



*The Classics Admission Tests take place on Wednesday 4th November. Here are TEN TOP TIPS for success from the outreach team at the Faculty of Classics:*

1. Have a look at a past paper (you can find them here, <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/tests/cat>) ...in fact, we strongly suggest that you DO at least one past paper (practice makes perfect, after all).
2. Take a deep breath before you start.
3. Read the paper through quickly, so you know exactly what you are being asked to do.
4. If you are sitting the Language Aptitude Test, read the questions carefully, and make sure you are answering the question asked.
5. Try not to worry too much about time, and work accurately as well as efficiently. Not all candidates will finish, but do cover as much as you can. Maybe even enjoy the puzzles?
6. In the Latin and Greek papers, read both passages through and understand as much as you can before you start writing a translation (everything makes more sense once you've seen the whole passage). You can even read the passages through twice or three times before you write anything—writing a translation down doesn't take long at all.
7. Do, though, divide your time up sensibly between the questions so you give proper attention to both passages.
8. Don't expect to understand every word—make (sensible) guesses where necessary. (Sensible guesses might, for instance, identify a verb as a verb or a noun as a noun, even if you don't know the exact meaning; and a sensible guess is always better than a blank space.)
9. But don't forget everything you have learned about verb tenses, agreement, and the rest!
10. Try to keep these tests in perspective: they form only one part of your application package.