemic. Each speaker was tasked with delivering a four minute speech on a given topic, and answering an unprepared question from the floor.

The Week in Chapel: International Women's Day



This week in Chapel our focus was International Women's Day (IWD), and in particular this year's theme: 'Break the Bias'. On **Monday**, Mrs Truran spoke about three women who have been inspirational to her personally: the novelist Bernardine Evaristo; Wendy Cooling, founder of Bookstart; and her own sister, who displayed remarkable resilience and tenacity to reach the pinnacle of the nursing profession. On **Wednesday**, the Senior Prefects explained about the origins of IWD and introduced us to some pioneering women in the world of television and film.

Millie Norton OQ: Cyber Security Graduate at Dyson



In the latest in our series of reminiscences from recent leavers, Millie Norton (OQ 2015) reflects on the encouragement from her Queenswood teachers that inspired her to study Computer Science to Master's level, and to embark on a career with one of the world's most innovative companies.

Flesh: GCSE Drama Students' Deliciously Macabre Performance



On Monday 7 March, GCSE Drama students performed extracts from Rob Drummond's dystopian comedy, *Flesh*. They were very effective in depicting a group of teenagers' rapid descent into deep suspicion and tribalism, before uniting in gruesome solidarity against a perceived common enemy.

Oxford University Computing Challenge 2022



Last month many of our talented computer scientists took part in the Oxford University Computing Challenge, which is exclusively for students who achieved the top 10% of results in the country in the Bebras challenge.

Platinum Jubilee Pudding Competition: the Final Round



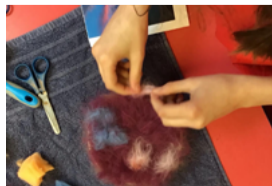
Thank you to everyone who entered the Platinum Jubilee Pudding Competition over half term. Mrs Lee, Practical Cookery Teacher, was hugely impressed with your pudding recipes and it was very difficult for her to choose who would go through to the final round of the competition.

Highlights from Open Morning



It was wonderful to welcome over 100 excited families to Queenswood last Saturday for our first Open Morning of 2022. Greeted by the School's dedicated Admissions staff and our Senior Prefect team, prospective pupils, along with their parents and carers, went on to enjoy engaging speeches from Mrs Cameron, Jasmine H (Deputy Head Girl) and Florence C-B, a Year 7 pupil.

Mrs Platt-Hawkins Leads Felting Workshop at Stormont School



Last week, Mrs Platt-Hawkins, Queenswood's Head of Art, visited Stormont School in Potters Bar to lead a workshop on the popular craft of felting. One of the pupils sent us a lovely report.