

I have attached two photos of the Year 9 class with their lovely books, and also the same boys taking part in our National Poetry Day 2016 event last October. They were reading aloud Simonides' epitaph for the Spartan dead and had only been learning Greek for a few weeks.

Seven Year 9 boys began learning Classical Greek in two half-hour lunchtime lessons per week in October 2016. Their aim was to be able to sit OCR's Entry Level papers by May 2017, and they all achieved their object. The papers are marked internally and moderated by OCR, and the results will be known in August. The teacher marking suggests that all our candidates will have achieved their award. The two written papers tested vocabulary, grammar analysis and comprehension. There is also a coursework component, and this is where the text books we purchased came into their own. The boys researched what can be discovered about Greek women's lives from vase paintings, and so they needed to understand the background facts from a reliable and accessible source. They were able to take the books home which gave them more flexibility to study.

The next step for any of the boys who wish to carry on will be GCSE Classical Greek, and the books again will be helpful to study the Literature and Culture paper.

Many thanks,

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