



We've put together <mark>a video</mark> of some of the highlights of the last few months at Queenswood, which was shown in the whole school assembly this morning.

We'd like to wish all our readers a very happy and healthy Easter holiday.

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A new boarding film



We are very pleased to unveil our new short film about boarding at Queenswood. We hope it gives a flavour of the many opportunities, experiences and facilities on offer to our flexi-, weekly and full boarders, including trips and treat nights, a cinema room and a brand new Sixth Form flat.

#### 'Q' here for a tour!



Following on from last week's interactive tour of Stamp House, this week we are exploring the Swimming Pool.

#### Easter holiday fun on your doorstep



After a lively term crammed full of engagement and achievement for our pupils, the Easter holidays lie gloriously ahead. We bring you suggestions of local activities you may wish to enjoy.

Next week I am reading..



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.

#### Senior Prefect Team 2022-23



The new Head Girl, Deputy Head Girls and Senior Prefects were announced in the end of term assembly in Queenswood Hall today. After a rigorous selection process, a team of 12 was chosen from a field of 27 applicants from the Lower Sixth.

## The Week in Chapel: Easter



This week's services were dedicated to the Easter story. On Monday, Rev'd Vindra gave a personal reflection on the crucifixion and resurrection, while on Wednesday members of our HUB group, who meet each week to discuss aspects of the Christian faith, offered their own retelling of the story.

### Kindness Ambassadors Sell Charity Ribbons for Ukraine



We were incredibly proud of our Year 7 and 8 Kindness Ambassadors this week as they helped with our latest fundraising initiative in support of the people of Ukraine. With the support of Sixth Form students, they made striking blue and yellow lapel ribbons, which were sold to students, staff and parents to raise much needed funds and to express our solidarity with those displaced by the war.

#### ISTD Cecchetti Ballet: A Spectacular Set of Results



The results are in for the latest round of ISTD Cecchetti ballet results, and it's fair to say that our ballerinas have performed outstandingly. In the 26 exams taken, there were four merits and 22 distinctions. Several pupils achieved multiple distinctions, which is a tremendous accolade, and one has earned herself a vocational level qualification.

### Rachel Poppleton OQ: Graduate Researcher, CIO & Technology Officers Practice



Rachel Poppleton (OQ, 2018) has enjoyed considerable success since leaving Q. A first class degree in Geography, along with a string of academic prizes, led to her current job in high-level technology recruitment. Here she reflects on the importance of keeping an open mind when it comes to career decisions.

### Sweeney Todd: Superbly Choreographed Physical Theatre



This week the Year 13 A-Level Drama students presented a superbly slick, stylised adaptation of one of the most macabre urban legends. The students were inspired by the intricate, muscular choreography of Steven Berkoff, and displayed remarkable ingenuity in their physical creations, including the iconic collapsible barber's chair and the meat-grinding machine...

# Olive Gray OQ Stars in Major TV Adaptation of *Halo*

Olive Gray OQ (2012) will star in the Paramount+ TV adaptation

The Spring Term has been a busy one and with the Easter break upon us, Mrs Truran, Head Librarian at Queenswood, would like to share her reading recommendations for the holidays.

Co-curricular activities programme

Click here for next term's programme of co-curricular activities.

#### In brief

Music in Chapel: Lower School Choir -'Once Again'

Music in Chapel: Maeve K – 'Feed the Birds'

Music in Chapel: Isabella P-V – 'Papa, Can You Hear Me?'

Year 12 Psychology: students design, conduct and analyse experiments

Fencing: Zina is making her mark

An impressive competition-winning trampoline routine by Beatrice D (Year 7)

Year 7 sports scholar Lucienne – what a term!

Mr Kokkinos serenades our wonderful Catering Team on Greek Independence Day



of the video game franchise *Halo*, to be screened next month. Olive trained at Guildhall School of Music and Drama and has amassed an extremely impressive CV, with appearances in *Fleabag*, *Save Me*, *Eastenders* and *Half Moon Investigations*.

#### Sofia M: World Cup Squad Member Receives Two Major Awards



Last week we brought you the exciting breaking news that Sports Scholar Sofia M (Year 12) had been selected for the GB squad at the Junior Hockey World Cup next month. As she prepares to fly out to South Africa in time for the first match on 1 April, we are thrilled to announce that she has received two more tremendous accolades, from the Hockey Writers Club and Royal Bank of Canada's SportsAid.

## Bethany N Selected for ISSF Junior World Cup



Many congratulations to Bethany N (Year 10), who has been selected to represent Great Britain in two events at the ISSF Rifle/Pistol/ Shotgun Junior World Cup, to be held in Suhl, Germany in May. She will be a member of both the Junior Women's Olympic Skeet team and the Junior Olympic Skeet Mixed Pairs.

### Artist of the Month: Katie C (Year 11)



Congratulations to Katie C (Year 11) who was awarded Artist of the Month for February 2022. Following her visit to the British Museum she produced a stunning collage of sketches, photographs and written research, which now has pride of place in Mrs Cameron's study.

## Queenswood Joiners of 2022 Receive Their Special Gift



We have been delighting our next cohort of Queenswoodians over the last few weeks with a surprise gift from Mrs Cameron - a 'Queenswood Joiner of 2022' purple hoodie! The girls will wear the hoodies for their Induction Day in June and we can't wait to see how fantastic they look!

## Hockey: The OQA Take On the First XI



On Thursday evening this week, we were delighted to host a hockey match between some of our Old Queenswoodians and the School's current 1st XI team. OQ and Queenswood's Director of Tennis, Catherine Sluter, organised the event.