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Classics Hub

Laying the foundations for the hub

The Bristol Classics Hub has its roots in an earlier project pioneered by former Institute Leventis Fellow, Jessica Priestley. In 2011, Jessica secured funding from *Classics for All* (with additional contributions from the Institute of Greece, Rome and the Classical Tradition, and the School of Humanities' Widening Participation Fund) to start a new outreach project in Bristol.

The funding was used to provide two teaching bursaries for postgraduate and advanced undergraduate Classics students to provide both Latin language classes and 'taster classes' in Classics for local school students. The main aim of these classes was to give the school students an introduction to the Classical world. Secondary aims were to encourage Classics graduates at the University of Bristol to consider school Classics teaching as a career option, and to increase awareness of the value of Classics in local state schools. The classes were aimed at students in Years 7-9 (i.e. 11-13 year olds).

The project helped to train 6 University of Bristol students to teach Taster Classes and Latin Classes and involved 8 different local schools (Bristol Metropolitan Academy, Orchard School, Gordano School, St Mary Redcliffe & Temple School, Merchants' Academy, Redland Green School, Backwell School, and Henbury School).

Find out more about the project and Jessica's work here:

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/arts/research/collaborations/igrct/annualreport/>