



NORTHWOOD
COLLEGE
FOR GIRLS

Classics Department

Northwood College is part of the Girls' Day School Trust (GDST), a leading network of independent girls' schools in the UK with a history of pioneering innovation in the education of girls. The GDST runs a network of 23 schools and 2 academies throughout the UK. Northwood College for Girls is to become the leading school in North West London and it is vital that the applicants are forward looking and eager to embrace and encourage innovation to drive success.

The Classics Department consists of one full-time member and three part-time members. All Classics classrooms have interactive whiteboards as well as access to laptops and iPads, and all girls in Years 7-9 have their own Google Chromebook devices available in lessons. We believe that a Classical education is necessary for understanding not only the past but also the modern world, and we guide our students in their discovery of the different disciplines that make up our area of specialism: linguistics, archaeology, philosophy, history and literature. All teachers in the department have an opportunity to teach across the year groups and courses, ensuring variety, motivation and CPD opportunities for all. Our materials and resources are revised on an ongoing basis, and there is a chance for all members of the department to contribute in this respect. We have a large Classics Office and storage space with a wide range of books and teaching resources for all abilities, from Junior School to University level.

Latin starts in the Junior School in Years 5 and 6 with weekly lessons following the *Minimus* course, focusing on literacy, mythology and story-telling. All students study Latin in Years 7 and 8 as part of the core curriculum. We follow the *Cambridge Latin Course* and employ other additional resources developed by the Classics Department in order to ensure an adequate level of differentiation and challenge, and the development of the girls' thinking skills and awareness of ancient culture. We also work closely with the Modern Foreign Languages to develop students' linguistic skills. In Year 9, we follow Taylor's 'Latin to GCSE 1' book and begin to put an emphasis on prose composition. We also integrate components of both Greek and Roman mythology and history into the course.

In Years 10 and 11, we offer both GCSE Latin and GCSE Classical Civilisation, following the OCR specifications. Groups are small and we have highly motivated students. There is very good value added to our courses, and the Latin results are always outstanding. Many of our students opt to join our annual residential trip to Italy or Greece.

At A Level we offer both Latin and Classical Civilisation. Group sizes are small and we have our own dedicated Classics seminar room with a large LED screen and an extensive library of classical texts, academic commentaries and journals, as well as online subscriptions such as JSTOR and Massolit. Our Sixth Form students are dedicated and engaged, and some go on to study Classics at top universities.

We also offer Ancient Greek as an extra-curricular club with a dedicated group of students attending on a weekly basis.

We are looking for candidates who have the drive and motivation to contribute to the development of our growing department.

Extra-curricular activities

- Ancient Greek Club - open to anyone in the school who wishes to learn Classical Greek.
- Latin Surgery – drop-in sessions to help with homework, provide revision opportunities and read more challenging texts.
- A variety of different mythology, Latin speaking and essay competitions throughout the year, with something available for each year group.

Visits

- KS3: visit to the Museum of London.
- GCSE: visits to the British Museum and annual trip to UCL's Greek tragedy/comedy performance.
- A Level: visits to the National Gallery, the British Museum, lectures with leading academics and theatrical performances.
- Annual residential trips to Greece or Italy.