



February 2018

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

I am writing to provide details about an international Classics competition (CICERO Concordia) which will be taking place at various locations across the UK and the globe on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The Northern section will be held at The Blue Coat School from 10am until 1.45pm. Refreshments will be provided.

It's a challenging and engaging competition for sixth formers with plenty of fun, and has three rounds – Latin translation, Cultural Quiz (this year's topic is plant metamorphosis in Ovid – think Daphne, Narcissus and others!) and a team quiz. Students can take part in the Latin competition and/or the Cultural Competition. Past papers for the translation section are available on the website ([www.ciceroconcordia.com](http://www.ciceroconcordia.com)) and I have compiled a booklet with the Ovid sources - I would encourage pupils to explore these materials in their own time as preparation for the competition.

It is an ideal way to give pupils a sense of the Classics community as well as boosting their appreciation of Classical subjects. The Translating section gives pupils confidence in tackling an unseen passage and the cultural test gives an opportunity to dig deeper into an aspect of Classical culture. The team challenge is in the form of a quiz on wide ranging topics from antiquity. Aside from the benefit of meeting other students of Classics both in their region and overseas (via a video conferencing link) and getting a taste for the subject at university level, the competition is an excellent opportunity for students to enhance their UCAS statements.

If you would like your child / ward to take part in this competition, please fill in and return the consent and medical form. Your child / ward will need to make his / her own travel arrangements to and from Blue Coat School In Wavertree and will need to bring a packed lunch or money to purchase food.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S. A. Rohrer  
Head of Classics



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Consent form for CICERO Classics competition

I agree to my son / daughter ..... in form ..... attending the Cicero competition at The Blue Coat School on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March. I understand /he will need to make their own travel arrangements to and from the venue.

Signed ..... (Parent /Guardian)