

The Classics Academy

Application for Latin/Classical Greek GCSE Course 2014-16

(form for candidates sponsored by their schools)

PART I. To be completed by the pupil:

First name.....Last name.....

School.....

Home phone.....

Mobile.....

Email.....

Sex: M / F *

Date of birth.....

Class: Latin/Greek*

Preferred course location.....



*Please attach
photo here*

**delete as applicable*

Parent/guardian contact details (please give two contacts in case of emergency):		
	Primary contact (at your home address)	Secondary contact (at home or elsewhere)
Name		
Relationship to pupil		
Contact address		
Phone (day)		
Phone (eve)		
Mobile:		
Email:		

1. What will be your year group in **September 2014**? Year.....

2. (i) Have you studied any Latin? yes/no Number of years:

- (ii) Have you studied any Classical Greek? yes/no Number of years:
- (iii) List any other classical subjects you have studied (e.g Classical Civilisation, Ancient History) and the number of years you have studied them:
- (iv) List any modern languages you have studied, and the number of years you have studied them (include your first language if not English):

3. Why do you want to learn Latin/Classical Greek?

Declaration and Commitment: I wish to join the Latin/Greek GCSE course. I understand that this requires punctual attendance at classes and conscientious homework over a period of six terms, and I commit to these requirements.

Signed (pupil):

Date:

PART II. To be completed and signed by an authorised school signatory:

(Only the signature and date are required for multiple applications from the same school)

We apply for the above pupil to enrol in The Classics Academy’s Latin/Greek* GCSE course. The school accepts responsibility for the payment of all fees and other charges due, subject to the Terms and Conditions, which I have read. I understand that the current fee is £275 per term, for six terms, irrespective of the number of lessons taught or attended.

** [delete as applicable]*

Signed (on behalf of school).....

Name (print)..... Date.....

Telephone

Email.....

Please return the application form to:

The Classics Academy, 38 The Ridgeway, London, W3 8LN.

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Latin GCSE Course 2014-16: Course Description

Course content

The course gives the student a reading knowledge of intermediate-level original Latin texts. It also provides insight into English vocabulary and grammar. Literary criticism of original Latin texts is an important element, but this is primarily a language course of considerable analytical rigour.

Pupils are taught the OCR Latin GCSE Higher Tier syllabus, which includes:

- Intermediate-level Latin language. This requires a prescribed vocabulary of about 450 words, a firm grasp of grammar and syntax, and the ability to translate all of the main sentence constructions. Students are also exposed to a much wider vocabulary in the course of their reading
- An appreciation of the set texts in the syllabus. For 2015, these are selections from Virgil, *Aeneid* or from an anthology of classical poets; and selections from the orator Cicero and the historian Livy or from Pliny's letters. The set texts for 2016 have not been announced at the time of writing

The textbooks are the *Cambridge Latin Course* and *So You Really Want To Learn Latin*, by Nick Oulton. The *Cambridge Latin Course* provides excellent Latin reading materials, focusing on a family living in Pompeii in AD 79, before moving on to Britain, Alexandria and Rome. It also offers a wealth of historical and cultural material. *So You Really Want To Learn Latin* takes a more structured approach to the language, and includes extensive practice in grammar and syntax.

No coursework is involved. Pupils are not required to have any previous knowledge of Latin. However, the course covers in six terms material that takes other pupils up to six years. Thus the pace is very demanding, and full commitment from pupils is essential. Homework, including learning of vocabulary and grammatical forms, is an integral part of the programme.

Timetable and venue

Classes are held during school term only, two days a week (the days vary by location) from 4.45 to 6.15 pm. Courses are offered at Westminster, Streatham and Lewisham; they will also be offered at other locations in the future. Pupils are assigned a minimum of one hour's homework each week.

The course is taught under the direction of Mr Gregory Wilsdon, MA (Oxon), MBA, head of classics at Westminster Abbey Choir School and classics teacher at St Paul's Girls' School, and Dr Jonathan Katz, MA (Oxon), PhD, former head of classics at Westminster School.

Fees

Fees are £275 per term for six terms, payable in advance each term. Textbooks are supplied on loan at no charge provided they are returned in good condition.

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Classical Greek GCSE Course 2014-16: Course Description

Course content

The course gives the student a reading knowledge of intermediate-level original Classical Greek texts. It also provides insight into English vocabulary, and an improved understanding of grammar in English and other languages. Literary criticism of original Greek texts is an important element, but this is primarily a language course of considerable analytical rigour.

Pupils are taught the OCR Classical Greek GCSE syllabus, which is Higher Tier only, and entails:

- Intermediate-level Greek language. This includes a vocabulary of about 450 words and their compounds, a firm grasp of grammar and syntax, and the ability to translate all of the main sentence constructions. Students are also exposed to a wider vocabulary in the course of their reading
- An appreciation of the set texts in the syllabus. For 2015, these are selections from Euripides, *Iphigenia in Aulis* or Homer, *Odyssey*; and selections from Herodotus, *Histories* or from the satirist Lucian. The set texts for 2016 have not been announced at the time of writing

The textbook used is *Athenaze*, by Maurice Balme and Gilbert Lawall. This provides a progressive reading course, following the fortunes of an Athenian farmer of the 5th century BC, and gradually incorporating material from classical authors: the historians Thucydides and Herodotus, the philosopher Plato, and the playwright Aristophanes. The prescribed set texts provide the remainder of the reading material.

No coursework is involved. Pupils are not required to have any previous knowledge of Greek or Latin. However, an intensive pace is required to cover the syllabus in two years. Consequently, full commitment from pupils is essential. Homework, including learning of vocabulary and grammatical forms, is an integral part of the programme.

Timetable and venue

Classes are held from 4.45 to 6.15 pm on Thursdays and Fridays during school term. Pupils are assigned a minimum of one hour's homework each week.

Classes are held at Westminster School, Dean's Yard, London, SW1P 3PF, by kind permission of the Head Master. Nearest Underground stops are Westminster and St James's Park.

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Term Dates 2014-15

Autumn Term 2014

Monday 1st September to Friday 19th December
(new classes begin w/c Monday 8th September)

Half term: Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

Spring Term 2015

Monday 5th January to Friday 27th March

Half term: Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February

Summer Term 2015

Monday 13th April to Friday 17th July

Half term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

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Terms and Conditions applicable to Classics Academy courses

These terms and conditions apply to all contracts between The Classics Academy (“the Academy”) and sponsors of pupils. Where pupils are aged below 18 years, “sponsor” means the pupil’s parent or guardian, if fees are to be paid privately; or the pupil’s school, if fees are to be paid by the school. For pupils over 18, “sponsor” means the pupil himself/herself.

1. The Academy will provide classes as outlined in the course descriptions, with appropriate guidance and advice to pupils. The Academy will make all reasonable efforts to support pupils’ progress, but it is expressly understood that success in any public examination cannot be guaranteed.
2. The Academy reserves the right to vary textbooks, course content and teachers, as well as class days and times, and the number of classes, provided that the advertised syllabus is completed within the originally allotted number of terms.
3. Pupils must attend all classes punctually and consistently, and perform homework conscientiously. Sponsors should contact the Academy in advance if a pupil is expected to be absent from a class or late. Any absence or lateness must be in accordance with the Academy’s policy on attendance.
4. A high standard of behaviour is expected from all pupils. Pupils must not engage in behaviour that is anti-social, illegal or academically dishonest, or which interferes with other pupils’ studies.
5. All applications to enrol in courses are accepted or rejected at the absolute discretion of the Academy. The Academy may discuss the applications and progress of pupils who are still at school or under 18 with their school teachers and with their parents or guardians.
6. The Academy may require a pupil to withdraw from a course if it considers, for academic or other reasons, that it would not be in the pupil’s best interests to continue.
7. If the number of pupils enrolling for any term of any course is deemed insufficient by the Academy, the Academy may cancel the course. In these circumstances, any fees paid for cancelled lessons will be refunded in full.
8. Sponsors may withdraw a pupil from a course up to two weeks before the beginning of each term, in which case any fees paid in advance for the term (less any non-returnable deposit) will be refunded. After this deadline, fees for that term are not refundable if pupils are withdrawn by sponsors, nor if they miss classes for any reason.
9. Fees are set at the beginning of each academic year, and are fixed amounts irrespective of the number of classes held. Refunds are not made for lessons that are cancelled or which pupils are unable to attend. Fees will not increase during the year. Sponsors will pay fees and any other charges in advance at the beginning of each term.

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10. Prescribed textbooks will be issued on loan to pupils without charge. If a book is lost or damaged while on loan to a pupil, the cost of a new replacement will be charged to the pupil's sponsor. Pupils are responsible for supplying their own stationery.
11. The Academy will take reasonable steps to protect the health and safety of its pupils during class time. Pupils are also required to take reasonable steps to protect their health and safety and the health and safety of others. The Academy cannot accept responsibility for pupils during travel to or from classes, or when outside the classroom.
12. Breach of these terms and conditions may lead to a pupil being suspended or required to leave the course permanently. Refunds of fees in these circumstances will not be made.
13. These terms and conditions may be varied by the Academy at its discretion, provided that written notice is sent to sponsors at least 14 days in advance.