

An invitation to join the Classics for All Lawyers Group



## Our cause

The charity Classics for All is a young venture which raises funds to enable state schools, many in areas of high deprivation, to introduce or extend the study of Latin, Greek, classical civilisation and ancient history.

Our vision is of a world in which every state school pupil has the chance to benefit from the learning and enjoyment and greater aspiration which studying classics can bring.

We think that Classics for All will be of special interest to lawyers – and we include in that term judges, academics, practitioners, and not least law firms. As well as the close historical connections between Rome, Latin and the law, we are confident that an education in classics will not only improve the quality of education generally, but will also improve the quality of written English, and indeed the quality of reasoning and argument – obvious values for lawyers.

Rt Hon Lord Dyson (former Master of the Rolls) and Rt Hon Sir Francis Jacobs KCMG QC, Founding Chairman of the Lawyers Group Steering Committee

# Benefits of membership

The Lawyers Group offers several free events during the year for its members, featuring an entertaining talk on a classical subject with refreshments provided.

The group currently comprises over 180 active members from trainee barristers to high court judges. Their membership contributes to classics for All's programme to support primary and secondary state schools to offer classics to their pupils.

## Our mission

There is a reviving interest in classics and demand for our support is growing; we must raise funds to help meet that demand.

Classics for All has now reached 1,100 schools providing over £4.7m in support.

We aim to reach well over 1,500 primary and secondary schools by the end of 2025.

# Our impact in schools

The possibility of creating a Classics hub in the Blackpool and Fylde area was an opportunity too good to miss. Already our schools have noticed an improvement in grammar, communication and confidence of the pupils involved. It is thrilling to see pupils engage with Classics and see it as meaningful, relevant and exciting!

Peter Wright, Blackpool Sixth Form

Studying classics has not just given my pupils an education, it has shown them a side of life that they would have even less access to. Grants such as ours from Classics for All can be more than just an educational stimulus – it has changed lives.

David Hogg, Kelmscott School, Walthamstow

We find it particularly difficult to engage boys in literacy, however you provided us 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, Durham Classics Hub

## Who's who at Classics for All

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# \_awyers Group Events 2022

## **Thursday 17 February**

A talk by lecturer John Davie (Trinity College, Cambridge) on *The New Testament from a Roman Perspective* hosted at King's College London.

### **Monday 13 June**

A talk by Dr Justine McConnell (King's College London) on *The Odyssey in a Postcolonial World* hosted at Linklaters LLP.

## **Wednesday 26 October**

A moot trial of *Alexander the Great* at the UK Supreme Court, presided over by Lord Leggatt, with Phillipe Sands QC counsel for the prosecution and Patrick Gibbs QC counsel for the defence.

# How to join the Lawyers Group

You can print, complete and detach the subscription form on the right and post it to: Classics for All Room C14, East Wing, Strand Building, Kings College London, WC2R 2LS

Join the Lawyers Group online



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