



CHAMPIONING CLASSICS IN SCHOOLS



**Classics for All and Covid-19**

# About us

Classics for All is a nationwide charity working to raise the aspirations of young people in state schools by introducing them to the wonders of the ancient world. Since our inception we have trained **over 2,500** teachers to put Latin, ancient history, classical civilisation and Ancient Greek on their school timetables. This has reached **over 55,000** young people across **900** primary and secondary schools, most in areas of socio-economic disadvantage.



Students from Beauchamp College, Leicester, on a visit to the British Museum

Since March 2020, faced by school and university closures, we have continued to innovate and adapt, offering our services online to pupils, teachers and schools across the UK. To our delight, over 160 schools so far have approached us this year for support and we have trained 70 new state schools. We are busier than ever!

We are entirely reliant on the generosity of our donors who underpin our school support across the UK. While we are successfully navigating these turbulent waters and fulfilling our mission to bring classics to more state school pupils, **it is only a matter of time before this will become impossible unless we secure more funding commitments.** Today, we invite you to find out more about our work since March 2020 and consider making a gift to support our work for the future.

# Teacher training

Our first online training session in April was with 80 primary school teachers from four schools in Tilbury, Essex from the Gateway Learning Community, a multi-academy trust. Many pupils join the schools with a language challenge and the Chief Executive hopes that Latin will boost pupils' vocabulary and language skills. The teachers now feel well equipped to teach Latin to an impressive 1,500 new pupils from September 2020.

Now confident in our online teaching, we have picked up the pace, training over 400 teachers from Fife to Kent and have just completed our teachers' summer school in conjunction with Harrow School. This annual course offers non-specialist GCSE and A Level classics teachers the opportunity to dust down their Latin, grapple with Ancient Greek or become more familiar with set texts. Normally we reach 60 teachers; this year over 120 teachers signed up to join us online. This will help us to reach an estimated 3,600 pupils at an exceptionally low cost of under £40 per teacher.

'A big thank you for the training today. It was really engaging and has helped staff to see both how they can use word roots in their own teaching and the reasoning behind why we have chosen Latin as our language.'

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Teacher, Birmingham

# Lockdown lessons for pupils

We were very pleased to expand our services to offer online classics lessons for pupils at home, including twice-weekly sessions for pupils in Birmingham, Blackpool and London in Ancient Greek using our friendly Greek frog textbook.

We adapted our popular annual Olympus Challenge, normally completed by children studying classics at school, allowing young people to take part independently from home. Generously supported by Christopher A Clarke and the Rushworth Charitable Trust, pupils aged between 9 and 13 have enjoyed re-telling myths, virtual visits to ancient sites and learning Latin and Ancient Greek.

‘On a day of closure where I had to comfort and reassure the young people who felt their opportunity was lost, it was the Olympus Challenge which returned a smile to their face, a sense of pride and a sense of hope. So I must thank you again, your efforts have really made all the difference.’

‘I know how difficult it is to manage these sessions and the work it takes to deliver them. I have to say I think you are doing it brilliantly.’

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Parent, London



Pupils in Norfolk

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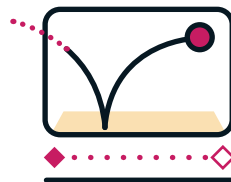
History teacher and classics club leader,  
state secondary school in south Wales

# Developing resources

To increase access to classics, we have significantly enhanced our resources for pupils and teachers.

## Exploring word roots animations

Primary schools increasingly understand the value of Latin in explaining the roots of the English language and in response to this, we have produced a set of charming animations exploring the Latin roots of English words, available on YouTube.



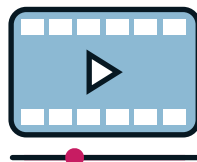
## Latin online course

For secondary schools, we have commissioned a ten-week introductory course based on the Cambridge Latin Course, giving online step-by-step guidance to teachers beginning to teach Latin.



## GCSE video resources

To increase the availability of classical civilisation resources for GCSE students, we have worked closely with Dr Paul Grigsby and the University of Warwick to create video lectures and resources, enriching pupils' knowledge of the ancient world. For those studying Ancient Greek, our audio recordings have allowed pupils to hear their GCSE set texts performed in Greek for the first time.



# What's next

Exploiting online opportunities during lockdown has transformed our working practices, helping us to reach more pupils and offer even better value for money.

The new term is about to begin and we are well poised to offer face-to-face training and mentoring for new schools starting classics from scratch and those we have supported for years.

**None of our work during this exceptional period would have been possible without the generosity of our donors.**

As we look ahead to the 2020/21 academic year and beyond, we seek your help to:

- ensure that classics thrives for the long term in the schools we already serve with the ongoing support of our 16 regional networks
- support 100 new primary and secondary schools every year to start their classical journey, particularly in areas of low social mobility
- encourage more young people from state schools to study classics
- develop new and accessible classics resources

Please help us achieve our vision of giving every state school child, regardless of their background or ability, access to the rich and varied classical world.

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