



University of BRISTOL

Classics Hub

March 2021 Newsletter

It's been a VERY busy term here at the Hub... as it has for everyone in our partner schools. We hope you manage to enjoy a well-earned Easter break! Here's an overview of what we've been up to, plus a few things yet to come.

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Key dates

1. Classics Hub website updates

Our website has undergone a few updates recently thanks to the efforts of Hub Manager, [Hannah-Marie Chidwick](#).

In addition to some key structural changes to help make the content more accessible and user-friendly, we've added a brand new area dedicated to [primary schools](#) with information and resources to support the teaching of classical subjects at KS1 and KS2.

Work is still ongoing and we've a number of exciting new resources in the pipeline, so watch this space...

In addition to our website, don't forget to check out our social media pages on [Twitter](#) (@SWclassicshub) and [Instagram](#) (@swclassicshub) where we share updates and events on a regular basis.



2. Roman Britain online workshop

We're pleased to offer a new VIRTUAL workshop on Roman Britain for KS2, completely free and available entirely online. Hub volunteer and doctoral researcher Martina Delucchi has ingeniously crafted a workshop entitled **The Horse's Backside: Roman Britain and Us**, in which she introduces students to the influence of the Romans on aspects of our everyday life.

Martina ran her workshop with a group of 45 students at [St Mary Redcliffe Church of England Primary School](#) in early February. The session aimed to give the students an idea of the Roman impact on life in Britain, such as roadways, infrastructures, towns and cities, including some basic Latin vocabulary as the root of certain English place names. The students were so inspired they carried on creating their own Latin sentences even after the session had ended!

If you are interested in this or any other workshop for your students, please contact us via classics-hub@bristol.ac.uk. All our workshops are completely **FREE** and you can take a look at some previous examples on our website, [here](#).

3. KS2 Word Roots success!

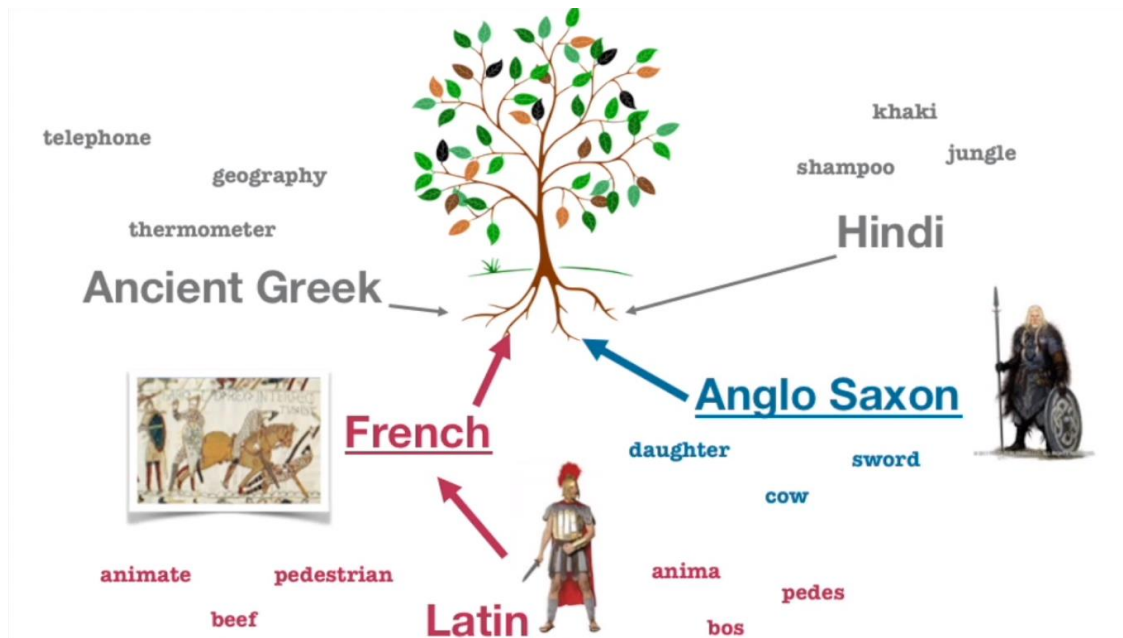
On Thursday 11th February, **Classics for All** trainer [Charlie Andrew](#) ran an afterschool online Word Roots event on behalf of the Bristol Classics Hub for KS2 teachers in Bristol and across the South West.

The workshop had a fantastic turnout, with 21 teachers attending from 16 different schools. Together we explored some key Latin and Greek root words that feature frequently in English, and looked at strategies and resources to help support the teaching of literacy at primary level.

Towards the end of the session, Sonia Thompson, Head Teacher at [St](#)

both keen Latin enthusiasts – said a few words about the benefits of studying the language at KS2.

Several of the teachers in attendance have since expressed their interest in introducing Latin to their students, on both a curricular and extra-curricular basis. Overall, a great success!



The English language has several major roots including Greek and Latin

4. ARLT Summer School

The **Association for Latin Teaching (ARLT)** have invited us to run a workshop on making Classics more inclusive at their 98th annual Summer School, which will run in-person at Blundell's School in Tiverton, **26th-30th July**.

The ARLT is run by practising teachers to provide CPD for practising teachers, including trainees, newly qualified and experienced practitioners.

Their Summer School programme includes lectures by academics from Exeter and Bristol Universities, as well as option groups covering Greek and Latin GCSE and A level set texts, and Classical Civilisation units.

application. Visit the [ARLT](#) website for further details and booking information.

For a nationwide list of summer schools running this year, see the [Classical Association](#) website.



5. **Academus Easter Crash Course**

[Academus Education](#) have announced that they will be running an Easter Crash Course over the first weekend of the Easter holidays (**27th-28th March**).

The course will provide a free online interdisciplinary introduction to classics designed for 14-18-year-olds. It's designed to be an intensive 10-hour insight programme into the ancient world, where students will cover the history and culture of Greece and Rome over two days.

The course will cover a range of topics across Graeco-Roman history and literature. It will also touch on reception studies and will provide an excellent basis for any students considering pursuing Classics at university.



6. Bristol Festival of Latin Drama 2021

We are delighted to share news of the **Bristol Festival of Latin Drama 2021** organised by the [Bristol Classical Association](#) in partnership with [Bristol Grammar School](#) and the Bristol Classics Hub.

The aim of the competition is to encourage students to create a short play in Latin, record their play to send to our judges and for viewing by other schools. Simplicity, brevity, and dramatic skill are the keywords, and what

This year's competition will be held online and is **FREE** to enter. There are separate categories for primary and secondary students: schools that wish to enter students for either category are requested to fill out this [online form](#) no later than **31st March 2021**.

Full details of the competition can be found [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact the organisers [Andy Keen](mailto:akeen@bgs.bristol.sch.uk) (akeen@bgs.bristol.sch.uk) or [Barbara Bell](mailto:bmbellmini@aol.com) (bmbellmini@aol.com).



Students participating in a previous year of the Bristol Festival of Latin Drama

7. Classical Association Conference 2021

In further exciting news from the Classical Association, the national **CA Annual Conference 2021** will run **6th-8th April** and everything will take place online.

This year's event will focus on key issues facing classicists today, including inclusivity, employability, and the performance of classical texts in the online world.

interests, including live drama and a Presidential Address by Mari Williams.

To view the programme and register for the conference, visit the event page [here](#).



8. 'The Homeric World' teachers' course

The [British School at Athens](#) is delighted to invite UK school teachers to attend a **FREE** virtual CPD course between **15th-26th April**, focusing on the OCR GCSE Classical Civilisation module 'The Homeric World'.

The course is intended both for those who already teach the new GCSE (or similar specifications), and also for those who have never taught the subject before.

Participants will follow a series of four virtual lectures, introducing the main themes of the module and providing new case studies beyond the GCSE syllabus. By the end of the course, participants will have a sound working knowledge of Bronze Age archaeology and its relationship to the works of Homer, helping them to teach this material to students with confidence.

Find out more and register for this course via their website [here](#).

9. Virtual book club meets again...

Home Fire is the seventh novel by British-Pakistani novelist Kamila Shamsie, which reimagines Sophocles' play *Antigone* unfolding in a modern context among British Muslims.

If you would like to attend but have not already contacted the book club organiser, Richard Cole, please email him (richard.cole@bristol.ac.uk) to be added to their mailing list.



Key dates

EASTER / SUMMER TERM

- **Saturday 27th - Sunday 28th March:** Academus Easter Crash Course

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- **Tuesday 6th - Thursday 8th April:** CA Annual Conference
 - **Thursday 15th - Monday 26th April:** 'The Homeric World' teachers' course
 - **Tuesday 20th April:** Bristol CA virtual book club meeting
 - **Monday 26th - Friday 30th July:** ARLT Summer School
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Thank you for supporting the Hub and we hope to remain in touch over the coming months!

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The Bristol Classics Hub is funded by [Classics for All](#).

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. 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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