



The East London Classics Summer School
Educational Organisation Presents

EAST LONDON CLASSICS SUMMER SCHOOL 2025

GCSE Level Latin intensive course of study

28th July
to
1st August

Expert
Specialist
Teachers

4
Language
Lessons Daily

Golden
Time
Sessions



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Course Details

Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August 2025 *inclusive*

We offer

GCSE Latin intensive course in language skills over 5 days to any student who, having completed 1, 2 or 3 years of study, is preparing for the GCSE level qualification or equivalent. We would expect candidates to have just completed Year 10, and are due to sit their GCSE examinations in June 2025. The course is ideal for any student who is finding some aspects of the language component of the course difficult, and is keen to tighten up and refine their grammatical knowledge.

The sessions are delivered by highly qualified Classicists who are also experienced teachers, keen on making Latin accessible to more people, and to refine and secure Latin understanding through disciplined rigour and fun!

By the end of the course, students will not only be able to comfortably understand the core linguistic grammatical detail of Latin syntactical constructions, but also be able to recognise and translate them when disguised in a GCSE Latin unseen passage. Students will leave with a considerably greater confidence in reading the language which, among other things, will directly benefit public examination performance as well as a greater alertness to a wider range of aspects of the Classical world.

The Sessions

We offer a thorough and comprehensive programme of language learning, and teaching is in small seminar-style groups, which comprise students of the same level of experience. The style of teaching is friendly and fun, whilst also demanding and rigorous in nature. Spaces are limited but we are keen to keep class sizes small so as to allow for a more tailored delivery of material, dependent on individual needs and range of ability.

The Day

There are 4 formal language classes each day with time in between sessions for breaks, as instructed by their course tutors. The 'Golden Time' sessions at the end of each day are paralinguistic sessions which are designed to immerse the class in an aspect of the ancient world, and which complement the linguistic material studied during the day. Examples of 'Golden time' sessions are 'Greek Drama', 'Myth in Renaissance Painting' and 'The Greek Nude'. As in previous years, we also hope to be able to take the students on a trip for one afternoon.

Textbooks

We will be using some material from John Taylor's *Essential GCSE Latin, Latin to GCSE 1 and 2, Latin Stories: A GCSE Reader*, as well as material that we have composed ourselves. All textbooks for the sessions will be provided on arrival.

Tutors

Our tutors are highly qualified subject specialists, former examiners of GCSE Latin and practising Classics teachers in secondary schools across London. As such, they understand how to make learning visible, they can target the key areas of linguistic difficulty with which even the more able will struggle, and can directly contribute towards success in public examinations as well as enrich them more generally.

Particulars

Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August 2025 *inclusive*

Cost: £250 per applicant (Bursaries are available upon request)

Venue: Meeting rooms in Hackney, East London

Minimum age: 15 years

Group Sizes: Maximum 10 students per class

Interested in attending the East London Classics Summer School?
Please register your interest via email at eastlondoncss@gmail.com