

Classical Civilisation – Bridging work

What should I do over the summer to prepare?

Anything you can do to extend your knowledge about the culture of Ancient Greece & Rome (& the surrounding cultures like the Egyptians and Persians) will be helpful. Watching documentaries and listening to podcasts is as useful as reading, if that suits you better.

We will be studying Greek topics in Y12, but feel free to explore Rome too, if that is what interests you.

The priority areas to get confident with are mythology - the gods and also the heroes of the Trojan War and the Theban cycle – and the general outline of Greek history. We will start off in September making sure everyone is up-to-speed with this, so reading in preparation for that will help.

Some books to try:

- Stephen Fry - Mythos, Heroes or Troy
- Robin Lane Fox – The Classical World

Podcasts:

- In Our Time
- Dead to Me
- Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics

BBC iPlayer

- Mary Beard's Ultimate Rome: Empire without limit
- Treasures of Ancient Greece
- Ancient Worlds
- Sicily: Wonder of the Mediterranean