

SECONDARY SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2026



New Year - New Newsletter

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a good rest and enjoyed the break. I thought it was time to change up the Newsletter and how it looked - it seemed too much text content before, so I am going to try and streamline it a bit more, while still giving you the same useful information and content. Please let me know what you think (both positive and negative) at anna@classicsforall.org.uk.

CHECK IT OUT!

Each month I'll look out for interesting things to read, watch, do or listen to (or if you come across something worth sharing please send it to me and I can add it here)

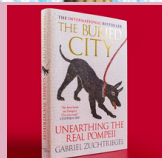
Listen:

Greeking Out Podcast: suitable for KS3, but older students might still enjoy it!



Read:

The Buried City, by Gabriel Zuchtriegel: all about the excavations at Pompeii. Suitable for 6th Form and Teachers.



Do:

Sign up for our weekly Classics for All Quiz: for enthusiastic students and teachers!



SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

HARRIS GIRLS ACADEMY BROMLEY

Harris Girls Academy Bromley is an all girls state school which teaches Latin to all students at KS3 and at GCSE Level. They also teach Classical Civilisation at A Level and are looking to run A Level Latin in the near future. Around 25% of their students are pupil premium. Classics is clearly thriving there! Many congratulations to Lucas Griffith-Wilkin and Noah Graham for their brilliant work! Long may it continue!

“Students at Harris Girls Academy are much better equipped for the rigours of learning modern language because of their learning of Latin.” MFL Teacher

“Latin has been vital in helping me achieve in many of my other subjects.” Year 11 pupil

Look out for emails and the next Newsletter for your chance to nominate your school for our Impact Awards 2026!



Upcoming CPD from Classics for All

RUNNING CLASSICS TRIPS FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Monday, 9th March 2026

4-5pm, Online

Details to come, but you can sign up [here](#).

TEACHING ANCIENT GREEK AT KEY STAGE 2 AND KEY STAGE 3

Wednesday, 11th March 2026

4-5pm, Online

For all details and to register click [here](#).

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DID YOU KNOW?

Interesting Classics facts!



Possible Tomb of Odysseus found in Kefalonia

I recently watched a fascinating documentary about the possible location of Homer's Ithaca - the island of Kefalonia, which is right next to Ithaca. Many references given in The Odyssey can be compared to places on Kefalonia, and they even found a Tholos tomb, similar to others of the Mycenaean period, on Kefalonia. One of the amazing finds in this tomb was a seal stone, with a fawn and a lion depicted on it, which is very similar to the personal seal of Odysseus as described in Homer's Odyssey, when Odysseus is describing to Penelope what her husband was wearing when he last saw him (Book 19, where he is in disguise)!

You can read all about it and see photographs [here](#) (the photo below is taken from this blog).

Whether Odysseus is real remains open for discussion, but the tomb is of the correct period, and was for someone important! I like to believe all those heroes were real, but that's just my view (plus some archaeological evidence)! This could be an interesting discussion with your students!



Aerial photograph of the monumental tholos tomb at Tzanata, excavated by the archaeologist Dr. Lazaros Kolonas during the campaigns of 1992–1994 (Photo: Lazaros Kolonas)

CLASSICS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Greek Plays in London and Cambridge

King's College, London, Greek Play

Aristophanes, The Clouds

Greenwood Theatre

03 March 2026 to 05 March 2026

For information on the play, dates and times of performances and to register for tickets, please follow this [link](#).



Cambridge Greek Play

Euripides, Ion

Venue and Dates TBC - October 2026

For information on upcoming plays and for links to all past performances, which could be useful for Greek Drama modules at A Level, click [here](#).



Classical Association
Competition Calendar



Our friends at the Classical Association have put together a very useful calendar of Competitions that are held across the year for Classics, which might be of interest to you all. You can have a look at the calendar [here](#), and keep on top of all the opportunities for your students.



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR CLASSICS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS

ARLT Latin Refresher Day - TEACHERS

Westminster School

Saturday 14th March 2026

The day will be full of opportunities to share best practice, learn from fellow teachers, and stay up to date with the latest research.

For full details of the day and to reserve your place for the day, please click [here](#).

Please note that Classics for All offers travel bursaries for state school teachers attending this day. You can apply for the bursary [here](#).



Hellenic Society & Roman Society Online Course - TEACHERS

The Idea of Decline: Make Rome Great Again?

14/01/2026 – 11/02/2026

6.00pm - 7.30pm + recordings will be available
(you can watch after the event)

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



Sutton Trust Summer Schools - PUPILS

Giving you the chance to experience what university life is really like through a free summer school programme.

Applications for 2026 UK Summer Schools are now open. Most applications close on 5th March, but Cambridge courses close on 12th February. Full details are available [here](#).

OTHER USEFUL LINKS AND INFORMATION

Set text videos for the EDUQAS GCSE Latin *Love and Marriage* topic 2025–6

[These videos](#) translate the set text from Latin to English, analyse stylistic effects for the exam and provide context on the sources. The videos also include images from the prescription and link them to themes in the text.

Many thanks to our Yorkshire & Humberside Network Coordinator, Dr Maria Haley, for creating this fantastic resource for teachers and students!

2026 – National Year of Reading

To combine Classics and the National Year of Reading, why not link up with your school library to create a Classics Reading Club? There are so many books that students can read, all aimed at different age groups and levels, which would be a wonderful opportunity to get students in and out of your Classics classes engaging with the Classical World beyond the Classics syllabus!

Check out our West Midlands Network Coordinator's [website](#) for some great book ideas. The wonderful [Hellenic Bookservice](#) is celebrating 60 years this year, and your librarian could order books from them.

**I hope you enjoyed the new Newsletter!
Don't forget to reach out to your local
Network Coordinator if you need any
support or advice, and if you would like
any training, please click on the link below.
Wishing you all a fantastic term,
and thank you for all that you do.**



From the CfA School Support Team.

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