Evening language programme 2025/26

Course title: Introduction to Ancient Greek – online

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to offer an introduction to Ancient Greek. Therefore, by the end of the course participants will be able to:

i. Understand basic grammar of Ancient Greek.

ii. Have an appreciation of 5th century Athenian culture and history, realizing the contribution made by ancient Greeks to today's world.

Participants will learn the Greek alphabet, develop some basic reading and writing skills; gain knowledge of core grammar and specifically, the intricacies of syntax in Ancient Greek, learn English words derived from Ancient Greek; discuss aspects of life in Ancient Greece, such as slavery, roles of women, farming and public life.

In seminars, participants will have to engage in practical exercises and group interaction in order to develop relevant language-specific learning strategies. The role of the instructor is to facilitate this process, provide useful tools and encourage participants to become independent learners and basic users of the languages too.

Language-specific information:

The Ancient Greek language includes the forms of Greek used in ancient Greece and the ancient world from around 1500 BC to 300 BC. It was the languages of Homer and Athenian historians, playwrights, and philosophers. Ancient Greek has contributed many words to English and other languages and has been a standard subject of study in educational institutions of the Western World since the renaissance. In modern times, Ancient Greek has influenced the naming of technical terms in many European languages, and it's possible to find modern works translated into Ancient Greek, including some volumes of *Asterix* and even *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*!*

*Areios Potēr kai ē tu philosophu lithos, Bloomsbury 2004

Prerequisite:

This non-credit bearing weekly course is intended for complete beginners who wish to explore Ancient Greek for the first time.

Technical requirements:

-PC, laptop or tablet with camera and microphone

-Stable internet connection

Delivery will be via Zoom

Once the course is confirmed, your teacher will send you an invitation for the first online session. You can expect to receive this invitation one day before the first session.

Coursebook and/or learning resources:

Greek to GCSE: Part 1 by John Taylor, ISBN: 9781474255172

Please do not purchase the coursebook until the course has been confirmed.