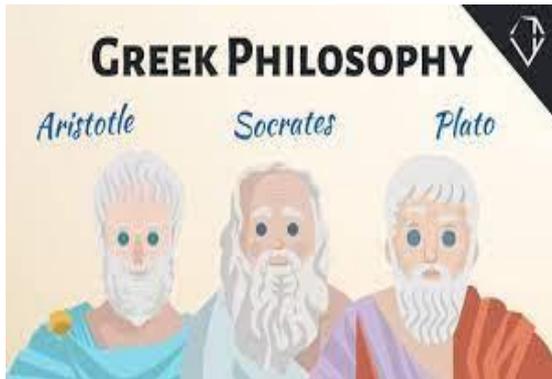




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ENGLISH DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2023:

CLASSICS, CLASSICS, CLASSICS



This term the English Department are excited to announce Classics GCSE. To introduce our current Year 9s to the GCSE of their choice, Miss Woods ran GCSE transition lessons. These not only explored Ancient Rome and Greece, but famous philosophers, architecture, literature, drama and an array of exciting stories. Classics complements the majority of GCSEs; its versatility makes it a really exciting addition to the English Department's study provision. We also hope to run trips to Rome, Bath and other cities.

CLASSICS CLUB:

The Classics Club has had a really exciting term looking at the most violent emperor; who was it? Nero or Caligula? Only the Emperor Top Trumps have the answer! Classics Club will continue next year on Tuesday lunch time with more exciting activities.

THE SPELLING BEE BEGINS:

This term Ms Jacobs' much anticipated Spelling Bee happened. The students with the highest spelling test results were chosen from each Year 7 English Class and went head-to-head in what was a nail-biting event. Year 7 students continue to impress with their exceptional literacy skills.

POETRY SLAM

Our annual Poetry Slam happened this week. The Year 8s chose and learnt a poem which was performed in class. The best performers were chosen to perform their poem in front of Ms Jacobs, Ms Kinshuck and one of their chosen friends. The talent and performances were extremely impressive.

BOOK REVIEWS

Every term there is a Book Review Challenge and this year was no exception. Each Key Stage 3 year group takes up this mantle and this year the students read a plethora of books, which was extremely impressive.

THEATRE TRIP

Key Stage 3 went to see Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Globe. This was an amazing production and opportunity to experience Shakespeare live.



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STILL TO COME NEXT TERM:

- Trip to Verulamium in St Albans
- Trip to Bath for those studying Classics
- Results of the Summer Scavenger Reading Hunt
- Othello at the Globe
- And much more



WHAT SHALL I READ?

Every month, the English Department offer a Key Stage 3 and adult-recommended Read of the Month. You will find our recommendations for September and October below. If you would like to find regular recommendations, then follow us on Twitter: English@Queens'. You can also find further book recommendations on the Queens' School website: <https://www.queens.herts.sch.uk/students/lrc/reading-lists/>



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