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Q38: How the new Classical Civilisation 13+ exam can supplement and enhance the teaching of the Latin and Greek syllabi

Date: Monday 24 April 2023

Venue: De Vere Grand Connaught Rooms, 61-65 Great Queen St, London, WC2B 5DA

Cost: £229 (non IAPS members – additional £100)

Classics is a subject with great diversity, incorporating everything from great literature, mythology, warfare, science, philosophy and the list goes on. For most colleagues teaching Classics in the prep school system I am sure that they already incorporate various aspects of civilisation studies into their teaching. However, the advent of the new civilisation examination appears to have met with a mixed response, with some colleagues questioning, with already limited lesson time per week dedicated mainly to the study of Latin, how they can facilitate preparation for this new examination. The argument to be made in this colloquium is that this new examination presents opportunities to reinforce language studies, rather than obstacles. Speakers for the day present views from an expert in the field of the Persian Wars, a perspective of how students' learning in the prep system can feed through to their senior studies, and an understanding of what is to be expected of pupils undertaking the new examination paper.

Audience: Teachers of Classics at preparatory school level, particularly those preparing students for the undertaking of the Common Entrance Latin, Greek and Classical Civilisation papers.

Objectives: With the advent of significant changes to the Classics syllabus this academic year for Common Entrance, dominated by the introduction of the new Classical Civilisation 13+ examination, the opportunity presents itself for enhanced engagement in the subject by students. The additional examination paper should not be seen as an added burden for teachers, but rather an opportunity to supplement and enhance the teaching of Latin and Greek language in context. This colloquium endeavours to highlight how and why civilisation studies can be integrated with language studies to enrich the educational experience of our students.

Course Director: Mark McCaffery, Homefield Preparatory School, IAPS Classics Adviser.

Presenter(s): William Shepherd, Author and former Chief Executive of Osprey Publishing; Wesley Barber, Head of Classics, Hampton School; Nicholas Richards, Head of Classics, Christ Church Cathedral School.

Programme:

1000 Registration and coffee

1030 Welcome and introduction

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- 1035 Session 1 – Classics: The ultimate cross-curricular subject (Mark McCaffery)**
- 1130 Break**
- 1145 Session 2 – The Persian Wars (William Shepherd)**
- 1245 Lunch**
- 1345 Session 3 – A senior school perspective on the preparedness of students in Classics moving from the prep-school system (Wesley Barber)**
- 1445 Break**
- 1500 Session 4 – Initial reactions to the introduction of the CE Classical Civilisations syllabus (Nicholas Richards).**
- 1545 Plenary and closing remarks (Mark McCaffrey)**
- 1600 Course ends**

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