

NEWS FROM Queenswood



Double National Champions!
Congratulations to our U13 and U15 tennis teams on their sensational victories at Bolton Arena last weekend! See below for a full report.

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Year 11: A-Level Taster Days



On 19 and 20 January 2023, Year 11 pupils will experience life in the Queenswood Sixth Form, as they attend A-Level taster lessons and spend time in the beautiful Bellman Centre. Year 11 parents will receive more information from Head of Sixth Form Mr Fox in the coming days.

Purchasing individual school photos

If your daughter had an individual photograph taken by Gillman & Soames earlier this term, you will have received an email with easy-to-follow instructions for purchasing. If you have any queries, please contact [Mr Daughton](#).

Weekend fun: get crafty for Christmas



Why not enjoy some crafty fun this weekend and create your own

Christmas decorations. There are lots of ideas online to help you deck the halls and make your home look even more merry and bright. [Here](#) are our Christmas craft suggestions.

This week I am reading...



With the Christmas holidays almost upon us, we have swapped our weekly feature 'This Week I Am Reading...' for a selection of wintry page-turners for young adults. The weather may be grey and cold, but these [engaging reads](#) will help you to escape the wintry blues – so put the kettle on and cosy up with a chapter or two of a good book.

In brief



[U13 Juniors in National Final of English Schools Cross Country Cup](#)

[Year 7 History: Why William won the Battle of Hastings – videos](#)

[Practical Cookery: Year 7 and 8 bake Christmas Crinkle Cookies](#)

[Harpist OQ Harriet Adie releases stunning debut solo album](#)

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Rave Reviews for *Made in Dagenham*



It's been a whirlwind week in the Drama and Dance department, with three sold-out, rapturously received performances of *Made in Dagenham*. 140 performers, along with a crew of technical and backstage assistants, staged the true story of the 1960s Ford sewing machinists whose industrial action paved the way for the Equal Pay Act.

Double Triumph for Queenswood at National Team Tennis Finals



Queenswood's tennis aces are celebrating an unprecedented double victory at the National Team Tennis Championships in Bolton on the weekend of Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 December. It is the first time in the school's history that teams have taken the national title in two age groups simultaneously.

Christmas Lunch and Festive Jumper Day



The Dining Hall felt most festive on Wednesday as we all enjoyed a deliciously flavoursome Christmas lunch. Resplendent in Christmas jumpers and hats, our pupils tucked into a feast of roast turkey and all the trimmings whilst listening to their favourite Christmas party anthems. In addition to the fun, the students also donated funds to the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day 2022 appeal.

Head of Sixth Form Chris Fox's Debut Novel Published



During the first Covid lockdown, Mr Fox (Head of Sixth Form) fulfilled a long ambition to complete his debut novel. Thrillingly, *Dreams* by C D Fox is published by Arrow Gate this week! We caught up with him to ask about his writing process.

Eco-Committee: Ten Tips for a Waste-Free Christmas



In the first of a regular series of reports from Queenswood's Eco-Committee, here are some suggestions for reducing your carbon footprint this Christmas, without missing out on any of the festive cheer! Thanks to Senior Prefect Izzie E (Year 13) and her team of eco-warriors for compiling this important article.

World Challenge Expedition to Borneo: Fundraising Update



Further to our earlier report that in July 2024, twenty intrepid Queenswood students from our current Years 10 and 11 will venture on a 14-day World Challenge Expedition to Borneo, Beth T and Emily S (Year 10) are excited to update us on their fundraising activities in preparation for this extraordinary trip.

Chapel Highlights: The Second Week of Advent



We lit the second Advent candle in chapel this week, remembering the prophets and the victory of light over darkness. Led by the Senior Prefects, we learned about the birth of Jesus and enjoyed taking part in a fun quiz. On Wednesday, we were addressed by students from each House, who talked about the work of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice.

A-Level Spanish Students at the BFI



A-Level Spanish students attended the BFI film festival, exploring themes in the film *Volver*, which they study as part of their course. The event was part of an interventional seminar given in Spanish, held by Dr Miguel Garcia from the University of Bristol and Sarah Wright from the University of London.

House Christmas Card Competition 2022: Winning Designs on Sale for Charity



There is still time to purchase our House Christmas cards in packs of 12 (three of each of the House designs) for £6 per pack. All profits will be donated to Noah's Ark Children's Hospice who help babies, children and young people with life-threatening or life-limiting conditions, and their families, to make the most of every day. Thank you for your generosity at Christmas.