



Classics for All

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO THE CLASSICS FOR ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS MARCH NEWSLETTER!

I hope you are having a good term so far and Mock Exams went well! If you would like to be featured in the Newsletter this year at any point, please do get in touch via cfaschoolsupport@classicsforall.org.uk and let me know what you would like me to share with others! We love to hear quotes from children too!

IMPACT AWARDS 2025 NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Our fifth annual teaching awards, “Impact Awards”, will this year recognise the transformative work of our teachers from across the country at a special ceremony in Leeds Royal Armouries, the national museum of arms and armour.

Our award winners this year will receive:



£300



An exclusive preview of a new museum exhibition



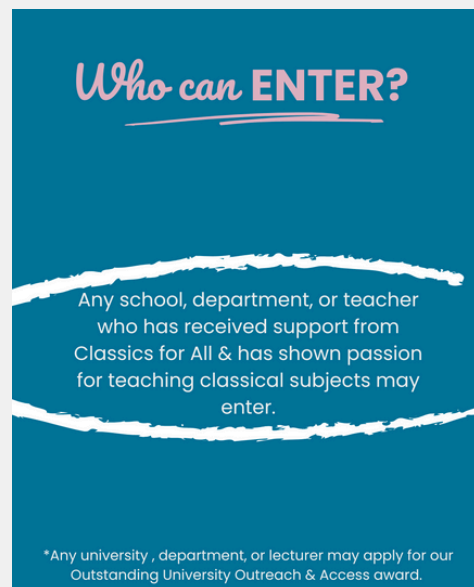
A handling session



An evening of celebration with food and drink

Do you think your school or university champions the study of classics subjects? To be in with a chance to win, nominate yourself by the 31st March here:

<https://classicsforall.org.uk/news-and-events/events/impact-awards-2025>



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NOTICE FROM THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION



REMINDER:

MYTHOLOGY COMPETITION FOR KEY STAGE 3

We are delighted to announce a Mythology Competition for school students, or those being home-educated, both in the UK and across the world, who are in Key Stages 2 and 3 (or equivalent) i.e. aged 7-14. This was previously the Minimus Mythology Competition run by the Primary Latin Project, and has now been brought under the aegis of the Classical Association.

Students are invited to submit a piece of Creative Writing, Art or an animation in response to all or a part of:

Key Stage 2: The Wooden Horse

Key Stage 3: Romulus and Remus



All details about the competition, and how to enter can be found [here](#).

WORD ROOT OF THE MONTH:

Where does our word “Bus” come from?



Our word “Bus” is a shortened form of “Omnibus” (what our buses used to be called), and “omnibus” is a Latin word, meaning “for everyone”. So an omnibus, or bus, is for everyone!

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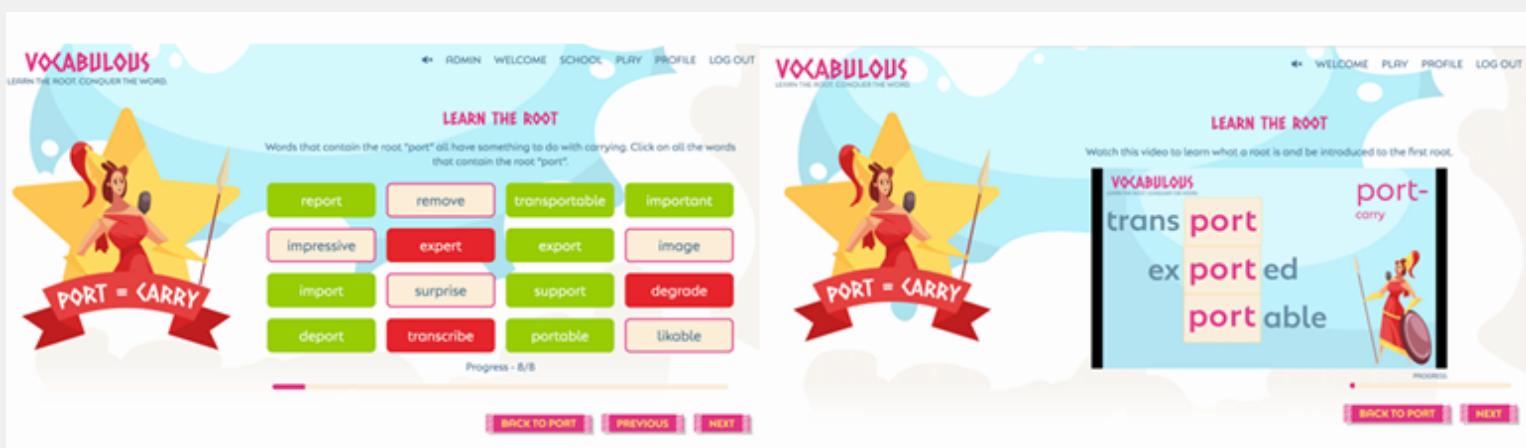
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PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR FEEDER/LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

VOCABULOUS FOR KEY STAGE 2

Vocabulous is launching their new Vocabulous curriculum for KS2 (years 5+6) in September, so have produced a flier with more information (please could you circulate this flyer with the Primary Schools). They are also holding some online information sessions so schools can find out more, on Thursday 3rd April, Tuesday 29th April and Monday 12th May all at 3.30-4pm. The link to sign up for these is: [Sign up for Vocabulous KS2 information session.](#)





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OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS

ICE BURSARIES - The Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education (ICE) Undergraduate Certificate in Classical Studies

In 2020-21 The Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education (ICE) launched an undergraduate certificate in Classical Studies. This course aims to provide an open-entry route for adults seeking to study classics at an introductory higher education level.

The course is delivered entirely remotely and accessible for students in any location to study flexibly and on a part-time basis.

3 units: Greek Drama, Latin Literature, Athenian Democracy. Assessment = 4000 word assignments per unit.

This year Classics for All is partnering again with the Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education to offer 4 full bursaries (worth £3300 each) for state school teachers or other educational professionals working in UK based settings wishing to enrol in their UG in Classical Studies Sept 2025/26.

The deadline to apply for bursaries is 31 March: [Undergraduate awards: Certificate in Classical Studies | Institute of Continuing Education \(ICE\)](#).

Please note we are working to extend the application deadline.



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1 and 2 Week Courses for Teachers
SUNDAY 20th JULY – SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST 2025

To find out more,
click [here!](#)

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- 3 hours per day of intensive small-group tuition
- All delivered by very well-established, experienced teachers
- Excellent CPD opportunity
- Full programme of evening talks by university academics
- Daily clinics to consolidate grammatical knowledge

Other Benefits

- Beautiful surroundings in the spa town of Harrogate
- Full food, board and access to facilities
- Optional trips to York and Hadrian's Wall
- Quiz nights and a visit from the Hellenic Bookservice
- Opportunity to talk to experienced classics teachers



Our 1-Week Courses (see website for full details)

- Teaching Latin up to GCSE: ideas and resources for the bottom line of teaching Latin, from beginners up to preparation for each of the OCR and Eduqas papers, with emphasis on reading and discussing current set texts
- Teaching Latin A Level: as for GCSE – you could do that in week 1 then this in week 2
- Intense Beginners 1: Oulton's "So You Really Want to Learn Latin" up to book 2, chapter 5
- Intense Beginners 2: continuing from book 2, chapter 6 into full GCSE language work
- Near Beginners and Intermediate: gain fluency and begin reading original Latin
- Advanced Latin: pushing towards the equivalent of A Level standard

Come either week for just one of these or get the full "Camp Experience" and stay the whole fortnight!



INTERESTED?

Visit www.latincamp.co.uk for full details and simple online application

Cost per 1-week course

£200 - tuition only

£550 - with full food and board

Or stay the full two weeks, as many do, for £1070

Teachers at, or about to join, state schools can apply to us for Classics for All funding of up to 50% reduction. In addition, further bursaries may be available directly from Latin Camp upon negotiation with the Director.

The pace of delivery, the sense of humour and the systematic approach to the training were a delight to work with. It was inclusive in manner, jocular but business-like, encouraging a realistically reflective approach to issues around the most effective ways of teaching Latin. I can honestly say that in 35 years of teaching this training has provided me with the most practical pedagogical support and useful resources, as well as the most confidence subsequently to draw up schemes of work, plan productive lessons and generally be an effective teacher.
(Michael Wager, attended in 2019)



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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE ...

- Intensive courses (including three 1-hour taught sessions per day) for all levels from beginners up to A Level, as well as university students who have started Latin as adults
- Focus on fluency and diversity of Latin texts - good for anyone wanting to build up their reading experience (e.g. for Oxbridge interview preparation)
- Highly qualified tutors, most of whom teach in well-established Classics departments at leading UK schools
- Daily clinics to help consolidate key grammatical knowledge
- A full programme of evening talks and a chance to meet leading university academics



Other Benefits

- Beautiful surroundings in the quintessential historic spa town of Harrogate in Yorkshire
- Trips to Roman sites (in York and an optional weekend excursion to Hadrian's Wall) as well as events on-site (such as quiz nights and a visit from the Hellenic Bookservice)
- Two weeks with well over 100 like-minded students - great friends, great memories!
- All-in food and board and access to school facilities (including a pool, Squash and Tennis courts)



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£500 - tuition only

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EXHIBITIONS AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Gladiators of Britain: A new British Museum touring exhibition

From January 2025, a new British Museum touring exhibition will explore the history of gladiators in Britain.

The events of the amphitheatre, with its wild beasts and enslaved fighters, are one of the most fascinating aspects of Roman culture that still capture the public imagination today. Visiting Dorchester, Northampton, Chester and Carlisle, Gladiators of Britain will bring together some of the country's most important objects to tell the story of Roman entertainment venues in Britain. Highlights will include the Colchester Vase loaned by Colchester Museums, which records an actual battle between two real gladiators, and the Hawkedon Helmet, the only confirmed piece of gladiatorial armour from Roman Britain. These iconic loans will be supported by a selection of other items that reveal the popularity of gladiators throughout Roman society.

A partnership with Colchester and Ipswich Museums, this family-friendly exhibition will explore Roman spectacle in the local region of each venue, following in the footsteps of gladiators around the UK.

A British Museum Partnership Exhibition Gladiators of Britain will be on display at Dorset Museum & Art Gallery, Dorchester (25 January – 11 May 2025); Northampton Museum & Art Gallery (24 May – 7 September 2025); Grosvenor Museum, Chester (20 September 2025 – 25 January 2026); and Tullie House Museum & Art Gallery, Carlisle (7 February – 19 April 2026).



Glass sports cup © Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service -
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Colchester Vase © Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service -
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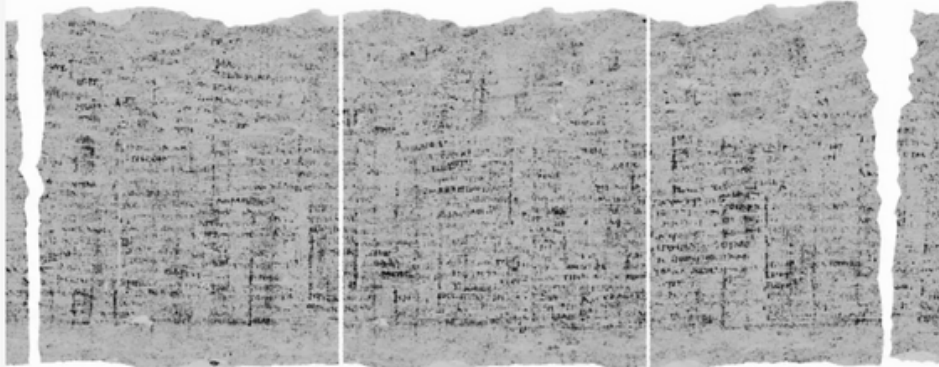
CLASSICS IN THE NEWS

First glimpse inside burnt scroll after 2,000 years

“A badly burnt scroll from the Roman town of Herculaneum has been digitally “unwrapped”, providing the first look inside for 2,000 years.”

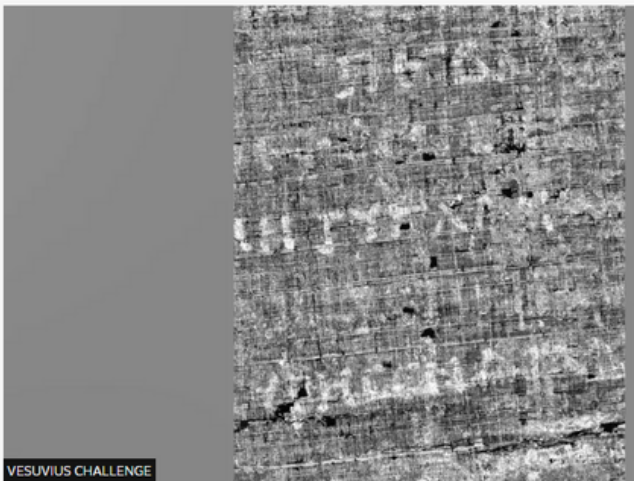
For the whole BBC article from 5th February 2025, please follow [this link](#).

This is incredibly exciting, and shows how modern, cutting-edge technology can be used to help us learn more about our past! Some of the images are included below. If your pupils learn Ancient Greek, they might even be able to recognise some letters in the bottom left image!



VESUVIUS CHALLENGE

X-ray scans and AI have meant the inside of ancient scroll can be revealed



VESUVIUS CHALLENGE

Some Greek letters can be seen on the papyrus scroll



BODLEIAN LIBRARY

The ancient scroll was burnt to a crisp by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius

MUSEUM OF CLASSICAL ARCHAEOLOGY, CAMBRIDGE

Hello from the Museum of Classical Archaeology, Cambridge! I'm Martha, the Education and Outreach Coordinator and it's my job to make sure your trip to the Museum is fun and inspiring – not just educational! Whether you're one of the local schools in Cambridge, travelling from further afield, or visiting us online, I'm here to help you plan your visit and make sure your experience goes smoothly.

For Secondary schools, we offer a museum tour – in person or virtual. The tour of our plaster cast collection, whether led by our Education and Outreach Coordinator or by you, is specially designed not only to support the curriculum but also to stretch your students to think beyond it. We can plan our session to fit your timetable and you can also plan to spend some time exploring the Cast Gallery after the tour – it's up to you.

A 60 minute tour of the Museum takes in classical sculpture from the earliest experiments in sculpting the human form at the beginning of the Archaic period, through the Classical period, into the Hellenistic period and finishing with the Roman period. Tours can be tailored to the age range and prior knowledge of the group, supporting critical thinking and visual analysis skills through object-based learning commensurate with the Key Stage of your students and the requirements of their studies. Our tours are interactive, so your students will be active participants in their own learning.

To make a booking, please use our [online booking request form](#).

Our Education and Outreach Coordinator will be in touch to answer any questions or discuss your options in advance of your visit. Please note: we ask that school trips are booked at least a week in advance of your visit.

Learning sessions led by our Education and Outreach Coordinator are available Tuesday-Thursday, 10am-5pm.

Virtual sessions are available Tuesday-Thursday, 9-11am.

THE OLYMPUS CHALLENGE

Are you running an extra-curricular classics club? Would you like to recognise your students' achievements in classics?

The Olympus Challenge recognises the work of students studying Classics on an extra-curricular basis. To complete the challenge, students must choose three modules from a choice of five options. This flexibility enables groups to tailor the challenge according to their own interests.

All details, including how to sign up and submit your students' work can be found [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact us at cfaschoolsupport@classicsforall.org.uk.

FINALLY...

Don't forget, if you would like top-up training and any other support, please get in touch with your local Network Coordinator and us, via cfaschoolsupport@classicsforall.org.uk. Thank you for all your enthusiastic work in bringing Classics to your schools!