



# Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you with an exciting opportunity for Year 7 students. In anticipation of their 2<sup>nd</sup> language decision for Year 8 in the Summer Term, students will have the chance to learn about Latin and the Classical World in a **5-week long Latin Forum** from Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April until the May half term. The workshop will be conducted at the following times:

**Day:** Thursday

**Time:** 15.20 – 16.15

**Place:** S15, MFL Corridor

**First session:** 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Last session:** 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Students will have the chance to get a taste of the ancient Latin language, explore the myths behind Percy Jackson, debate whether the Greeks or Romans were superior, analyse the story of Aeneas as he descends into the Underworld and work out the mechanics of the Roman Army which built an epic Empire, and much more.

The workshop is designed to ignite interest and passion in the Classical World through fun and games and we are happy to explore students' interests as well. Latin has long been considered as a subject only for the 'elite', but this is one myth that needs to be dispelled. As a creative, logical, analytical, and expansive subject, Latin is suited for a wide range of students as they explore the roots of Romanic languages and improve their understanding of English itself.

As well as the core language instruction, Latin in KS3 and GCSE also consists of a Classical Civilisation aspect; this includes an education in Classical literature, history, architecture, archaeology, art, and Roman society. Latin does not include components of speaking or listening, but rather we focus on reading, writing and translation as an opening into this fascinating Classical world.

If your child would like to attend this workshop, please indicate their interest by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April** via this Google Forms link: <https://forms.gle/9pFFywaxFttaLLHb6>

Spaces are restricted so if the workshop is oversubscribed, it will be decided on a first-come, first-served basis. I look forward to receiving your applications for this exciting workshop.

Yours faithfully,

*S. Harris*

**Ms Harris**

MFL & Latin Teacher