

# Swansea Summer School in Ancient Languages Report.

This year the first Swansea Summer School in Ancient Languages took place for two weeks, from the 19<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> of July. Overall there were 52 participants, with some changing course after the first week. During this time 8 classes took place, they were:

- Beginners Greek (12 participants)
- Intermediate Greek (4 participants)
- Advanced Greek (10 participants)
- Beginners Latin (9 participants)
- Intermediate Latin (5 participants)
- Advanced Latin (4 participants)
- Medieval Latin (3 participants)
- Egyptian Hieroglyphs (5 participants)

These classes were hourly classes which were rotated to allow us to use just 4 classrooms within the University. Each class had three hours of teaching a day with homework set in between for the following class. They were given course books to use and return after they completed the Summer School, they were:

- Beginners Greek: Athenaze Book I
- Intermediate Greek: Athenaze Book II
- Advanced Greek: Homers *Iliad* Book 24 and Herodotus *Histories*
- Beginners Latin: Cambridge Latin Course Books I & II
- Intermediate Latin: So you really want to learn Latin Books II & III
- Advanced Latin: Catallus and Horace's *Odes* & Seneca's *Apocolocyntosis*

For one weeks tuition it is £170 full price and £150 for students or early birds, for two weeks it is £320 full price and £300 for students and early birds. Accommodation for the participants was £320 for one week (no discount for students or early birds) and £680 for two weeks, again no discount. We also gave bursaries to those who were eligible (students).

Overall we had:

- 21 Students, all of whom or bursaries. We offered an additional 3 bursaries but they were declined.
- 2 early birds who paid the smaller fee for tuition
- 29 who paid full price tuition.

Of the participants who took part in the Summer School:

- 27 were female
- 25 were male
- 5 under 18's

- 9 were international participants:
  - 1 from Australia
  - 4 from the US
  - 2 from Germany
  - 1 from Canada
  - 1 from Italy

In addition to classes, there were extra-curricular activities held for the participants every evening, Wednesday afternoons and the weekend between the two weeks (25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>). These were:

- 19<sup>th</sup>: Welcome Reception
- 20<sup>th</sup>: talk by Dr. Peter Haarer (Oxford University) ‘Reading Greek Inscriptions’.
- 21<sup>st</sup>: Henry Stead ‘Classics and Class’ workshop: <http://www.classicsandclass.info/>
- 22<sup>nd</sup>: Excursion to Dolaucothi Mines (£22 pp. 16 participants attended) & Workshop: Mari Williams ‘Reading Latin through the medium of Welsh’.
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: Talk by Prof. Mark Humphries (Swansea University) ‘Lions and Earthquakes: why did the Pagans persecute the Christians?’
- 24<sup>th</sup>: Quiz: Classical and General Knowledge.
- 25<sup>th</sup>: Excursion to Caerloen and Caerwent (£30 pp. 19 participants attended) with talks from Prof. Mark Humphries (Swansea University) and Peter Guest (Cardiff University)
- 26<sup>th</sup>: Excursion to The WaterFront Museum (Free) – originally planned a beach walk but had to cancel due to weather.
- 27<sup>th</sup>: Talk by Dr. Ian Reopath ‘Texts to Trade Demosthenes for: Fragments and Summaries of Lost Greek Novels’
- 28<sup>th</sup>: Film showing: Agora.
- 29<sup>th</sup>: Excursion to Rhosilli Bay and Gower (£15 pp. 15 participants attended)
- 30<sup>th</sup>: Workshop by Amr Garber ‘Mummies throughout the World’ & Hellenic Bookstore open all day.
- 31<sup>st</sup>: Farewell Reception.

We received excellent feedback from our participants:

‘Very good experience overall. Excellent teaching, teacher very motivated’

‘We were very grateful for a bursary, as we could not have afforded the course otherwise (there are two of us)’

‘Optimum erat et sibi gratias ago’

‘Absolutely brilliant! Loved every minute of the classes – Amr was an inspiration. He really made the language come alive – his enthusiasm is infectious!’

‘Most grateful to Evelien for keeping in close contact, keeping us informed and for all help before and during the course’

‘Very good being in a small group of four...Henry is a very gentle tutor who opened my eyes to many possibilities of interpretation and background’

‘the talks were very interesting and the summer school was well organised’  
‘I hope you can continue to run it! The bursary made it possible for us to attend’

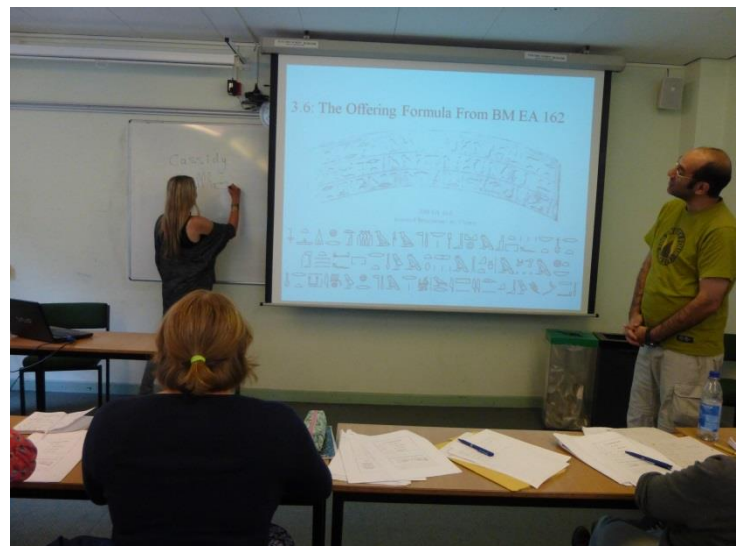
Overall the Summer School ran well and because of its success this year we are currently preparing for next year where we plan to run it again with additional classes, different extracurricular activities and more staff. To view our website for this year please visit: <http://www.swansea.ac.uk/artsandhumanities/hc/summerschoolinancientlanguages/>.



First Week Photo outside the Abbey Building



Advanced Greek Classes



Egyptian Hieroglyphs



Trip to Caerleon



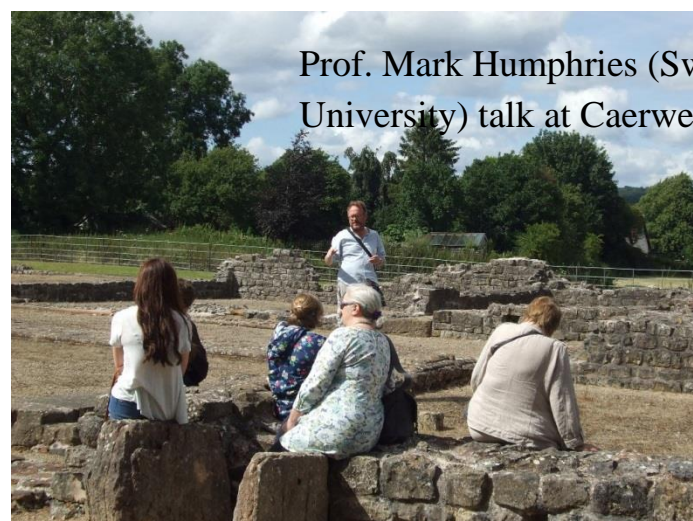
Peter Guest at Caerleon



Prof. Mark Humphries (Swansea University) talk



Dr. Peter Haarer's (Oxford University) talk



Prof. Mark Humphries (Swansea University) talk at Caerwent