

Surbiton High Sixth Form Classical Society "An Evening in Athens" - 7/10/17

"While on a trip to Greece last year with some sixth formers, their enthusiasm was kindled on the Acropolis..."

"It was only whilst standing on top of the Akropolis in the midst of a thunderstorm that we realised what a treasure we have in our hands"

Wonderful things happen on School Trips.....

In the ICT suite, partially concealed by a cupboard, lie a series of plaster casts of the **West Frieze of the Parthenon**. The girls realised, having consulted an expert, that their casts are historically priceless; indeed, they hold a level of detail now lost in the originals.



Their aim is to raise enough money to restore these casts (currently suffering beneath layers of green paint, ink splatters - one divided in half by a cupboard partition!) to their former glory; to relocate them to an area in which to better appreciate the significant historical value.



What a fantastic fund raising evening it was! All organised by the pupils.

Guides, Tours, Refreshments, bespoke jewellery created by art students, a display of wonderful classically-inspired jewellery boxes made by Year Five, Parthenon T Shirts and Tote Bags, prints, a raffle, refreshments, an exhibition about the Parthenon.



In addition: sketching classes led by eminent artist **Paul Fearn**, book signings, Lectures by **Dr Daisy Dunn** "The joys of studying the Classical World", **Prof. Catharine Edwards** "Representing Antiquity: Greek Marbles and Plaster Copies in the Early 19th Century" and **Dr. Emily Hauser** "Retelling the Myths of Ancient Greece: Fact and Fiction".

The highlight for us however were the explanatory talks on the casts by the pupils themselves. Their enthusiasm soon dispelled all nerves and they answered the many audience questions with aplomb!

The evening was a huge success – the pupils a massive credit to their Staff. We were thrilled to have played a small part.





You can follow progress on their Website classicalsocietysurbiton.wordpress.com and on Twitter [@cssparthenon](https://twitter.com/cssparthenon)

More information can be found on the programme

The Surbiton Classical
Society welcomes you to

An Evening in Athens

Saturday 7th October, 5-9pm



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Programme

Talks:(in Runcie Hall, Girls' Prep Building)

Please stay for the duration. Each talk will be followed by a book signing.

- **Dr Daisy Dunn 6:30**

'The Joys of Studying the Classical World'

- **Professor Catharine Edwards 7:30**

'Representing Antiquity: Greek Marbles and Plaster Copies in the Early 19th Century'

- **Dr Emily Hauser 8-8:30**

'Re-telling the Myths of Ancient Greece: Fact and Fiction'

Paul Fearn's art classes: (in ICT1, Main Building)

Please meet the guides in the Girls' Prep playground. You may also join the remainder of a class by joining one of the guided cast viewing tours.

5:30-6:30

6:50-7:50

Guided cast viewing(in ICT1, Main Building)

Please meet the guides in Girls' Prep playground. Approximately 20 minutes.

5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 7:15

Available throughout the evening:

- **Raffle tickets**– *please ask a volunteer if you would like to purchase for £2*
- **Book signings, merchandise, refreshments**– *in the Girls' Prep reception area*
- **Exhibition**– *in Runcie Hall or the Girls' Prep playground (weather dependent)*
- **Fundraising packages & additional donations**– *please ask at the door or look for one of our volunteers*

8:45pm: Raffle is drawn in Runcie Hall

8:55pm: Closing remarks & vote of thanks

Our story

It was only while standing on top of the Acropolis in the midst of a thunderstorm that we realised what a treasure we have on our hands.

Our plaster casts of the west frieze of the Parthenon are extraordinary; indeed, they preserve a level of detail now lost in the originals.

However, the casts currently reside in the ICT room, which was once the main hall, and are partially concealed by a cupboard – denying generations of students and guests the opportunity to enjoy their splendour and historical significance.

Our aim – through ‘Project Parthenon’ – is to raise enough money to restore our plaster casts to their full glory.

Our fundraising packages

Support the cast restoration and receive rewards.

Bronze Donor (£25): Receive a postcard sketch of the cast by a member of the Classical Society as a thank-you for your contribution

Silver Donor (£50): Attend the Exclusive Unveiling Gala with a celebrity classicist guest and inaugural lecture

Gold Donor (£100): Attend the Exclusive Unveiling Gala and be acknowledged on a plaque

Logistics

- **Volunteers** wear t-shirts and are happy to answer any questions you may have
- Toilet facilities are signposted
- 100% of **donations** will go towards the cast restoration
- Please do not leave young **children** unattended
- Please silence your **mobile** during talks and avoid leaving midway as it can be disruptive
- If you would like to come and go throughout the evening, please ensure you have your **ticket** with you upon your return



ΧΑΙΡΕΤΕ ΚΑΙ ΧΑΡΙΣ ΜΙΝ!



Our thanks go to everyone who has supported the project, in particular:

Dr Daisy Dunn
Professor Catharine Edwards
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Mr Silas Edmonds
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Ms Bee Huntley
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