



Classics for All

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS

### NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

#### WELCOME TO THE CLASSICS FOR ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER!

I hope you have had a good start to the new school year and the term is going well! If you would like to be featured in the Newsletter at any point, please do get in touch via [cfaschoolsupport@classicsforall.org.uk](mailto: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!

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#### SCHOOL OF THE MONTH!

##### SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, KINGS LYNN

Springwood High School is a large suburban comprehensive school in Kings Lynn, near Norwich, with 1888 pupils on roll and an Ofsted grading of Good. It is part of the West Norfolk Academies Trust. Pupil Premium and Free School Meal levels are below national average at 18% and 15% respectively, 8% of pupils have Special Educational Needs and 21% speak English as an Additional Language. In 2023, Deputy Headteacher, Jamie Warner-Lynn wanted to introduce a Classics club at Key Stage 5 to give pupils the opportunity to have learn about the Classical World, and this club has gone from strength to strength. Jamie introduced Latin as part of this club and also started a Key Stage 3 Classics Club.

I have chosen this school as School of the Month, because I think they are a good example of how Classics can be developed in a school beyond the curriculum, and how even a club can instil a love of Classics in students and give them opportunities to study a rich and varied subject outside their normal lessons.

Congratulations to Jamie for his excellent work at Springwood High School!





## WORD ROOT OF THE MONTH:

### What, or who, is a “somnambulist”?

This is something particularly pertinent to my family, because both my son and I are “somnambulists”, so I thought it would be a fun Word Root to share with you this month. It comes from two Latin words, “somnus”, meaning “sleep”, and “ambulare”, meaning “to walk”. So a “somnambulist” is a “sleep-walker”!



## MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT:

### Learning at Fishbourne Roman Palace

Roman history. Archaeology. Science. Maths. There's lots to explore at Fishbourne Roman Palace – the remains of the largest Roman Palace north of the Alps.

Our Learning Team oversee sessions for thousands of people every year. Learning topics at Fishbourne Roman Palace include exploring daily life in Roman Britain, Roman military activities and Roman technology.

Discover our formal school learning activities for Key Stage 1 to 5, plus activities for families, Home Educator groups, adult workshops, and group visits.

Click [here](https://www.classicsforall.org.uk) to find out more and to book your school visit - there are a range of sessions available for Secondary Schools up to Key Stage 5.





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## NOTICES FROM THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION

### ANCIENT HISTORY CPD DAY

**Tuesday 27th January 2026, Harrow School**

Designed to support GCSE and A Level teachers alike, this day will offer a range of workshops to support teachers at every stage of career, and give you the chance to network with the community.

Our keynote lecture, 'Interpreting Ancient Egyptian Art', will be delivered by Dr Campbell Price, curator for Egypt & Sudan at Manchester Museum.

We have experienced practitioners delivering sessions on topics such as supporting SEND learners, adaptive teaching techniques, and teaching material culture. We'll also be joined by Prof. Alex Mullen, whose session will focus on Roman Britain, and Prof. Tom Harrison, to hear how the British Museum can support the Ancient History teaching community. You can find the full programme below.

You will also have an opportunity to share your thoughts with the Classical Association on proposals for future period studies at GCSE & A Level, and hear from Cambridge OCR about A Level grading.

This event is FREE to attend, and Classics For All are kindly supporting state school teachers with travel bursaries. For all details and to register to attend, click [here](#).

### THE CLASSICS PODCAST DOES...

#### VIRGIL'S AENEID

Welcome to The Classics Podcast Does...Virgil's Aeneid. Podcast host Katrina Kelly is joined by bestselling author [Caroline Lawrence](#), to discuss Virgil's epic poem, The Aeneid. In each episode, inspired by a particular word, Katrina and Caroline explore characters, themes and poetic techniques, their favourite Virgilian similes, hear the sounds of ancient languages, and dive into the rich imagery and literary heritage of the Aeneid.

Click on [this link](#) for further details and all the episodes.



**[FOR ALL CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OPPORTUNITIES CLICK HERE](#)**

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## OTHER CLASSICS NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### KING'S COLLEGE, LONDON, CLASSICS TASTER AFTERNOON Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 4-5pm, ONLINE

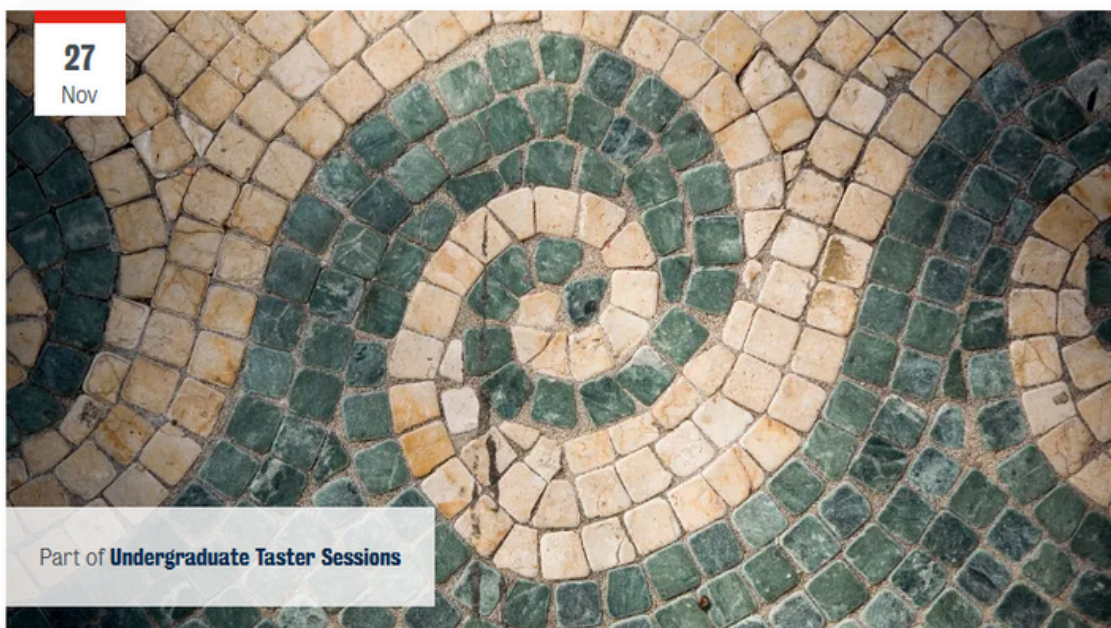
The Department of Classics at King's College London is hosting an Online Taster Afternoon on Thursday 27 November, 4pm–5pm, and the Department would like to invite your students to join. Participants will hear a sample lecture on the Battle of Marathon given by Professor Gonda van Steen, discover the different degree programmes, and have the opportunity to ask the Admissions Tutor any questions about the application process. This event is perfect for students in Years 12–13 planning to apply to study Classics or similar subjects at university.

Please register for the taster session [here](#).

#### **Classics Undergraduate Taster Session – 27 November 2025**

27 November 2025 16:00 to 17:00

Online





## OTHER CLASSICS NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### TWO WEEK RESIDENTIAL LATIN COURSES IN THE UK J.A.C.T. LATIN SUMMER SCHOOL

2026 dates are Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August in Harrogate. Our website [www.laticamp.co.uk](http://www.laticamp.co.uk) gives full details on all that we offer but in particular please see <https://laticamp.co.uk/current-course-programme/> which lays out the 2025 daily routine and programme of lectures, grammar clinics, trips and events which will give you an immediate idea of what we are about. You might also like to look at <https://laticamp.co.uk/2025-2/> for my director's report on the last summer school.

More specifically I'd love to get more people teaching or soon to be teaching in state schools, coming along as students. The various different courses for teachers can be seen. <https://laticamp.co.uk/various-courses-for-teachers/>

At our core is the intensive preparation and reading of Latin texts. This happens formally in small teaching sets of very similar ability and experience but far more unquantifiable learning happens in all the "in-between" moments, be they in groups between lessons sat out in the sun, or at night in the boarding houses. But Latin Camp is about so much more than just reading Latin. It's about the camaraderie of meeting like-minded people. It's about bonding in the houses. It's about witnessing the interaction of staff, students and speakers. It's about the joy of the Hellenic Bookservice visiting and setting up their shop just for us. It's about the quiz, the site visits, the staff play, the costume party. It's about discovering, identifying with and joining a wider community of classicists, making contacts and friends for life.





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### OPPORTUNITIES IN CLASSICS RELATED SUBJECTS

#### INSPIRING HISTORY TEACHING AWARDS

**Do you know a teacher who deserves to go down in history?**

**We're searching for teachers across the country who are as inspiring as the history they are teaching.**

The Inspiring History Teaching Awards celebrate teachers who make history exciting, inclusive and meaningful, bringing the past to life and inspiring students to see the world differently. Created by Historic Royal Palaces and delivered in collaboration with the Historical Association and organisations across the UK, these awards are all about shining a light on amazing teachers. All details and how to nominate someone can be found [here](#).



#### HUMANITIES WRITING COMPETITION



#### GIRTON COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

**Opportunity for Year 12 students to research & write beyond the curriculum**

This is an opportunity for students in Year 12 or equivalent to research and write beyond the curriculum, using one or more of five selected objects from the [Lawrence Room museum](#) objects, as their focus. Essays or creative responses (such as dramatic monologues, short stories or poems) are equally welcome. For further information, please read the Competition Rules and the Information for Entrants. All information and the rules can be found [here](#).

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## CLASSICS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



### ESCAPE FROM POMPEII: BOARD GAME FREE GIVE AWAY



We have been offered 51 FREE copies of the board game, Escape from Pompeii, to give away to Classics for All schools. The game is for ages 8+, so is suitable for Primary and Secondary Schools. In order to claim a free copy of the game, please complete this Case Study Form, and the first 51 schools to do this will be sent a free copy of the game. Deadline to apply is 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025!



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### 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](mailto:cfaschoolsupport@classicsforall.org.uk).

Thank you for all your enthusiastic work in bringing Classics to your schools!

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