Further Information

Our annual competition is back for 2023 but this time with a difference. We want you to communicate the ancient world through Art. This can include painting, drawing, a photo or photography series, or even a sculpture. We are looking for creative and exciting entries that explore the ancient world and present it in a visually interesting way.

Who is eligible?

The competition is open to all students in school years 9-13. This year we are asking for individual entries.

The Theme

This year’s theme is Time and Memory in the Ancient World. You might look to represent timekeeping devices in ancient Greece, memorials from Ancient Rome, or something more philosophical about how we perceive time and memory in relation to antiquity- go wherever the muses take you.

The Medium

Choose the artistic medium that you think would work best to present your topic. Make sure that your piece looks thought-provoking and appealing. Remember that you want to interest and intrigue your audience – and the judges!

Accompanying Text

Imagine your work is being exhibited in a gallery. Write a description of your work in 500 words or less, which explains its link to the theme, to be displayed alongside it.

If you are exploring ideas from academic works or translations you have read, please include references to these works. You do not have to count references towards your word count.

The Prize(s)

There will be two prizes awarded in the competition- one for the best artwork and another for the best historical engagement

The prize for each winner will be a share of £250 as well as being published on our website and social media pages for all to see.
How to Enter

To enter please send a high-quality image of the artwork via email (you can use WeTransfer for free if your file is too large) to access@classics.cam.ac.uk and complete this form. Please do not post the original of your artwork to us.

You will also need parental permission to enter. The form you need your parent/guardian to sign is below. Please attach this to your email submission.

Please ensure the subject line of your email is ‘Art Competition [Your Name]’

Closing date: 20th December 2023

Good Luck!!

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Parent/Guardian Consent

I declare that I give permission for [student name here] to take part in the Classics Art Competition. I declare that the artwork submitted is the work of the aforementioned student.

Signed:

Print name:  
Email Address: 

Date:

Please scan this document and email it to access@classics.cam.ac.uk with your entry before the deadline.

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