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**Department of  
History and Classics  
&  
South West Wales Classical Association**



Summer School  
in  
Ancient Languages

**17th July - 30th July 2016**

# Welcome!

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Swansea University is pleased to welcome you to the second Summer School in Ancient Languages. We offer courses in Latin and Greek at all levels as well as Medieval Latin and Egyptian.

This brochure will provide all the necessary information about the Summer School. We have put together a packed programme of study as well as extracurricular events. Please note that the programme is still provisional at this stage, and details might change.

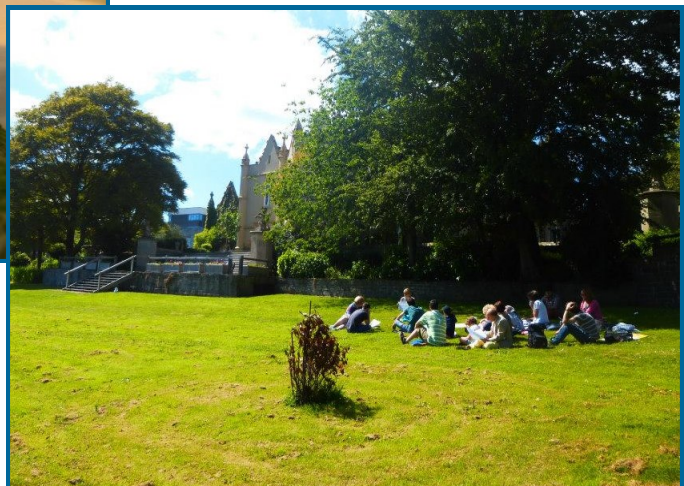
Registration is done entirely online via our website:

**[www.swansea.ac.uk/artsandhumanities/hc/  
summerschoolinancientlanguages/](http://www.swansea.ac.uk/artsandhumanities/hc/summerschoolinancientlanguages/)**

We look forward to seeing you next summer!



**Dr Evelien Bracke**



# What will your week/s look like?

Courses have three teaching hours per week day (two on Wednesdays), and will be complemented by extracurricular activities such as workshops, talks, and excursions to Roman and other historical sites in Wales.

***A typical week day will look similar to this:***

09.00-10.00	Breakfast
10.00-11.00	<b>Class 1</b>
11.00-12.00	Free time for study
12.00-13.00	<b>Class 2</b>
13.00-14.00	Free time for lunch and study
14.00-15.00	<b>Class 3</b>
15.00-19.30	Free time for study and dinner
19.30	Evening's activity, e.g. talk, workshop, play

Students are expected to put in about three/four hours of private study each day.

***Provisional schedule of extracurricular activities (this may yet change):***

17/07	Reception
18/07	<b>Talk by Dr Eddie Owens on 'What have the Romans ever done for us in Wales?'</b>
19/07	Workshop TBC
20/07	Trip to Margam Stones Museum and Roman Hill Fort
21/07	<b>Talk by Dr Kasia Szpakowska on magic in ancient Egypt, and visit by the Hellenic Book Service</b>
22/07	Classically themed Quiz
23/07	Trip to St Fagan's National History Museum and Cardiff City Centre
24/07	Beach walk on Swansea beach or visit to local museum
25/07	<b>Talk TBC</b>
26/07	Film TBC
27/07	Trip to Carreg Cennen
28/07	<b>Talk by Prof Mark Humphries on barbarian perceptions of the Romans</b>
29/07	Reception

# Courses

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**Please note that courses may be cancelled if numbers of participants are too low. On the registration form, you have the option of giving a second option in case your first is not running.**

## **Beginners' Greek/Latin/Hieroglyphs**

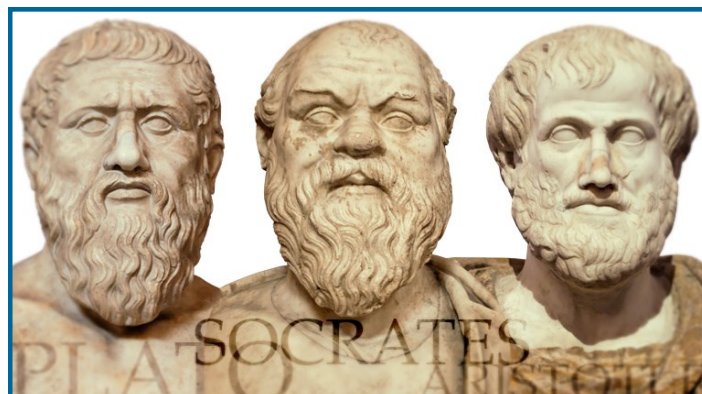
No prior knowledge is required for the beginners' courses. These courses give you a basic grounding in Latin, Greek, or Egyptian grammar and syntax, using the course books *So you really want to learn Latin* or the *Cambridge Latin course* (Latin), *Athenaze* (Greek), and Collier and Manley, *How to read Egyptian Hieroglyphs* (Egyptian). The courses introduce you to the basic structure of the language. You will learn about the basic grammar, script, and read straightforward, adapted texts. The second week of the course builds onto the first one, so some prior knowledge is required if you only want to attend the second week.

## **Post-beginners' Greek/Latin/Hieroglyphs**

This is course is for people who have some basic knowledge of the languages, but haven't progressed far with the grammar and vocabulary. The course books are the same as for the Beginners' courses.

## **Intermediate Greek/Latin**

The intermediate courses assume a understanding of the foundations of the languages. In these courses you will consolidate and develop your knowledge of grammar and syntax, using the same textbooks as the beginners' courses. These courses use adapted as well as unadapted but straightforward texts to expand your knowledge of the language.





### **Intermediate-Advanced Greek/Latin**

At this level, students should feel comfortable with most grammar but in need of some refreshers, particularly regarding the subjunctive (Latin) and optative (Greek). We will read unadapted texts while discussing points of interest as well as revise grammar where required.

### **Advanced Greek/Latin**

In these courses, we read two authors (one per week). Specific details will be given after Christmas. We are happy to discuss author choices with participants.

### **Medieval Latin**

For this course, participants should ideally have A-level Latin or equivalent. You will read a selection of texts from the Medieval period, focusing on interpretation and textual analysis. Please note that this course will only go ahead if we have enough participants. Details about texts that will be read will be made available in due time. The course book is Sidwells' *Reading Medieval Latin*.

# Practical Details

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## Eligibility

Everyone age 12+ is welcome to take part in the Summer School courses. No prior knowledge is required.

Students of secondary school age (12-18) are welcome to take part provided that an accompanying adult takes full responsibility for their wellbeing and remains with them at all times (apart from when they are in class). We cannot accept younger children.

## Non-EU Students

We welcome non-EU students on our courses. However, non-EU participants need to have a valid student visa. For more information, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration>.

## Group Size

To guarantee the quality of the learning process, group sizes will be capped at 25 participants maximum. Please apply early to guarantee a place, particularly for beginners' courses as these fill up rapidly.

## Tuition

There are three hours of teaching per day apart from Wednesdays which have two hours of teaching. In addition to these contact hours, participants are advised to spend more or less the same amount of time in private or group study. All teaching takes place in small, friendly groups with experienced teachers. You can attend for either one or two weeks.

Please note that the second week continues from the first, so if you have no prior knowledge of Latin, Greek, or Hieroglyphs, it is a good idea to attend the first week.

Due to the intensive nature of our modules it is not possible to take two modules at the same time. You can, however, take one language in the first week and another in the second. If you are unsure about your level, contact us and we will suggest a starting point.

If you find, once you start the course, that the level is too high or low, there is **no problem at all** to move to a different class. On the first day, you can also try out more than one class until you are happy that you are in the appropriate group.

## **Course Materials, Library, and WiFi**

Course books for the beginners and intermediate courses may be borrowed from us for the duration of your stay. For advanced courses, course materials will be provided.

You will have access to Swansea University library where you can access reference works and dictionaries.

Wi-Fi access will be available on campus for the duration of your stay.

## **Assessment**

Participants will be able to take a one-hour exam at the end of each week. Our courses are not (yet) accredited, but we can provide you with a certificate of attendance which will state the mark of your exam. Under-18s can apply through us for their course to be accredited by the Children's University.

# **Excursions**

There will be three extracurricular trips during the Summer School. Please note these trips are provisional and details may yet be changed.

### **Wednesday 20 July: Margam Stones Museum and Roman Hill Fort (£20)**

Our first trip will be to the Margam Stones Museum. It houses a collect of pre-conquest, early Christian memorials, including the Great Wheel Cross of Cronbelin. It is situated next to Margam Abbey Church, within which is the still-intact nave. After an hour at the museum and church we will then move on to the Roman Hill Fort. See <http://cadw.gov.wales/daysout/margamstonesmuseum/?lang=en>.

### **Saturday 23 July: St Fagan's National History Museum and Cardiff (£25)**

For our second trip, we will go to the Cardiff area, and visit the outdoor National History Museum which features villages and buildings from all of Welsh history, after which we will go to Cardiff City Centre. See [www.museumwales.ac.uk/stfagans/](http://www.museumwales.ac.uk/stfagans/).

### **Wednesday 27 July: Carreg Cennen (£22)**

For our third trip we will be venturing to Carreg Cennen, the remains of what was once a beautiful castle in the hills of Wales. The castle was thought to have been occupied by Romans at one stage due to the unearthing of a horde of Roman coins and 4 skeletal remains. As well as the castle there are natural mines to explore and nature walks. [www.carregcennencastle.com](http://www.carregcennencastle.com).

# Fees

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Tuition fees: **£175** for one week, **£330** for two weeks

Full-time students pay a reduced amount of **£155** (one week) and **£310** (two weeks). Our **early-bird** rate is the same as student fee and runs up until 30th November.

Accommodation with breakfast and dinners (this includes Sunday dinner upon arrival): **£330** for one week, **£720** for two weeks.

**Please note:** in order to keep accommodation fees low, we have opted to offer only B&B accommodation with dinners. There are shops and cafes/restaurants on and near the campus, so you can easily get food nearby.

**Excursions:** there will be additional fees for excursions, but these will be kept to a minimum and you can decide to come along closer to the time of the course.

See the previous page for information about the excursions.

**Upon registration, you can either pay the entire fee or a deposit. Please note that the deposit is non-refundable from 6 weeks before the start of the Summer School onwards.**

The entire registration process is now done online. Please go to the following page to find out more and register:

**<http://www.swansea.ac.uk/artsandhumanities/hc/summerschoolinancientlanguages/>**





# Bursaries

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We are delighted to be able to offer part-bursaries to participants who require financial assistance. If you wish to apply for a bursary, please fill in the information on the online form by **8th April 2016**. You will still need to pay the deposit of **£50** but please **do not** pay the full amount until you know the outcome of your bursary, as we will provide you with a **bursary code** you can use when paying the remainder of the fees online.

We will notify you of the outcome of your application by the end of April. If your bursary application is unsuccessful and you decide that you cannot attend the Summer School, we will refund the deposit you have paid with your initial application.

Bursary recipients will be asked to write a short report on their experience of the Summer School after the course has ended.



# Accommodation

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You can take part in the courses either as a residential or non-residential student. All accommodation is in single *en-suite* study bedrooms on campus, with access to a shared kitchen. Breakfast and dinners are served in the main refectory on campus. Please use the application form to tell us about any special dietary requirements or disabilities you may have.

The main university library may be used for reference and reading.



Participants can either stay on campus for the duration of the course, or make their own accommodation arrangements. For example:

[www.timeshotel.co.uk](http://www.timeshotel.co.uk)

[www.beachcomberguesthouse.com](http://www.beachcomberguesthouse.com)

[www.langlandroad.co.uk](http://www.langlandroad.co.uk)

[www.alexander-hotel.pagehotel.com](http://www.alexander-hotel.pagehotel.com)

[www.clynefarm.com/accommodation/index.htm](http://www.clynefarm.com/accommodation/index.htm)

# How to Apply

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Registration is done online by **30th June 2016**. You can pay online by debit or credit card (credit card charges 1.5% of the overall amount so we suggest you pay by debit card where possible) or send us a cheque once you have filled in the online form.

To participants who prefer not to register online, you can find a hard copy of the application form on our website.

To reserve a place on one of the courses, you will be asked to pay a deposit of **£50**. Please note that this deposit is non-refundable from **6 weeks** before the start of the Summer School, unless we have to cancel courses due to a lack of participants. Please note: trips are refundable up to two days before the date of the trip.

Once we have received your application form and deposit, we will send you a letter confirming the receipt of your deposit.

You will then be sent an invitation to pay the remainder of the fee by the **30th of June 2016**.

We will contact you again in **May** with an information pack which will include all booking confirmation and invoice form with payment information. If you require further information sooner, please email the Director, Evelien (e.bracke@swansea.ac.uk).

# Why Swansea?

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Swansea University is a world-class university delivering an outstanding student experience, achieving a top 3 place for 4 of the 9 awards as voted by students for the What Uni? Student Choice Awards 2014. These have been awarded for Student Union, Courses & Lecturers, Clubs & Societies and most prestigiously, Swansea as the number 1 University of the Year 2014. The ancient subjects at Swansea University also rank 3rd in the National Student Survey regarding students satisfaction for their courses.

Swansea University has a lot to offer. Public services and facilities include the university library which achieved the Customer Service Excellence Award, sports facilities which include the Wales National Pool, Swansea and the state-of-the-art Sports Village. On the Singleton Campus you will find the Taliesin Arts Centre which displays live performances, cinema screenings and exhibitions. Next door to the Taliesin Arts Centre is the Egypt Centre; a two-storey gallery displaying over a thousand ancient Egyptian objects and offer an adult volunteering programme which provides excellent and vital experience for the heritage industry. Set in the middle of the beautiful Singleton Park, Swansea University is just a stones throw away from a multitude of local attractions in the Swansea area including parks, beaches, heritage and the city centre.

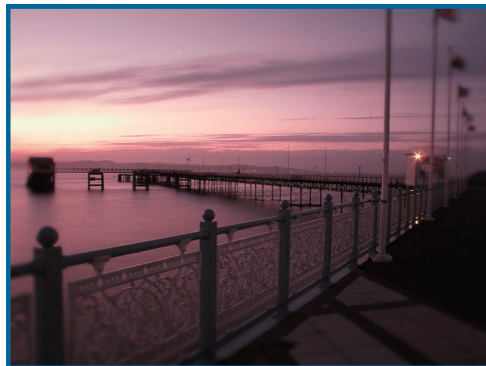
## Swansea City

The city centre hosts a wide variety of attractions including Swansea Market (*Wales' largest indoor market*), Swansea Grand Theatre, the Quadrant shopping centre, Castle Gardens, Swansea Marina, the beach of Swansea Bay and the students' favourite, Wind Street. By day Wind Street offers many restaurants and pubs open for food and drink. By night, Wind Street is transformed into Swansea's greatest nightlife destination offering a huge variety of bars and clubs.

## Gower

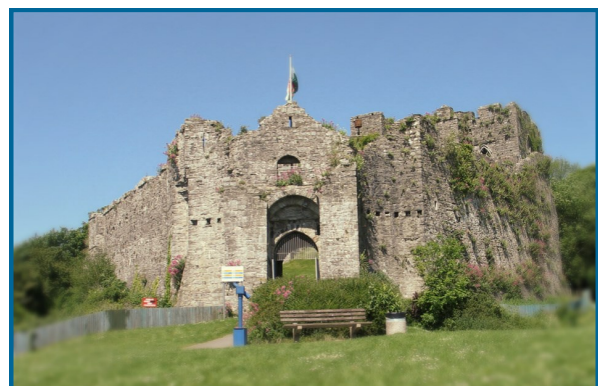
The beauty of the Gower Peninsula is only a bus ride away from Swansea University, offering some of Wales' most beautiful countryside and beaches. In total, Swansea Bay has been awarded 4 Green Coast Awards and 5 Blue flags, recognising their quality, cleanliness and services.

The Mumbles is just a short journey from the University within reasonable walking distance. Mumbles is a beautifully scenic, seaside town packed with restaurants, ice cream parlours and local Welsh business'. The main attraction of Mumbles is one of Swansea's oldest and most famous landmarks; Mumbles pier, home to an arcade and variety of establishments serving food and drink.



## Heritage

Swansea also offers a great deal of heritage sites, including Swansea Museum, The Egypt Centre, The National Waterfront Museum, Swansea, the Welsh copper Industry, along with Roman remains and castles looked after by Cadw National Trust.



## Department of History and Classics

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In the National Student Survey (NSS), excellent overall satisfaction rating was achieved: Ancient History, Ancient Languages and Classical Civilisation were rated 96% and rated 3rd in the Guardian's rankings out of 20 Higher Education Institutions in the UK two years in a row (2013 and 2014).



Swansea University's Department of History and Classics offers the best Classics in Wales, boasting an excellent wealth of knowledge from its large number of engaging staff whose passion for their subjects makes learning a pleasure.

More information on the department's staff can be found at:

<http://www.swansea.ac.uk/artsandhumanities/hc/staff/>

## **Feedback from 2015 participants**

‘The course has helped my son confirm that he wants to study Classics at degree level and he plans to keep learning Greek under his own steam!’

‘Both my daughter and I enjoyed last week very much and hope to do so again next year.’

‘I loved it. I wish I could stay for the second week!’

‘The talks were very interesting and the Summer School was well organised.’

‘Most grateful to Evelien for keeping in close contact and keeping us well informed and for all the help during the week I was here.’

‘Absolutely brilliant! The Beginning Egyptian tutor was an inspiration, he really made the language come alive. His enthusiasm is infectious!’

‘Optimum erat et sibi gratias ago’.

‘Very good experience overall. Excellent teaching by a motivated tutor.’

**Join our Facebook group:**

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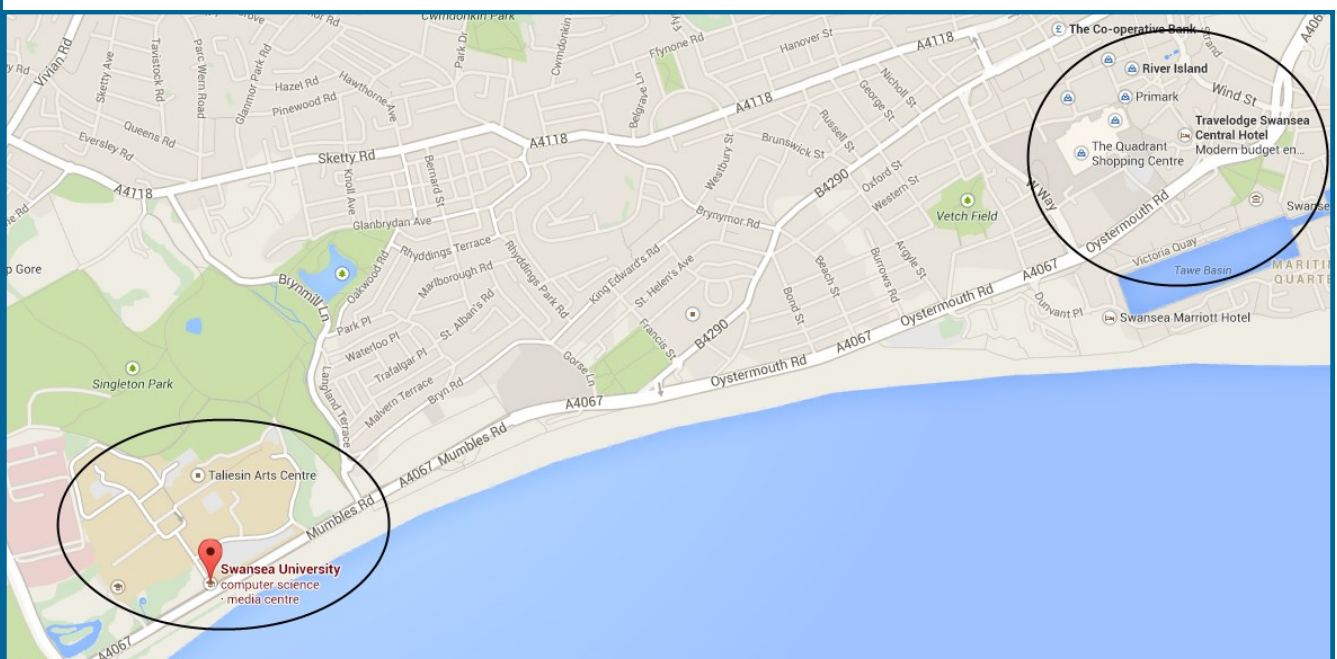
# Travelling to Swansea

Swansea University is easily accessible by road, rail, sea and air. Cardiff International Airport is less than an hour away, Bristol Airport 2 hours, and the M4 motorway from London passes through the northern outskirts of Swansea. Swansea railway station is on the main west coast line from London Paddington, less than three hours away by direct train.

## Train, Bus & Coach

Coaches arrive at the Quadrant Bus Station in Swansea. Bus numbers 2A and 3A depart for the University from Stand no.2 approximately every 15 minutes. These buses will bring you to the university campus. An adult day ticket currently costs £4.70. Buses return from campus to the Quadrant Bus Station at regular intervals.

A regular and reliable bus service runs from the train station to the Quadrant bus station. Alternatively, a taxi from the railway station to campus will cost around £8. The "bendy-bus" service (Bus number 4) also provides a direct link from the railway station to the campus.





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### London to Swansea:

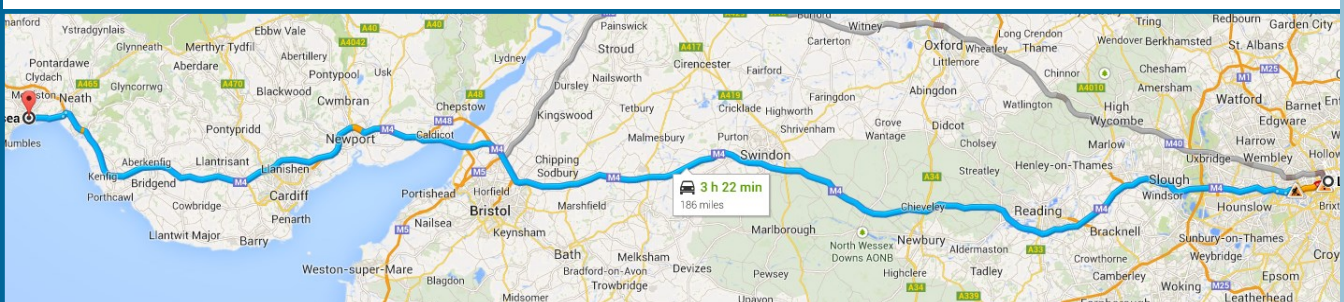
Take A4 to M4: head southwest on The Mall, toward Spring Gardens. Turn right onto Constitution Hill. Turn left onto Duke of Wellington Pl. Slight left onto Knightsbridge.

Continue onto Brompton Rd/A4, continue to follow A4. At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto Hogarth Ln/A4, continue to follow A4.

Continue onto M4 (signs for Airport/The West/ Heathrow/ Staines. Hounslow). Follow M4 to A483 in Skewen: take exit 42 from M4. At Junction 42, Exit onto A483 toward Swansea/Abertawe.

Follow A483 and A4067 to Sketty: Merge onto A483, go through one roundabout. Continue onto Quay Parade/A4067, continue to follow A4067. Turn right, go through one roundabout, turn right, turn left.

Destination will be on the right.



# Summer School Staff

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(Please note that names are provisional and will be finalised by the beginning of January.)

## **Beginners Latin: Meiros Richardson**

Meiros graduated in Latin from Birmingham University in 1990, got a PGCE in Latin with English from Cambridge, and has since been teaching Latin, Classical Civilisation, Ancient History and English, first in the Midlands and then at Bishop Vaughan Catholic School in Swansea.

## **Beginners Greek: Jane Hood**

Jane graduated from Wadham (Oxford) in Classics, did an MA at Bristol and a PGCE and then returned to Oxford to do a PhD. She has held various teaching posts at Oxford, particularly in ancient philosophy.

## **Intermediate Latin: Susan McCarthy**

Susan teaches Classical Civilization and Latin at Howell's School in Cardiff.

## **Intermediate Greek: Dr Nicolo D'Alconzo**

Nicolò started learning Greek and Latin in high school in his hometown of Padova, Italy. There he obtained his Undergraduate and Master degree in Classics, before moving to Swansea for his PhD. He has taught Greek and Latin for years and just passed his PhD viva.

## **Advanced Latin: Henry Stead/ Dr Evelien Bracke**

Henry Stead teaches at Kings College London and works on the 'Classics and Class' project: <http://www.classicsandclass.info/>. His interests lie in Latin Poetry and Drama, Romantic Classicism and Cross Media Poetry.

Evelien got a PhD at the National University of Ireland Maynooth and has since taught Classics at Maynooth, Cork, Trinity Saint David and Swansea. She loves bringing Classics to communities and school age pupils.

**Advanced Greek: TBC**

**Medieval Latin: Carys Moseley**

**Beginners Hieroglyphs: Amr Garber**

Amr is a postdoctoral researcher at Swansea University.

## **Speakers' information**

**To be confirmed.**

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