



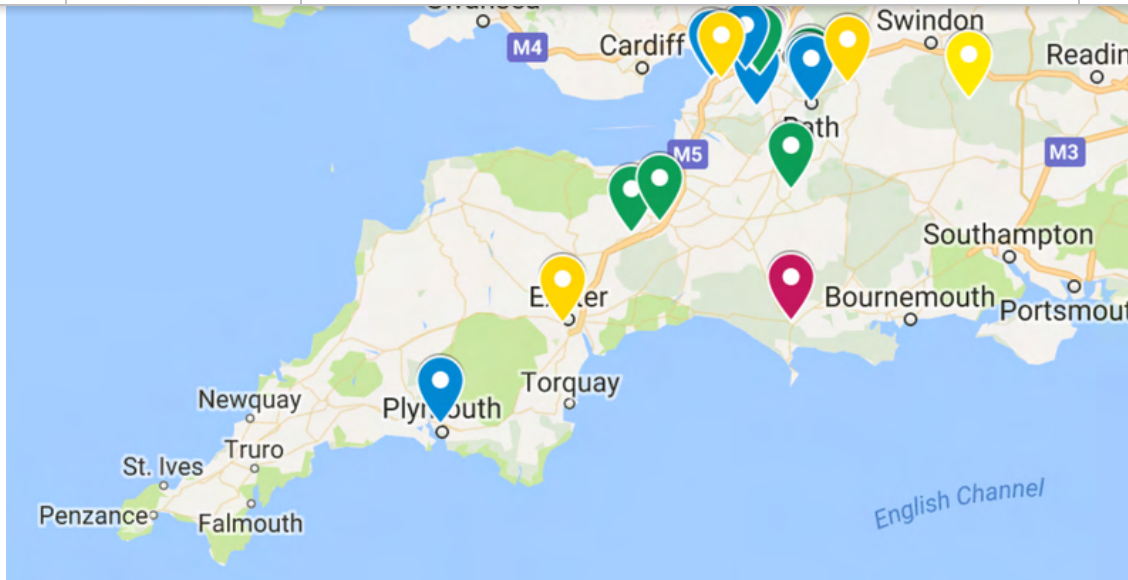
# University of BRISTOL

## Classics Hub

## October 2020 Newsletter

*Welcome to the first e-newsletter of the year from the Bristol Classics Hub! We hope the first half term has gone well (in spite of the various challenges you will have faced) and that you are able to enjoy a well-earned week off.*

*It's been all-change at the Hub this term as we've welcomed a new Director and Manager to the team. Hopefully you'll be able to meet [Pantelis](#) and [Hannah-Marie](#) at a virtual event soon! In the meantime, here's our roundup of important information, exciting events and activities to keep you in the loop.*



*Greetings to all our partner schools across the South West!*

News from the Hub....

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## **1. Ovid in the West Country 2020 - UPDATE**

This year's [Ovid in the West Country](#) competition will be celebrated with a virtual prize-giving video produced by the Bristol Classics Hub and featuring storyteller Daniel Morden.

**30th November** where students can be awarded the certificates and prizes we deliver.

It's the first year the competition will be open to KS2 (Y5/6) as well as KS3 (Y7/8) students. Thinking of getting involved? It isn't too late! You can email Lizzie at [classics-hub@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:classics-hub@bristol.ac.uk) for competition and submission details.

Please note that the final deadline for submissions is **Wednesday 11th November**, and no entries received after this date can be included in the judging process.

Good luck to all - we can't wait to see your entries!



*This inspired 'Ovido' board game was last year's joint winner from a Y8 student.*

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## 2. KS2 Word Roots for Bristol Primary Schools

Following the success of a similar CPD event we organised in Cheltenham last year, we are excited to announce that Charlie Andrew from Classics for All will be running an online Word Roots session for KS2 teachers from local state primary schools in Bristol.

word roots that feature in English, and discuss strategies and resources to support the teaching of etymology at KS2 which has been proven to benefit students' spelling and vocabulary from an early age.

During the session, we will also provide information about further free training and support available for state schools who are interested in introducing classics on a curricular or extra-curricular basis.

Final details are yet to be confirmed, but the session will likely be on **Thursday 14th January, 4 - 6pm** (including time for Q&A). The session will be **FREE** to attend and no prior knowledge of Latin or Greek is required: please [sign up here](#) to register your interest.



*Charlie Andrew in action at our previous Word Roots event, which was kindly hosted by Cheltenham Ladies' College.*

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### **3. Olympus Challenge at Exmouth Community College**

Congratulations to the Y9 students at Exmouth Community College who completed the Olympus Challenge this summer, despite major disruptions

[The Olympus Challenge](#) is an award scheme run by Classics for All which is designed to recognise the hard work of students who are studying classics on an extracurricular basis (e.g. as part of a lunchtime club).

The award is flexible to students' interests, requiring the completion of 3 out of 5 components - including options in ancient history, classical literature, and Greek/Latin languages. It is open to students at all key stages

A total of 19 student entries were submitted Exmouth Community College over the summer holidays, which included samples of Latin languages work and creative responses to classical narratives which were produced by students during the lockdown months.

Congratulations to all who entered and have now received their certificates. Excellent work!



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## 4. Classics in the Time of Covid

The final few months of the last academic year were challenging for us all, with many schools and educational charities financially impacted.

Despite initial fears that the pandemic might suppress the appetite for classics,

wish to introduce or extend their classics provision.

In order to continue to support this work, our main funding body [Classics for All](#) recently launched a fundraising appeal entitled 'Classics in the Time of Covid' to help combat the difficulties of the current economic climate.

The campaign has already raised over £65,000 of its £250,000 target. If you are able to consider making a gift, share details of the campaign, or are interested in finding out more, please visit [classicsforall.org.uk/covid](https://classicsforall.org.uk/covid) or contact Sacha on [sacha@classicsforall.org.uk](mailto:sacha@classicsforall.org.uk) or 07854 634 861.



*To find out more about the brilliant ways in which Classics for All supports classics in state schools, visit their website [www.classicsforall.org.uk](http://www.classicsforall.org.uk)*

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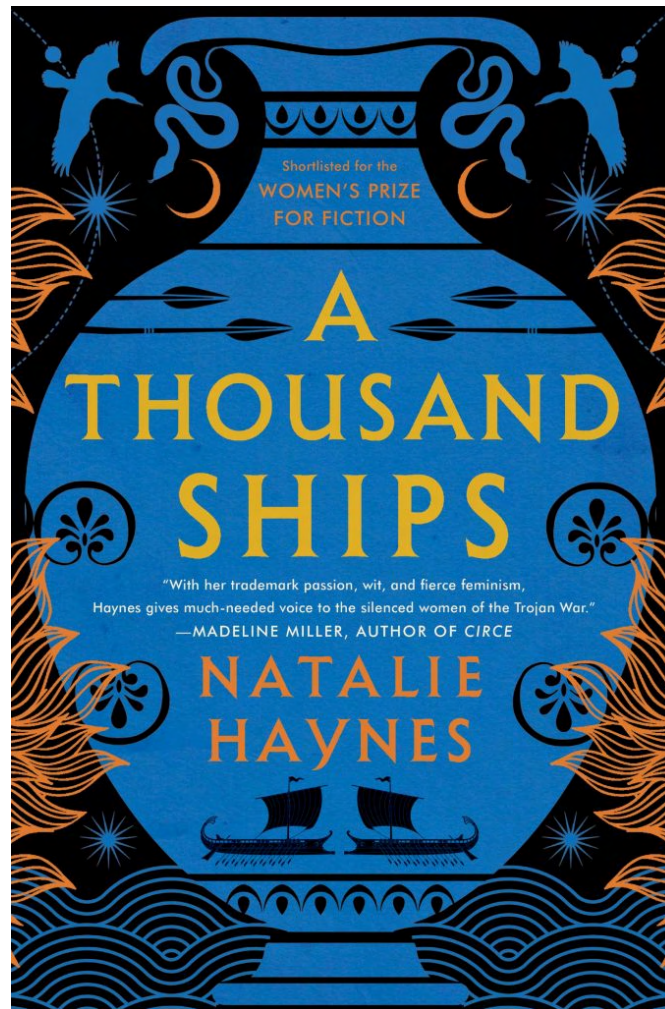
## 5. CA Virtual Book Club

The Bristol Classical Association is launching a new Virtual Book Club which aims to consider the imaginative insights offered by fiction set in the ancient world.

The first meeting will take place via Zoom on **Tuesday 27th October at 7pm**,

Bristol, whose enthusiasm for classically inspired fiction has not been diminished over the years, even after pursuing a PhD on the subject.

If you would like to join the first meeting of the Book Club, or for more information, please email [Richard](#). All welcome – especially students!



## 6. School essay competition for Y11-13

The Classical Association Southwest has announced its 2020/21 school essay competition which is open to students in Y11-13 (or equivalent) at UK schools.

Entries must be a maximum of 1500 words and have one of the following titles:

1. Do ancient historians tell us more about myth than real events?

correct?

3. Do art and archaeology allow us to understand the lives of people not mentioned in literature?
4. "The study of women in ancient literature is the study of men's views of women and cannot become anything else." (Sarah Pomeroy). Do you think this is true?

Essays should be emailed as an attachment (Word or PDF) to [k.l.mcdonald@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:k.l.mcdonald@exeter.ac.uk) by midnight on **Monday 1st March 2021**. Students should not include their name or school on the essay itself, but include their name, school, and contact details in the email.

Submitted essays must be in English, and all entrants must cite sources and secondary literature and provide a list of references at the end of the essay.

Results will be announced in May or June: the winner will receive a book token for £50, and two runners up will receive book tokens for £20.



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## 7. New CA talks announced for 2020/21

Looking ahead to the Spring Term, the Bristol Classical Association has announced two exciting new talks to mark in your diaries...

Firstly, on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** at **7pm**, award-winning Classicist and author of historical fiction Dr Emily Hauser will be giving a talk on 'Women in the Trojan War'. In this talk, Emily will return to one of the oldest stories of Greek myth – the Trojan War – and ask what happens when we look at the story from the



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Amazon queen with whom Achilles fell in love – and, according to some sources, had a child?

A second talk will be given on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm** by [Dr Genevieve Liveley](#) from the University of Bristol, where she will explore the legacy of AI in Homer. Beginning with descriptions of relatively simple automata in the *Iliad* and *Odyssey*, this talk goes on to consider the more sophisticated models of artificial mind and machine cognition that these ancient poems describe, including various distinctions that Homer draws between artificial and human minds. After tracing this ancient narrative history of artificial intelligence, Genevieve will examine its impact on contemporary debate about the nature of AI.

Subject to confirmation nearer the time, and depending on the latest public health guidance, both talks will be held at Badminton School, Peace Memorial Hall. Please email [Barbara Bell](#) to register your interest. There are no tickets, and talks are FREE for Bristol Classical Association members, students, and school pupils. There will be a cost of £5 for visitors.



*Dr Emily Hauser (left) and Dr Genevieve Liveley (right) will be giving their talks for the Bristol Classical Association in the Spring Term.*

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After last year's competition was unfortunately cancelled due to Covid, the Bristol Classical Association has provisionally agreed a date for their annual Latin Play Competition for local schools with their hosts, Bristol Grammar School. The competition will take place on **Monday 28th June** and will include both a Junior and Senior category.

Further information about the competition will be sent out in due course.



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## 9. JACT Latin Summer School

Looking forward further still, the next JACT Latin Summer School has been announced for **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July** next year.

The two-week programme includes intensive Latin language courses for all levels, daily grammar clinics to consolidate learning, and a full programme of evening talks and educational activities, including trips to Roman sites.

The JACT Latin Summer School costs for 2021 are £350 for tuition only, or



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# JACT LATIN SUMMER SCHOOL

MONDAY 19th JULY – SATURDAY 31st JULY 2021

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE ...

- Intensive courses (including three 1-hour taught sessions per day) for all levels from beginners up to A Level, as well as university students who have started Latin as adults
- Focus on fluency and diversity of Latin texts - good for anyone wanting to build up their reading experience (e.g. for Oxbridge interview preparation)
- Highly qualified tutors, most of whom teach in well-established Classics departments at leading UK schools
- Daily clinics to help consolidate key grammatical knowledge
- A full programme of evening talks and a chance to meet leading university academics



## ... AND A LOT OF FUN TOO

- Beautiful surroundings in the quintessential historic spa town of Harrogate in Yorkshire
- Trips to Roman sites (in York and an optional weekend excursion to Hadrian's Wall) as well as events on-site (such as quiz nights and a visit from the Hellenic Bookservice)
- Two weeks with over 100 like-minded students - great friends, great memories!
- All-in food and board and access to school facilities (including a pool, Squash and Tennis courts)



## INTERESTED?

Visit [www.latincamp.co.uk](http://www.latincamp.co.uk) for full details and simple online application

2021 course costs:

£350 - tuition only

£830 - with full food and board

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Each year, Euroclassica (Federation of European Classics Teachers' Associations) offers entry level (i.e. *Vestibulum*) classical language tests: ELEX for Latin and EGEX for Classical Greek. These tests are taken all over Europe in many different countries at about the same time, and successful candidates receive the same European certificate in gold, silver, or bronze as appropriate.

Following the success of these *Vestibulum* tests in schools and countries across Europe, Euroclassica are now offering two more tests at intermediate level (i.e. *Ianua*) in both Latin and Greek for pupils who have studied the languages for a longer time.

All tests are FREE to enter, and past papers and further details are available on the [website](#). Schools must notify Euroclassica if they would like to enter pupils for either *Vestibulum* or *Ianua* testing, and should email their test results to [John Bulwer](#) once they have completed the process (**no later than the end of January 2021**). Certificates will be sent out to schools for teachers to award to their students.



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**[Key dates for 2020/21](#)**

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- **Tuesday 27th October:** inaugural meeting of the Bristol CA Virtual Book Club (via Zoom)
  - **Wednesday 11th November:** final submissions deadline for Ovid in the West Country competition
  - **Monday 30th November:** schools' virtual prize-giving celebration for Ovid in the West Country 2020

#### SPRING TERM

- **Thursday 14th January:** KS2 Word Roots for Bristol Primary Schools (online CPD event - provisional date)
- **Sunday 31st January:** final deadline for reporting completed Euroclassica test results
- **Monday 1st March:** deadline for school essay competition
- **Tuesday 23rd March:** talk by Dr Emily Hauser on 'Women in the Trojan War'
- **Wednesday 12th May:** talk by Dr Genevieve Liveley on 'Homer's AI'

#### SUMMER TERM

- **Monday 28th June:** Bristol CA Latin Play Competition
- **Monday 19th - Saturday 31st July:** JACT Latin Summer School

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*Thank you for supporting the Hub during these challenging times. We hope to see you - if virtually - at one of our events this year!*

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We are also very grateful for the continued support of our partners: the Bristol Classical Association, the [Classics and Ancient History Department](#) and the [Institute of Greece, Rome and the Classical Tradition](#) at the University of Bristol.

*If you have questions about the newsletter, please email [classics-hub@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:classics-hub@bristol.ac.uk). Similarly if you have Classics news that you would like to share, do get in touch – we'd love to feature updates in our newsletter or on our website. Please pass this newsletter on to interested parties.*



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