

**ACROSS**

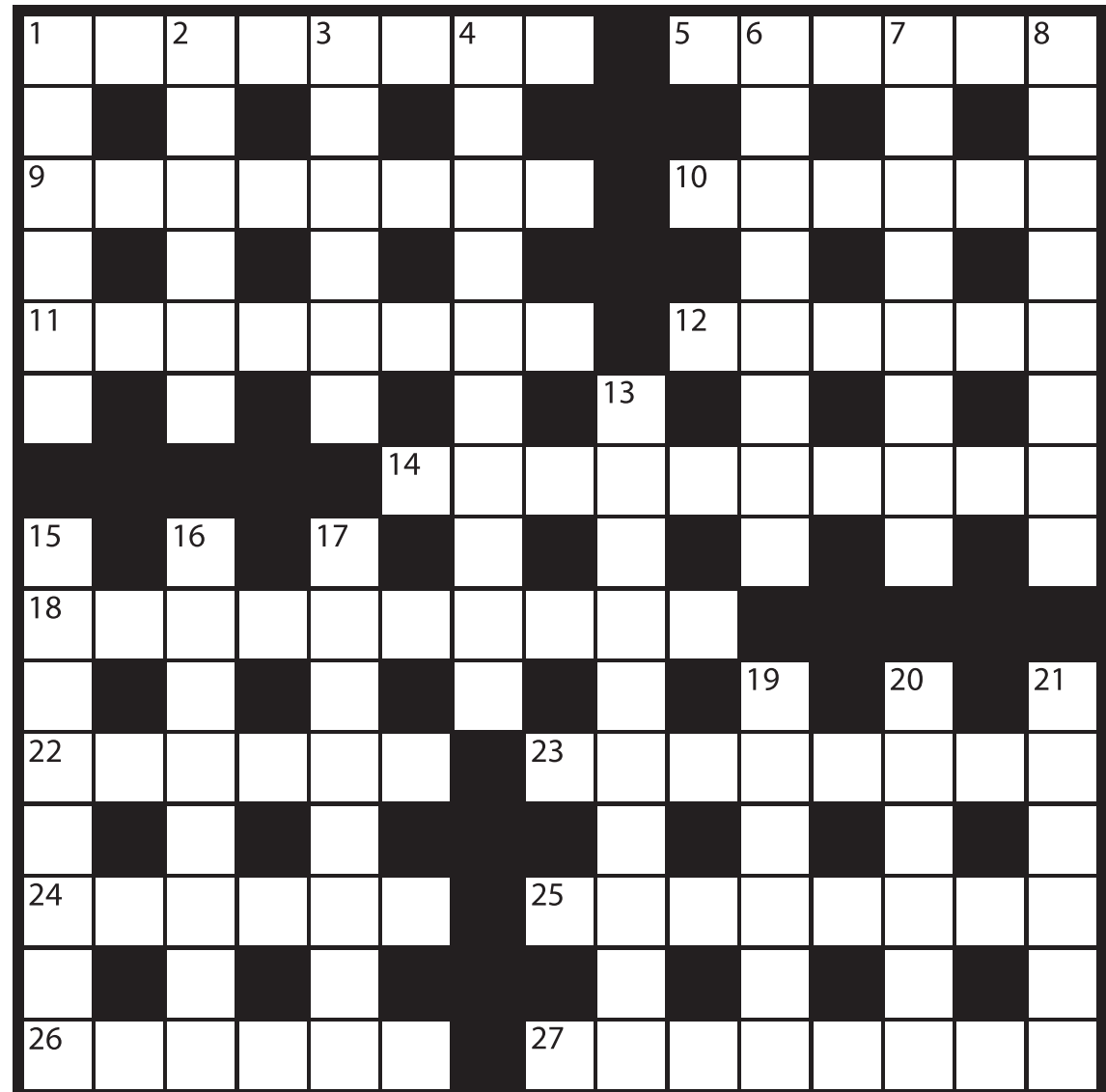
- 1 Brightest student primarily backing memory before exam (8)  
 5 Provides musical about Queen (6)  
 9 Old bishop gives out watches (8)  
 10 Strike stops doctor getting a drink (6)  
 11 Blokes count in their heads (8)  
 12 Lump containing gold found in Slough (6)  
 14 Introduction to office used by my country (10)  
 18 Still in discussions to secure office supplies (10)  
 22 Cardinal encounters retired judge (6)  
 23 Comment from Labour leader about school (8)  
 24 Run through extremely sleek vessel (6)  
 25 Reliable gallows oddly lacking in institution (8)  
 26 Battle is interrupting holiday (6)  
 27 Royal in castle, surrounded by journalists (8)

**DOWN**

- 1 Tempestuous tale about Frenchman (6)  
 2 Seaman driven away (6)  
 3 Hazard to deal with outside hotel (6)  
 4 Transported to vault after a time (10)  
 6 Pilot broadcast originally with Love Island (8)  
 7 Scottish teachers accepting politician suffers from stress (8)  
 8 Actress in place before grand farewell (4,4)  
 13 Bill for carrying square bed (4-6)  
 15 Fools briefly upset judge (8)  
 16 Catering worker with excellent hair (8)

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- 17 Admire head in portrait (8)  
 19 With scarf, one essentially gets hot (6)  
 20 Spirit seen in Jerusalem or Alexandria (6)  
 21 Fatalities caused by shortages with no end to war (6)