



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Faculty of Classics



Classics at Cambridge Widening Participation

This year the Cambridge Classics Faculty has £120k in additional funds for students from underrepresented backgrounds and low-income homes through the Joyce Reynolds awards, in part funded by Mary Beard. This is in addition to generous bursaries offered by both the university and some colleges. In admissions for 2023 onwards we are looking to expand this bursary provision and increase the diversity of our Classics cohort- and we want more students to know about it.

As well as increasing funds for students, we want to work with schools to introduce Classics to students who have never had the chance to study it and to show them that it's worth pursuing at university. Degrees in Classics are fantastic at setting students up for careers in a wide variety of professions and they are not just for people from privileged backgrounds.

**We'd also love to encourage students to apply to Cambridge-
they really can do it!**



Some ways that we would like to enhance the awareness of Classics are to create resources that provide Classical insights into core subjects such as English, History, and Religious Studies; to facilitate visits from our academics to schools to give masterclasses and admissions advice; and to encourage students to visit Cambridge to be inspired to apply. We have started this already and it's working! Our early data shows that applications to our 4-year course (where students learn the ancient languages from scratch) are up 50% on last year, meaning more students are applying without strong classics backgrounds.

But our work is not done, we have a long way to go in reaching students from all backgrounds. We want to show them that there is a route into Classics for them if they want it and they will be financially supported at Cambridge. Please direct interested teachers to email access@classics.cam.ac.uk or to sign up for our mailing list ([here](#)) for more opportunities to get themselves and their students involved with our access and outreach initiatives.

