



30 January 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

We have an exciting opportunity for Year 7 and 8 students to undertake an "Introduction to Latin" course. The course will run for 10 weeks and will take place after school on a Monday for one hour each week 3pm-4pm starting Monday 23 February. The class will be taken by Angela Bywater, a private Latin tutor, and there will be a nominal charge, subsidised by the school, of £3.00 per week. Should you be unable to meet the cost and would like to apply for financial assistance please let me know.

Studying Latin provides students with an understanding of the structure of language and speech. This is invaluable both in the learning of other languages and improving your own English. The course will include grammar and parts of speech. The course on offer should spark a student's interest and the content gives them a solid foundation for the study of Latin. The roles words play in English sentences will be examined and through the course students will experience a new way of looking at sentence structure. Students will practice identifying parts of speech in English sentences and will analyse the roles they are playing. Through this the foundations will be set for basic Latin translation. The study of Latin words explains where many English words originated and helps build a broader vocabulary.

Minimal materials will be required. Students will need a binder and half a dozen plastic pocket protectors for reference sheets. Students will write their own vocabulary flashcards which can be made from blank notecards.

In September 2015, for students who are interested, we are looking into the possibility of following on from the "Introduction to Latin" course with a two year GCSE course with students taking Latin GCSE in the summer of 2017. We will keep costs to parents for this to a minimum.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in the "Introduction to Latin" course please complete the reply slip below and return it to your son/daughter's tutor by Tuesday 3 February. If you have any questions about the course please contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R B Stevens  
Deputy Headteacher

Name of student..... Tutor group.....

My son/daughter would like to take part in the "Introduction to Latin" course starting on Monday 23 February for 10 weeks. I understand that there is a charge of £3.00 per week.

Signed Parent/Carer.....

Please can tutors give the slips to RBS