



RADLEY

Teacher of Classics

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The department

We have an excellent opportunity for a Teacher of Classics to join us from September 2024.

After the first year, Classical Civilisation, Greek and Latin feature within the GCSE option choices and over the past few years around 70% of the year group have typically chosen to pursue at least one of the three subjects. In all three GCSE subjects, we follow the OCR syllabus.

In the Sixth Form, we continue to offer all three subjects, again from the OCR Classics suite. Of the 767 current Radleians, 341 study at least one Classical subject. The Department also runs a strong Oxbridge programme, and a number of our best Classicists go on to Oxford or Cambridge. Over the last three years, the Department has accounted for 20% of the College's Oxbridge places.

The Department is housed in a particularly attractive part of the school (Mansion Quad) and is blessed with a high level of resources and a well-stocked Classics library. The Department runs a full calendar of events, including symposia with other schools, reading competitions, lectures from external speakers, and more. A particularly enjoyable termly event is the Classics Society gathering. These not only provide an important social occasion for the Department but also allow one of the Classics teachers to research an area of the Ancient World and present it as a talk to the Department and boys. This seems to stimulate interest, provide material for discussion, and add to the feeling that we are surrounded by people – boys and dons – who are fascinated by the Classical World. There is a real buzz about the Department, in this regard.

Outings are an important part of our programme, with termly trips to the Ashmolean for GCSE and A Level sets and to the British Museum for the Shells/Y9. The highlight of the year is our annual trip to either Italy or Greece. In recent years, this has been the most popular of all of the school trips, with the Department taking 48 students to Italy in 2023 and 41 boys to Greece this year (a few of our snapshots are below!). As with Classics Society gatherings, these trips provide a chance for members of the Department to enjoy one another's company and a shared passion for the Classical World.

