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INTRODUCTION TO

CLASSICS

at RGS















The Classics department at RGS is the largest in the North East. We offer Latin, Classical Greek, Ancient History and Classical Civilisation.

YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8

All RGS students study Latin in Year 7 and Year 8, this is a foundation which benefits all their future linguistic study, as well as the problem solving and other soft skills which studying Latin develops.

Language learning is balanced with exploration of Roman culture and society, through a wide range of civilisation topics from gladiators, to how the Romans held their local elections.

YEAR 9 AND BEYOND

From Year 9, Classical subjects become optional and students choose from Latin, Classical Greek and Ancient History and can continue these into GCSE and A-Level. We also offer an enrichment AS Classical Civilisation course for Sixth Form students. New students to RGS in the Sixth Form are also welcome to begin learning Latin, Classical Greek or Ancient History ab initio - from the beginning.



One of the most exciting elements of Classics as a discipline is its diversity.
Whether you love the precision and forensic nature of studying the complex grammar of Latin and Classical Greek, or delight in poetry, and exploring the world of the hero through the epic literature of Homer and Virgil or if you enjoy historical analysis, political debate, and exploring the rich and fascinating cultures of Greece, Rome, Persia, Ancient Egypt and beyond...

.. whatever your interests, there is something for everyone in the Classics curriculum at RGS. Lessons are fun and varied, and we love to incorporate modern technology into our study of the ancient world.

Our pupils work hard and achieve outstanding results, often culminating in studying Classics at top universities including Oxbridge.



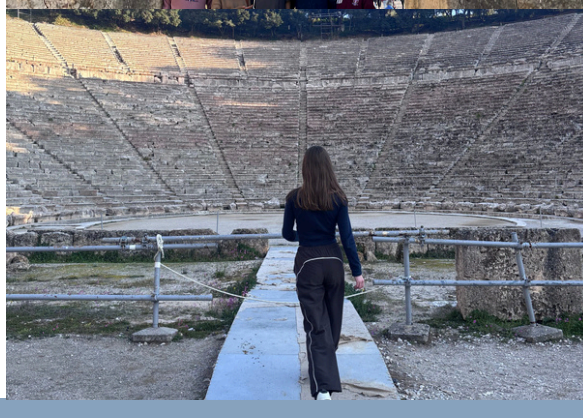


















SOCIETIES

Beyond the classroom. We run three Classical societies. Our junior Classics society is called Ludus, which is Latin for ‘game’ and students in Year 7 and Year 8 enjoy exploring the ancient world through fun and play, such as mummification of carrots, building Roman forts and even making pyramids from spaghetti and marshmallows.

Ancient History Society is for Year 9 to Year 11 and is an opportunity to delve deeper into the Classical world. The group enjoy exploring history and myth in more detail as well as learning more about ancient civilisations. Our Classics Prefects lead our societies and organise a schedule of speakers and topics based on student interests



Finally, our senior Classics society 'PRINCIPES' is for our Sixth Form Classics community. This society is very much pupil-led; organised by students, for students including talks on ancient Egypt, Sparta and Greek symposia.

We also promote Classical events and talks, as well as running a few trips including attending a Sixth Form study day at Newcastle University and a trip to London to visit The British Museum and the annual UCL Greek play.

CLASSICS BEYOND RGS

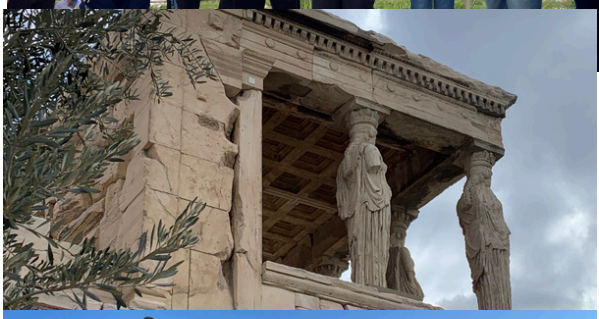
Many of our Sixth Form students choose to study Classical subjects or subjects related to Classics at university. We also stay connected and recently invited ONs who studied Classics back to talk to current students about where a degree in Classics has led them.

The Classics community is small and well-connected and we love to keep in touch with our Old Novocastrians beyond RGS.























TRIPS

The influence and legacy of the Classical world is all around us, not least in the North East. Naturally, being so close to Hadrian's Wall, we take a trip there every year.

The Classics Department run international trips to Pompeii, Greece and Rome.

Our Junior Classics trip to Sorrento offers invaluable insights into ancient Roman life, bringing the characters of the Year 7 Latin course back to life.

By exploring preserved ruins, streets, and artifacts, RGS students witness daily life, social structures, art, and architecture first hand.



On our senior trips to Rome and Greece the key ancient sites we explore, bring the course content to life. The immersive experience of visiting ancient sites deepens our students' understanding of ancient texts, enriching their grasp of Roman culture, politics, and civilisation preserved through history.

We also enjoy Sixth Form study days at Newcastle University, theatre trips to see Greek plays, trips to the British Museum to see the Rosetta Stone, the Parthenon Marbles and numerous other collections which complements their studies.

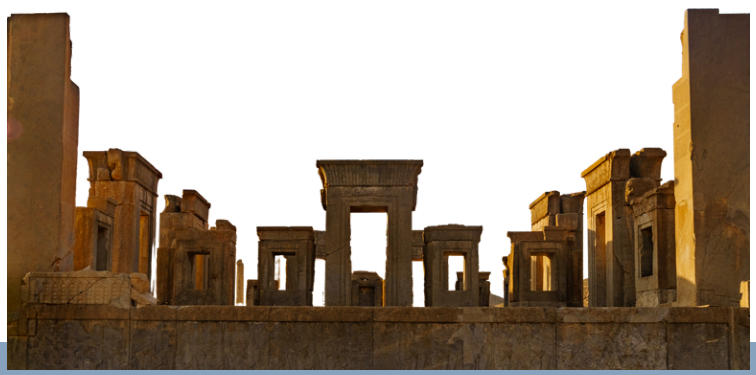












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From our students' first exposure to Classics all the way up to Year 13, the Classical world is brought to life at RGS, offering so much. We look forward to welcoming you to explore it further at RGS.

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