

2026 JACT Classics Camp Report

1. Overview:

JACT Classics Camp ran from 27th July to 1st August at our new location, Denstone College. The move was a great success as the secluded, rural campus provided a safe and comfortable atmosphere that allowed our students to thrive.

The facilities were excellent, including a professional theatre for performances, outdoor spaces for recreation and study, and modern classroom environments. Supported by a three-year high in institutional funding and significant expansion of our course offering, Classics Camp 2026 was our best summer school in years.

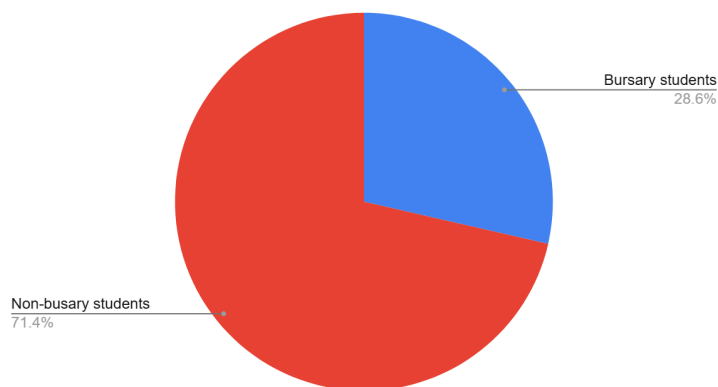
2. Funding

As ever, we are incredibly grateful to the organisations who funded us this year, allowing us to continue with our generous bursary provision. 2026 broke a 3 year record for the rate of support received.

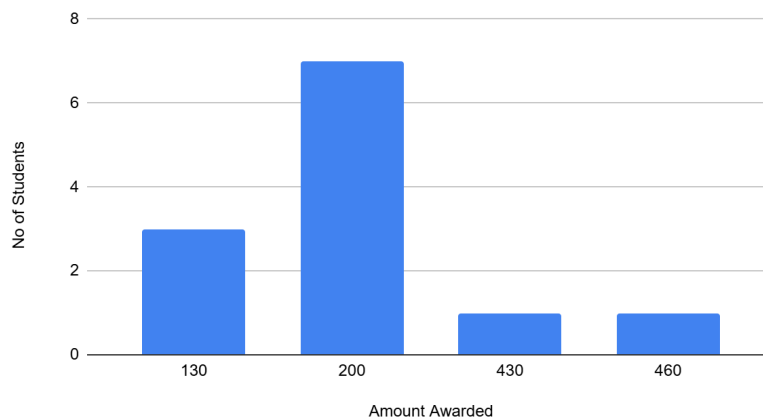
All in all, we received £3900 in funding from the Classical Association, the Gilbert Murray trust, and the Hellenic Society. We would like to thank you again for your generous and continued support.

The funding we receive allows us to maintain accessibility and to ensure that financial barriers never prevent a talented student from exploring the ancient world.

Students awarded a bursary



Bursary awards per student



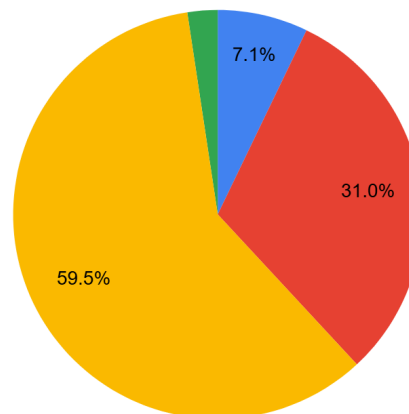
3. Outreach & Inclusion

In 2026, we continued to focus on broadening our outreach to students from schools, areas, and educational contexts that may find it hard to access the Classics.

We had two international students this year (from Serbia and China) and will continue our international advertising this year, particularly to Irish students. We have also built our mailing list steadily throughout the booking window, and have added a number of new comprehensives and sixth-form colleges to our contacts.

School type of attendees

- Independent (Boarding)
- Independent (Day)
- State School
- Other



Schools of Attendees:



4. Programme

The 2026 academic programme was characterised by a record number of new course offerings, ensuring our curriculum includes many elements beyond the typical school courses. A key administrative triumph was the implementation of a comprehensive

preference system, which allowed for the mapping of student interest to ensure sustainable class sizes. Every group maintained a size between 7 and 13 students allowing for high levels of inclusion and participation.

New Courses in 2026:

- Ancient Medicine & Science
- Classics & Contemporary Fiction
- Crime & Punishment
- Greek Lyric
- Horror & the Supernatural
- Late Antiquity
- Roman Drama

Course List:

Achaemenid Persia	Crime & Punishment	Intro to Latin
Advanced Latin	Early Roman Empire	Late Antiquity
Alexander the Great	Fall of the Roman Republic	Minoans & Mycenaeans
Ancient Epics	Greek City-States	Philosophy, Ancient & Modern
Ancient Magic	Greek Lyric	Plato & Classical Philosophy
Ancient Medicine & Science	Greek Religion	Rise of the Roman Republic
Ancient Rhetoric	Homer's Iliad	Roman Drama
Art & Architecture	Horror & the Supernatural	Roman Egypt
Athens at War	Intro to Greek A	Roman Love Elegy
Barbarians in the Ancient World	Intro to Greek B	Virgil's Aeneid
Classics & Contemporary Fiction	Intro to Greek Comedy	Women & Gender
Classics & Modern Culture	Intro to Greek Tragedy	

In our Session 6, we did the following

1. Ice-Breaker Activities and Classics Puzzles
2. University Application Talk
3. Guest Lecture from Katharine Russell
4. Annual Quiz

We staged an ancient comedy and tragedy as usual: Euripides' *Hippolytus* and *Aristophanes' Clouds*.

5. Staff

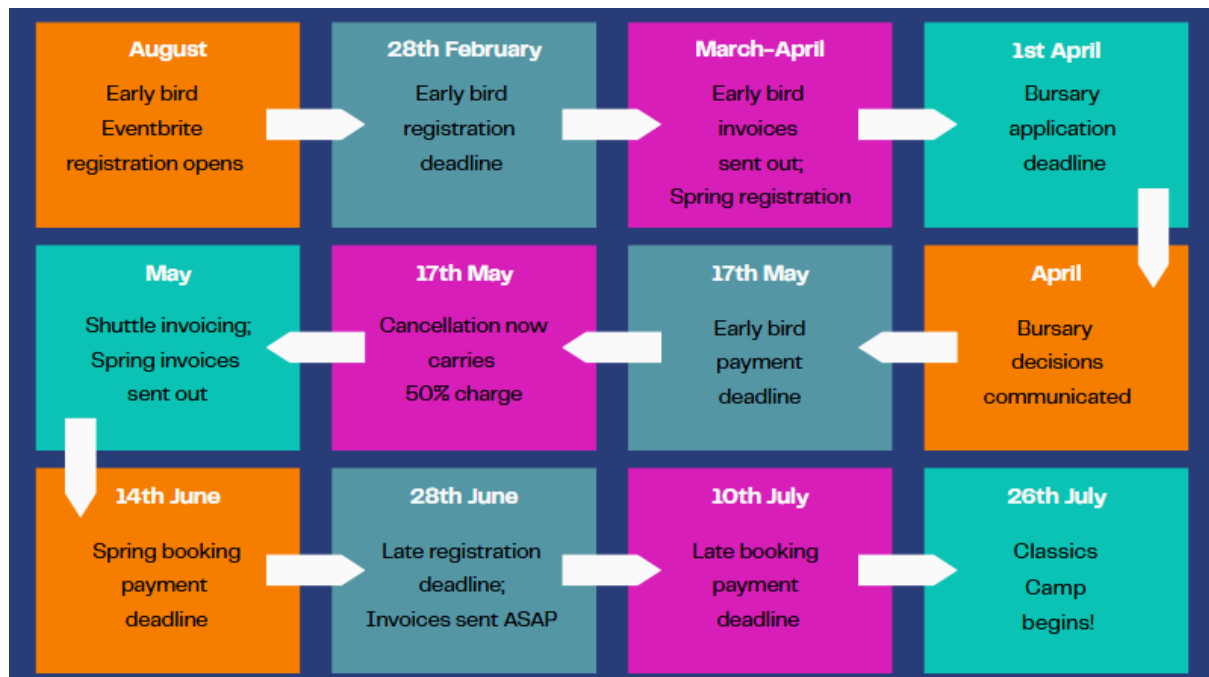
We had 6 tutors and 1 director's assistant this year.

The Director's Assistant served as a TA in certain sessions, took an active role in supporting Session 6 including writing our quiz, and co-directed one of the plays. We will continue advertising this role in 2027

Our new tutor, Harry, is a SENCo at this school, and we will look to him taking a similar role at Classics Camp in 2027 due to our SEN-heavy cohort.

6. Looking Ahead

We are delighted that sign up for 2027 is already underway. Please see the timeline here:



Please also note the following:

- a. We are now known exclusively as JACT Classics Camp to keep things simple.
- b. Our 2027 dates are 26th-31st July 2027.
- c. Do have a look at our [2027 Prospectus](#) for more info.
- d. Please note that we have a new website and please ensure that you are up to date on our social links etc.
 - i. [Website](#)
 - ii. [Instagram](#)
 - iii. [LinkedIn](#)
 - iv. [Eventbrite](#)

Many thanks for reading!

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Course Director

15th August 2026

