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Classics Outreach Programme

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Welcome to the Classics Outreach newsletter from the Faculty of Classics. This newsletter provides a brief summary of the activities we offer, all of which are specifically designed to encourage participation in Classics and Higher Education. We also aim to clarify the admissions process to Oxford and inspire academically able students to apply.

As the recently-appointed Classics Outreach Officer I organise and coordinate a number of school visits, either to the University of Oxford or to schools and colleges across the UK.

I welcome any suggestions you may have on how the activities can be improved for the future, and encourage you to make contact to discuss tailoring activities to suit your students.

Mai Musié, Classics Outreach Officer, Faculty of Classics

STUDY DAY (Year 7 to Year 13): To learn about a particular area of Classics through expert-guided tuition

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Throughout the autumn and winter of 2012 the Classics Faculty has hosted a number of study days aimed at academically able students from schools and colleges around the UK.

Students took part in tailor-made activities including subject specific workshops delivered by Classics academics and

graduate students. They were also given the opportunity to visit the Ashmolean Museum led by Dr Thomas Mannack.



Students were able to experience Oxford University life by having lunch in the colleges and touring the campus area led by current Oxford students .

"We got to learn a lot about university life and what you are required to do. The students were very enthusiastic, which encouraged me to consider Oxford university as a future option"

-Pupil's comment-

"An awesome amount of preparation and time was put in by a range of people to make it an entertaining, informative and thought-provoking day"

-Teacher's comment -

TALKS @ SCHOOLS & COLLEGES: Listen to our academics talk to you about their particular interest in Classics and why they love their subject so much.

We offer a number of talks to schools and colleges, on various areas of Classics from literature, archaeology, ancient history and more. Here are just a handful of talks from a list of over 50 titles:

Ancient Greek Pop: the New Music of 5th-century BC Athens

Rome and Hollywood

Ancient Greece's Next Top Model: Greek sculpture and the search for the perfect body

The Greeks in Afghanistan...and Britain

Our Friends in the North: Caesar and Tacitus on Barbarian Management

A list of our talks is available on request



Professor Christopher Pelling

"On Wednesday night, Cranleigh hosted over eighty pupils from schools around Surrey and Sussex for a talk by Prof. Chris Pelling, Regius Professor of Greek at Oxford .

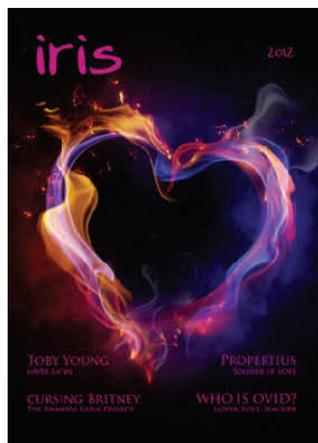
Professor Pelling dissected the myths surrounding Cleopatra in a talk that ranged from ancient innuendos to Carry on Cleo, via Shakespeare and renaissance art"

Dr Daniel Hogg -Cranleigh School

Who was Cleopatra? Not a classic beauty, as portrayed by Elizabeth Taylor, rather a clever woman of immense charm.



New IRIS magazine out now!



LITERACY THROUGH LATIN:

In October the Faculty of Classics in collaboration with the Iris Project began running the *Literacy through Latin* scheme again for the period 2012-2013.

Nine Oxford Classics students are now involved in delivering Latin across selected Oxford primary schools.

The Iris Project's *Literacy through Latin* scheme in Oxford has been running

since 2006 in the city's primary and secondary schools - offering pupils in large, mixed-ability classes the opportunity to



learn about Latin in fun, accessible and relevant ways. Classics student teachers deliver a year long introductory course



to year 5 and 6s in primary schools, which introduces Latin using activities and games, and offers a taste of Classical myths and culture, using storytelling and drama.

Greek and Latin at Secondary schools – NEWS!

We are hoping to run a similar scheme at a secondary school level for duration of 12 weeks to begin with. If your school is within the Oxford area and would like to take part in the scheme please contact the Outreach Officer Mai Musié on:

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COLLABORATION WORK: WADHAM COLLEGE (Oxford)



A group of 20 Year 12 students from Newham Sixth Form College were selected (partly on the basis of interviews) to take part in a humanities programme, which will run throughout Years 12 and 13.

As part of the programme the students will undertake a number of museum visits, workshops at Wadham and sessions delivered by the Classics faculty and History faculty.

The intention is that this programme complements the work they are doing at A-level, whilst also pushing them beyond their arts/humanities syllabus and helping them develop analytical, critical thinking and essay writing skills.

They will have to take part in seminars, university preparation workshops and complete an essay for the programme which is heavily weighted towards the classical world.

For more info please contact Ellen Maunder:

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COLLABORATION WORK: BSIX 6TH FORM COLLEGE (London)

Since the launch of the East End Classics Centre in the summer of 2012, the project has been steadily developing. At BSix, the host college for the Centre, the first year of A-Level Classical Civilisation moves on apace under the inspirational instruction of Classics teacher Toni Shelley. From February there will

be a series of lectures given by academics from the University of Oxford and Birbeck, University of London. Classics students from the East End will also be taking an 'Introduction to Latin' course and visiting the UCL theatre to watch a production of Euripides' *Trojan Women*. All these events are open to students

in schools and colleges across the London boroughs of Hackney, Barking & Dagenham, Havering & Redbridge, Newham, and Tower Hamlets.

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CLASSICS NETWORKS: IN YOUR LOCAL AREA (South Wales)



In November 2011, Swansea University set up a Literacy through Latin project in collaboration with the Iris project. After

a pilot project, 17 students are now teaching Latin at six schools (mainly in deprived areas), to around 270 pupils aged 7–18. The project is free of charge to schools, and the students work as volunteers in order to boost their CV.

The project connects Latin with curriculum Key

Stages, and relate Latin to both English and Welsh! So far, feedback has been amazing, not just from pupils but also from teachers and families.

While Latin doesn't need to be everyone's cup of tea in the long run, it is crucial that young people are at least given the chance to be

introduced to it.

That pupils in the Swansea area now cheer when they're told the weekly Latin class is coming up seems to suggest that young people themselves agree!

For more info please contact Dr Evelien Bracke:
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If you are a school, college or a higher education institution and would like to connect with the Classics network programme please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Classics Outreach Officer.

Classics Outreach Programme



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The Outreach programme at Oxford is organised and hosted by the Faculty of Classics.

With approximately 60 members of academic staff, 250 postgraduates and a dedicated Outreach Officer we have plenty of resources to provide talks and workshops for the Outreach programme.

Please do get in touch if you would like to organise a school/college visit to the Faculty or would like to participate in any of our Talks @ Schools, Interview Workshops activities.

We would particularly like to hear from schools with no history of sending their students to Oxford and who may not have Classics as part of their school curriculum.

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As the new Schools Liaison Officer I look forward to working with many of you as you help your most academically able students to explore what Oxford has to offer

through our degrees in Classics, Ancient and Modern History, Classical Archaeology and Ancient History, Classics and English, and Classics and Modern Languages.



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**COMING SOON:
NEW FACULTY &
OUTREACH WEBSITE**

Forthcoming Events:



Classics Open Days:

Booking for the Oxbridge Classics Open Day on Friday 15th March at Oxford is now open. The link is available on the Faculty's website, or can be found through the university store at:

www.oxforduniversitystores.co.uk

Click on product catalogue/Classics Outreach



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UNIQ Summer School:

Applications for the UNIQ Summer School 2013 will open on 7th of January at 10:00 and close on 21st of February at 17:00. For further details about the summer school please visit the website:

www.uniqox.ac.uk



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University Open Days:

The University's Open Days in 2013 will be held on 26 and 27 June and 20 September. Further details can be found on the University's homepage:

www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate_courses

Newsletter & mailing list:

We would like to send updated information and our newsletters to all teachers on our mailing list; if you would like to be added to our mailing list please email the outreach officer.