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MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO THE CLASSICS FOR ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS MAY NEWSLETTER!

I hope you are having a good term so far and your students are ready for their exams! We wish them all 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!

SCHOOL OF THE MONTH:

FIVE ACRES HIGH SCHOOL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE



Five Acres High School is in a remote location of Gloucestershire, with high levels of deprivation - both social and cultural. Being able to offer Classics on the curriculum is exciting and helps the school stand out academically, as well as helping to improve literacy levels, which are often lower than the national average for many of our students as they transition from primary to secondary school. More than this, we want to inspire our students to know that they have a right to study a range of subjects and be ambitious for their futures. Teacher Jenny Anderson chose The Olympus Challenge for her students, who now study: a full term of Latin, Roman civilisation and creative writing. Students are embracing the challenge and can be heard discussing what they are studying in the playground and beyond. As well as this, students study several myths and how they are alluded to in more modern literature as part of their 'Origins' unit when they arrive at Five Acres. By extending this Classics work through to Year 8, students can continue to build on what they have learned in Year 7 and it gives them an opportunity to experience learning that they otherwise wouldn't have access to.

Finally, they have introduced 'Vocabulous' as their homework model for the Year 7 cohort and this has embedded extremely well into their English homework model. Students are able to use roots to decode words and really enjoy demonstrating their new knowledge. Well done to Jenny and all her colleagues at Five Acres for getting Classics into the school in such a creative way!

'What I have enjoyed is studying Latin and seeing the links between our language and also others such as Spanish. I would like to study more.'

Pupil, Five Acres High School

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UPCOMING CLASSICS FOR ALL CPD

Key Stage 3 Greek Drama CPD

20th May 2025, 4-5pm Online



The CPD session will cover an overview of Resources that have been created to incorporate Greek Theatre into the English or Drama curriculum. These resources are designed as a self-contained unit of work on Greek Theatre, covering its religious origins, practical functions, and literary appeal. They also explore the influence of ancient theatre on theatre today, especially in the use of Greek keywords.

A six-lesson scheme is provided, containing a range of assessment activities, from quick recall quizzes to extended writing. Pupils will read extracts from a Greek tragedy, Sophocles' *Antigone*, and critique it on both a dramatic and stylistic level. There is also a lesson on comedy, and the importance of song and dance in ancient theatre.

The scheme encourages pupils to work towards an extended essay question to develop their planning, structuring and writing skills, and there is also the option to plan for an oral debate. Teachers can tailor the scheme to their needs, preferences and available time.

All details and registration can be found [here](#).

WORD ROOT OF THE MONTH:



Where do our words “animal”, “animate”, “animation” come from?

These words all have the same root word of “anima” which means “soul” or “life”, and “animare” which means “to breathe”.

Questions for your pupils:

How do our English words reflect the meaning of the Latin words?

What would something that is “inanimate” be like?



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NOTICES FROM OUR CLASSICS FRIENDS

THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION

Classical Civilisation CPD Day

Wednesday 18th June 2025, 9:30am - 4:15pm

University of Leicester



The Classical Association are holding their Classical Civilisation CPD Day on Wednesday 18th June at the University of Leicester. This is a fantastic opportunity to enhance your subject and pedagogical knowledge and network with other teachers and subject experts. To register for the event and for full details of the programme for the day, please go to [this form](#).

Please note that Classics For All are kindly offering travel bursaries for state school teachers. These are available on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Alice for more information: alicecase@classicsforall.org.uk.

HELLENIC SOCIETY AND ROMAN SOCIETY

Myth and Mythology

Hellenic Society & Roman Society Online Course

14/05/2025 – 11/06/2025

6.00pm - 7.30pm (UK time) + recordings will be available

Lead by Professor Susan Deacy

What is myth? What is mythology? When does classical myth begin? When does it end? Why are its characters such a source of fascination?

This course explores these and other questions, and how studying myth can deepen our understanding of ancient cultures and the postclassical cultures that keep adapting them, including our own.

For more information on the course details and dates and to book, please click [here](#).



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ARLT - THE ASSOCIATION FOR LATIN TEACHING

ARLT Summer School

Classics CPD for teachers by teachers

Haberdashers' Monmouth School

28th July – 1st August, 2025



What is the ARLT Summer School for Classics teachers?

The ARLT Summer School for Classics teachers is a residential CPD course and networking event that brings together teachers at all stages of their careers. Every year, practising teachers, PGCE students and prospective teachers, as well as experienced retired teachers, meet to celebrate their love for Latin, Greek and all things Classics.

From option groups led by teachers for teachers, to lectures, trips and even a Latin speaking table at lunch, every teacher has an opportunity to learn and share their knowledge in a friendly and welcoming environment.

OPTION GROUPS

- GCSE, AS and A Level set texts for Latin, Greek and Classical Civilisation
- KS3 Teaching Resources
- Teaching and Learning
- Latin language tuition at varied levels
- Spoken Latin
- Latin and the Bayeux tapestry
- Greek language tuition at varied levels
- Roman crafts in the classroom
- Beyond Greece and Rome: Assyria
- The ARLT songbook and Taylor Swift

All details, including registration, can be found [here](#).



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JACT LATIN SUMMER SCHOOL

1 and 2 Week Courses for Teachers

SUNDAY 20th JULY – SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST 2025

- 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: Heroes of the Colosseum

Leeds Royal Armouries Museum

28th June to 2nd November 2025

Step into the Arena – the Gladiators are Coming to Leeds!

Unleash your inner warrior at Gladiators: Heroes of the Colosseum - a blockbuster international exhibition storming into the Royal Armouries Museum for summer 2025. See rare Roman artefacts from Pompeii and the Colosseum, discover the gruelling training, battle tactics, and fame of the ancient world's fiercest fighters, and immerse yourself in the roar of the crowd with thrilling interactive experiences. This is more than history - it's blood, grit, glory... and you're on the front row.

For a limited time only. First time in the UK. Only at Royal Armouries Leeds.

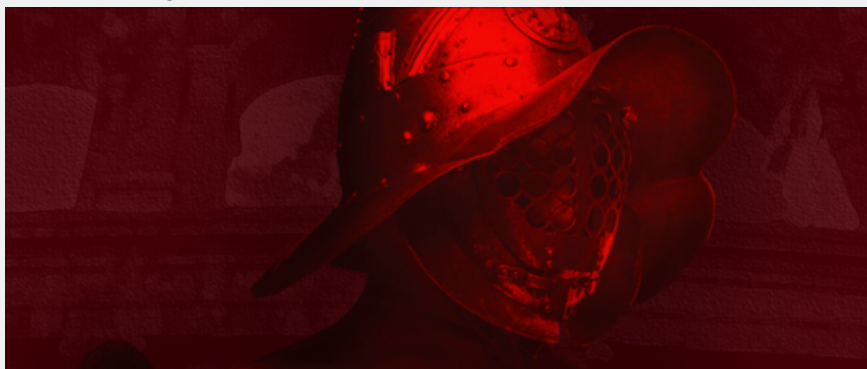
What's in the Exhibition?

This immersive, world-leading exhibition separates fact from fiction and illustrates the fascinating world of gladiators, the heroes of ancient arenas across the Roman world.

The exhibition reconstructs the daily lives of gladiators through life-scale models of gladiators in action, and interactive elements exploring their training, combat skills, healthcare and daily life.

Highlights include original artefacts, such as helmets, spearheads and greaves unearthed at the gladiators' barracks in Pompeii.

For full details of the exhibition go to their [website](https://www.royalarmouries.org.uk/exhibitions/gladiators-heroes-of-the-colosseum) for details.



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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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KCL GREEK PLAY 2025: 'Elektra - A Throne Restored'

10th - 12th June 2025

Greenwood Theatre



We are thrilled to announce the upcoming KCL Greek Play for 2025: Elektra – A Throne Restored, a captivating modern take on the ancient Greek tragedy. Written and directed by KCL students with support from Actors of Dionysius, this production reimagines the powerful story of Elektra, a woman determined to reclaim the throne of Mycenae after her father's brutal death. Along the way, she confronts political divisions, generational conflict, and the personal cost of justice.

The performances will take place at the Greenwood Theatre, London, 10–12 June 2025.

Evening performances will be preceded by pre-show events at 6pm featuring leading scholars; these are free for that evening's ticketholders.

Matinee Performances: Wednesday & Thursday at 2:30 PM

Evening Performances: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 7:00 PM

Running Time: Approximately 2 hours (including an interval)

£13 general admission, £9 concessions, book tickets here.

Reduced rates and group bookings are available for school & further education groups. To book email greekplay@kcl.ac.uk directly. Teachers accompanying their students go free.

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!

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