



We'd like to wish all our readers very happy half-term holiday.

GCSE and A-Level Classics students are heading to Rome next week – we'll have a full report in the next issue.

News and information from www.queenswood.org

Friday 10 February 2023

Year 11 Drama: *Amélie*



On Monday 27 February, Year 11 Drama students will stage two performances of scenes from this innovative adaptation of the classic French movie. Click [here](#) for tickets.

Weekend fun: dance movie night



We love dance at Queenswood, and after a very busy half-term, why not kick back this weekend and enjoy a Netflix dance movie night? [Here](#) is our pick of the best dance movies currently streaming on Netflix. Wishing you all a footloose and fun half-term!

This week I am reading...



Lark by Anthony McGowan

Winner of the 2020 CILIP Carnegie Medal, this is the fourth and final installment in McGowan's quartet of novellas, about brothers Nicky and Kenny. A tale of adventure set on the North Yorkshire Moors, where a 'lark' turns into a desperate battle for survival for two woefully ill-equipped teenage boys, this story is also about the unshakeable love between brothers, as they endure family break-up, poverty, bullying and cruelty. Engaging and accessible for even the most reluctant of readers, *Lark* is a charming and tender novel.

In brief

[Jubilee Avenue: our commemorative trees are in blossom](#)

[Queenswood Sport: U10 Netball Festival 2023](#)

[Over 350 Queenswood pupils take part in #SchoolsFootballWeek](#)

[Year 10 Art: studying structures – observational drawing in Chapel](#)

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.

GCSE and A-Level Music Concert



The GCSE and A-Level Music students treated us to an excellent concert on Thursday 9 February, with repertoire ranging from the romanticism of Chopin and Tchaikovsky to classic movie soundtracks, including *Grease* and *Skyfall*. You can watch highlights by clicking on the link above.

In Conversation: Award-Winning Session Musician David Land



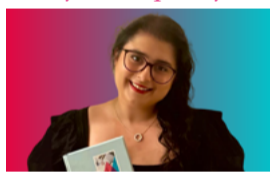
On Thursday 9 February, Queenswood welcomed trumpet-playing virtuoso Dave Land to talk to pupils about excelling in music and what it takes to get to the top. He incorporated his personal experiences as an awe-inspired youngster, through to his career as successful freelance musician, who has played for artists such as Amy Winehouse and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

A-Level Drama: *Be My Baby*



Year 13 Drama students staged an innovative and moving production of Amanda Whittington's *Be My Baby* on Monday 6 February. Set in 1964, the play sheds light on the plight of young unmarried pregnant girls confined to 'mother and baby homes'. The production was inspired by the work of director Katie Mitchell, and made extensive use of on-stage camera work and Foley sound effects to create a form of extreme naturalism termed 'live cinema'.

Holly Humphrey OQ: HR Consultant and Startup Founder



Holly Humphrey OQ (2013) has forged a fascinating career in the world of education HR, and recently founded her own startup company, Beyond Expectations. She reflects on how life in the Sixth Form at Queenswood totally transformed her prospects, and allowed her to unlock her true potential.

Reminder: An Amazing Opportunity to Exhibit at the Royal Academy



Calling all artists...Would you like an amazing opportunity to submit work to the Royal Academy of Arts and have your artwork put on display in the galleries and online as part of the big summer exhibition? Would you like your artwork to be seen by a panel of artists and arts professionals? If your answer is yes, then click on the link above to find out more. You have until 29 March to submit!

Queenswood Tennis Aces Nominated for Youth Award



We're thrilled to report that Queenswood's U13 and U15 Tennis teams have been nominated for the Young Sportsman award at the Welwyn Hatfield Youth Awards in March. This nomination recognises their superb achievement at the National Team Tennis Championships in December, when they claimed the national title in both age groups.

Chapel Highlights: Here I Am Lord



Our Chapel services this week were led by the students. On Monday, we heard from Queenswood's Diana Award Ambassadors who encouraged us to make the school community as supportive as possible. On Wednesday, the Prefects **role-played** how to help if you witness bullying. Our hymns included I, the Lord of Sea and Sky.

World Challenge Expedition: Fundraising Bake Sale



Fundraising for their 2024 World Challenge Expedition to Borneo, our intrepid Y10 and Y11 explorers held a bake sale on Thursday. The delicious cakes, bakes and sweet treats were snapped up by eager students and staff alike. We extend our congratulations to Miss Yaffe and the students for the success of the sale, which raised over £350.