

A message from our Chairman, Geoffrey de Jager

I became involved with Classics for All in 2015 when it was still a young charity working with 300 schools.

Since then, the appetite for classics in state schools has grown sharply and now, in our 10th year, we have reached over 55,000 pupils across 900 state primary and secondary schools and trained nearly 2,500 teachers, largely non-specialists, to teach classical subjects on a sustainable basis.

School circumstances may vary, but teachers are unanimous about the benefits of classics in widening young people's cultural horizons and aspirations and developing their linguistic and critical thinking skills, which is increasingly evident as our pupils progress to university.



I am proud of the positive impact we have made to schools across the country. We have particularly highlighted the progress in Blackpool to illustrate this on page 7.

As we celebrate our 10th anniversary, we need to maintain and expand our track record in classics provision and aim to reach an additional 100 schools each year as well as supporting our existing schools.

Today, I ask you to join us in supporting the growth of classics and securing our mission for the next decade and beyond. Support from our donors remains critical to our success in reaching schools, often in areas of socio-economic deprivation, and giving pupils the life-enriching gift of classics.

A handwritten signature in white ink, consisting of several fluid, connected strokes.

Geoffrey de Jager
Chairman, Classics for All

Why support us?

Since 2010 we have been working to reverse the decline of classics teaching in state primary and secondary schools.

It is thanks to the loyalty and generosity of our donors that we have been able to extend our reach, now working through 16 networks across the UK to reach schools, many in areas of socio-economic deprivation.

We have no endowment and no government funding; the number of schools we work with in any given year depends on the money we can raise.

Thanks to our regional networks, schools are embracing classics in many regions of the UK.

For example, our University of Leicester network operates across 35 state primary and secondary schools. Since its inception in 2015, the network has made classics available to more than 8,000 pupils in Leicester alone. Moreover, an average

30% of children receive free school meals and around 60% are BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic).

Teachers are highly enthusiastic. They tell us that pupils love debating word roots and that learning Latin has a positive impact on their literacy.

Our vision is that every state school child, regardless of their background or ability, has access to the rich and varied classical world. As we celebrate our tenth anniversary in 2020, we hope that this booklet will inspire you to pledge your support for the years ahead. We would be delighted to hear from you.

For more information about giving or getting involved, please visit our website, classicsforall.org.uk or contact Sacha Glasgow-Smith: sacha@classicsforall.org.uk
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“We have raised pupils’ aspirations and have offered them a pathway to better universities by offering them a more level standing.”

Teacher, Kelmscott School, London

Your gift's impact

We are enormously grateful for gifts of all sizes as each and every gift can make a significant impact on our work.

Your support is crucial. It enables us to give free support to pupils in state primary and secondary schools, regardless of their background or ability.

“I used to think I wouldn't fit in at Oxford, particularly from a class perspective, but I think it is important to challenge barriers and now I have a place to study Classics at Wadham College. Learning about the classical world has used and developed skills that I have also used in other subjects including history and English, as well as enhanced my understanding and enjoyment of arts and the theatre.”

Emily, pupil at Bishop Thomas Grant School, London

Here's how your contribution can help thousands more pupils over the next decade:

£125 could fund a talk or workshop in schools.

£500 could support a taster day to make the case for classics with non-specialist teachers and leadership teams.

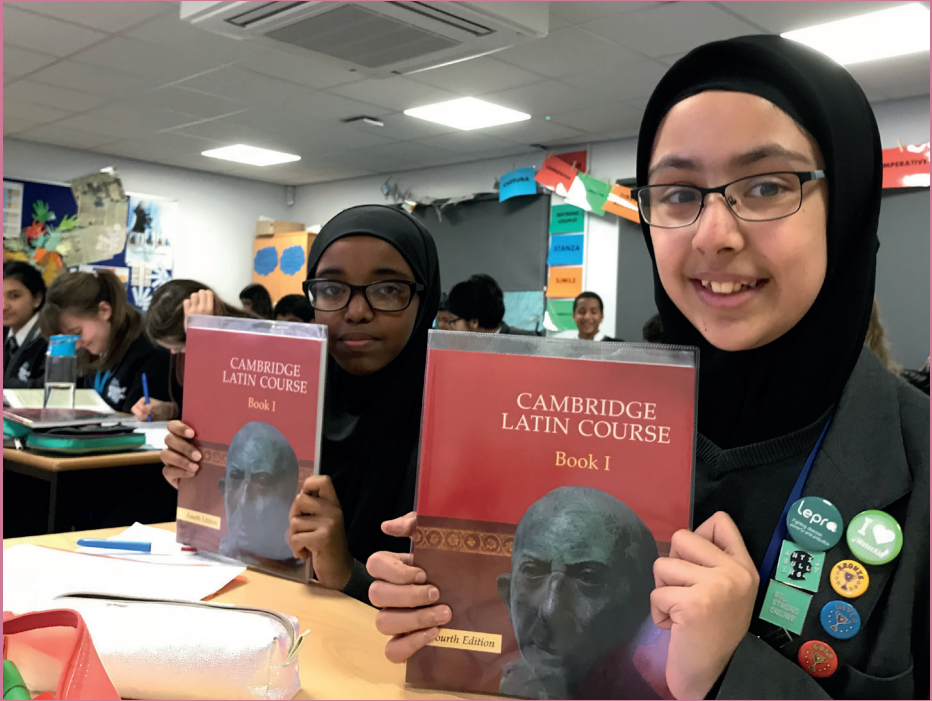
£1,500 could equip non-specialist secondary school teachers to tackle beginners' Latin in the classroom.

£3,000 could support the costs of the two years' training and mentoring needed to embed classics on the curriculum in a primary or secondary school.

£7,500 could support the costs of running our annual Harrow summer school, helping 50 teachers to improve their Latin and Greek or the teaching of GCSE or A level set texts.

£10,000 could allow us to run a regional network for a year.

£100,00 could provide the foundation for an endowment, giving us security for the years to come.



Classics students at a Lionheart Academies Trust school

“I am a great admirer of the work of Classics for All, not least the fact that you are changing the lives of so many young people across the country. One thing is certain, you can be assured of my continued support in the decade ahead, as you seek to disseminate knowledge of the classical world to the myriad young folk out there who deserve the opportunity to learn more about this truly fantastic discipline.”

Tony Whelan, regular donor

Recognising our donors

We are honoured when supporters decide to contribute to our work.

To recognise your donations, we have devised a number of supporter categories from Centurions to Olympians.

All our levels are recognised on our website and our Praetorians and above are included in our annual newsletter and selected other printed items.

To find out more about our levels and how we can recognise your generosity, please get in touch:
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Our supporter levels



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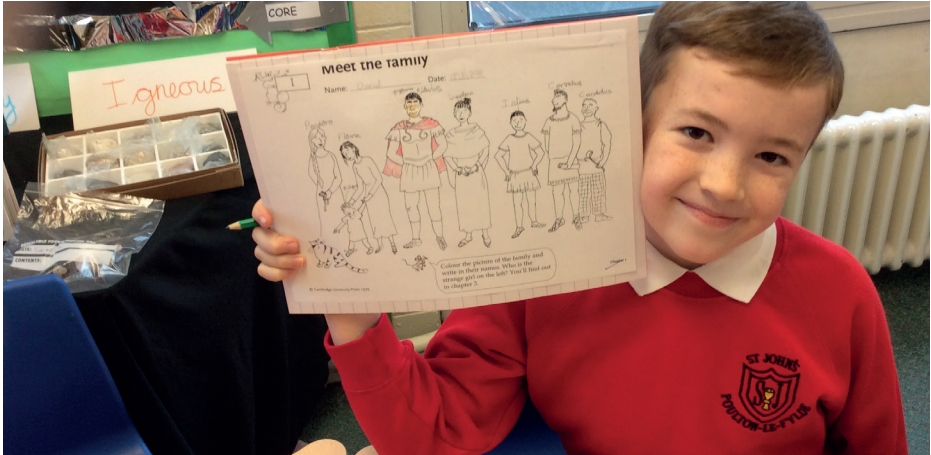
Those giving between
£25,000 – £99,999



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Case study Our work in Blackpool



Our network in Blackpool was established in 2016 at Blackpool Sixth Form College to build on the college's existing classical civilisation AS and A level provision.

The network now reaches hundreds of pupils, supporting 10 primary schools to teach Latin and five secondary schools to offer classical subjects.

In these schools there has been a marked improvement in pupils' literacy rates, particularly amongst pupils for whom English is not their first language.

Previously, hardly any pupils from the college were offered places at Russell Group universities. Now, Peter Wright, the network coordinator, can boast that 17 of his year 13 students hold offers at Russell Group universities

to study classical subjects. In 2018, two won places at Oxbridge.

13 out of the 20 state schools in Blackpool now teach Latin as part of the curriculum and Peter firmly believes that the young people he works with can outperform their more privileged peers if they are given the opportunity.

We are delighted to be able to give children in this area and others such opportunities.

“Doing classics at Sixth Form was an amazing opportunity for me and I’m now going on to Sidney Sussex College in Cambridge to study Archaeology and Egyptology.”

Pupil, Blackpool Sixth Form College

Ways to give

Make a regular donation

Regular gifts are the lifeblood of our work. Knowing that we can count on committed donations improves our ability to plan effectively for the future.

You can help us by beginning to give through Direct Debit or standing order or increasing your existing gift.

To set up your regular gift online, visit classicsforall.org.uk/donate

To amend an existing donation, please get in touch:
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or call **0207 848 4741**.

Leave a gift in your will

Classics for All introduces classics in state schools for the long-term.

We do this through our rigorous training, tailored support and mentoring and regular monitoring and evaluation.

Gifts left in wills can help us continue to carry out our work and help us plan for the future.

We invite those who have chosen to leave a gift in their will to join our **Marcus Aurelius Circle**, so that they can be thanked within their lifetime.

To find out more about leaving a gift in your will, contact Sacha:
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visit classicsforall.org.uk/legacies

“It is 65 years since I graduated cum laude with a major in Classics from Vassar College, USA. To my shame, I had learnt no Greek, so when ‘Reading Greek’ was published I seized the opportunity to go back to school. I give regularly to Classics for All and have included them in my will, to fulfil my wish to give all children in our schools the same delight I have had to wait so long for.”

Tessa Smith, Classics for All donor, member of the Marcus Aurelius Circle



“Support from Classics for All has given us the opportunity to be brave and bold, to do something different with our pupils. This will enable them to gain cultural capital and open doors that may have been previously closed to them.”

Assistant Headteacher,
Stoke Park School, Coventry

Support a regional classics network

Through our 16 regional classics networks we have been able to increase our presence and impact across the UK.

We run these in partnership with leading colleges and universities, funding regional coordinators who train and mentor teachers in local schools.

The networks also give teachers the opportunity to share ideas and approaches and learn from one another. Our teachers tell us that this peer support is invaluable, as they often feel isolated being the only person teaching classics in their school.

It takes a long time to establish and develop a network and long-term support is vital. By sponsoring a network and pledging your commitment for three years or longer, you will be able to view the impact of your generosity by visiting a school and will receive regular updates on progress in your area as well as being credited online and in print.

We are grateful to our recent regional network sponsors: **The Rushworth Foundation** (Liverpool College Classics Network) and **The Hobson Foundation for Classical Studies** (North East Classics Network).

If you would like to discuss sponsoring a regional classics network, please contact Sacha: sacha@classicsforall.org.uk
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“We find it particularly difficult to engage boys in literacy, however you provided them with a brilliant role model and as a result they are hooked – we even have some of the ‘hard to reach’ boys saving up their pocket money and spending it on abridged versions of the *Odyssey!*”

Primary school teacher,
North East Classics Network

Attend or host an event

We hold a varied selection of fundraising events each year on a classical theme and invite you to join us for entertaining and stimulating evenings, such as lectures, discussions, galas and recitals.

For our most up-to-date programme, visit classicsforall.org.uk/events where you can also book your tickets.

We are a national charity and are committed to holding more fundraising events outside London.

If you have ideas for an event in your area or would like to hold your own event in support of Classics for All, please get in touch:

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Join our Lawyers Group

If you work in the legal world, we invite you to join our Lawyers Group to meet other like-minded supporters and attend a fascinating programme of events.

It costs £150 a year and offers you free access to three Lawyers Group events each year, including our ever-popular moot trial in the Supreme Court.

To join the Lawyers Group or to find out more, please get in touch:

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“The Lawyers Group is a vibrant section within Classics for All. We have many first rate speakers and stimulating events and are always delighted to welcome new members.”

Sir Rupert Jackson, Chairman, Lawyers Group Steering Committee

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