

Roots of the Past: Ancient History, Archaeology and the Non-elite

Find out about a different type of history! Ancient history is not just emperors and battles, Alexander the Great and Spartans at Thermopylae: we can also study the life experiences of ordinary people more than two thousand years ago. How did ancient Spartans feel about religion? What objects did they offer at sanctuaries and why? How do we know about the lives of ancient soldiers? What was it like to live under the Roman empire for non-Romans? Who were the Celts and why were they important? What did Romans think about poor people? What was it like to go to the theatre in ancient Athens? How and why did they laugh at slaves? Or did they laugh with them?

This enrichment day is intended to introduce teachers and pupils to the rewards of studying ancient history and classical civilisation qualifications at Key Stage 4. In association with *Advocating Classics Education*, the Department of Classics and Archaeology at the University of Nottingham presents a day of exploring non-elite lives in the ancient world.

Our plenary speaker is the eminent **Professor Edith Hall** of King's College, London, often to be heard on Radio 4's *In Our Time* and other programmes, author of *Inventing the Barbarian*, and most recently *Aristotle's Way* and project lead on *Advocating Classics Education*. Edith grew up in Nottingham and will talk to us about her project *Classics and Class* and how Nottinghamshire people engaged with the Greeks and Romans and made their own educational opportunities.

Options: Dr. Edmund Stewart on 'Slavery in Aristophanes *Frogs*' - Dr. Alex Mullen on 'Who were the Celts?' - Dr. Chrysanthi Gallou on 'Spartan offerings: Artemis Orthia' - Dr Oliver Thomas on 'Music in Euripides' *Medea*' - Dr Alex Mullen on 'Writing like a Roman Soldier: cursive codebreaking' - Prof. Helen Lovatt on 'Martial and poverty' - handling session at the University Museum.

Contact: helen.lovatt@nottingham.ac.uk for more information and to book places. Please indicate preferences for option sessions!

Programme:

10-10.45 Why learn Classical Civilisation and Ancient History

Prof. Helen Lovatt and Nottingham students who studied Classical Civilisation and/or Ancient History at state school. How to start up a new subject, and what funding is available.

10.45-11.30 4 Option sessions:

1. Drama: Dr. Edmund Stewart on 'Slavery in Aristophanes *Frogs*'
2. Empire: Dr. Alex Mullen on 'Who were the Celts?'
3. Sparta: Dr. Chrysanthi Gallou on 'Spartan offerings: Artemis Orthia'
4. Material culture: handling session at the University Museum

11.30-45 Tea and coffee provided

11.45-12.30 4 Option sessions:

1. Drama: Dr Oliver Thomas on 'Music in Euripides' *Medea*'
2. Soldiers: Dr Alex Mullen on 'Writing like a Roman Soldier: cursive codebreaking'
3. Migrants: Prof. Helen Lovatt on 'Martial and poverty'
4. Material culture: handling session at the University Museum

12.30-1 Please bring packed lunches for lunch!

1-2 Plenary session: Prof. Edith Hall on 'Nottingham, Classics and Class'