

## **Weekend Courses 2024-25**

### **Reading Classical Greek: beginners**

**Start date:** 18 October 2024                      **End date:** 20 October 2024

**Venue:** Madingley Hall  
Madingley  
Cambridge  
CB23 8AQ

**Tutor:** Dr John Taylor                      **Course Code:** 2425NRX003

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#### **Tutor biography**

Dr John Taylor (DPhil, MA) was educated at Balderstone School, Rochdale and Exeter College, Oxford. He was a full time Classics teacher from 1982-2012 and Head of Classics at St Francis Xavier's College, Liverpool, from 1986-92. He was also Head of Classics at Tonbridge School from 1992-2012. He has been a Lecturer in Classics at the University of Manchester since 2015. Dr Taylor has also been a tutor at the JACT Greek Summer School, Bryanston, since 1986 (Director of Studies 1993-2004, Director five times 2007-19). He has also been a member of the part-time tutor panel at ICE since 1993.

#### **Summary of content:**

This course is for complete beginners. We will cover the basic outlines of the language: the main active tenses of Greek verbs, and the most common forms of nouns, adjectives, and adverbs. We will also look at the history of the language and discuss the background of the stories and their authors.

#### **Aims:**

This course aims to:

- introduce you to the Greek language (you are asked to learn the Greek alphabet in advance of the weekend)
- give a brief overview of the history of the language
- enable you to recognise characteristic features of classical Greek

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## Course sessions

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### Friday

Please plan to arrive between 16:30 and 18:30. You can meet other course members in the Terrace Bar which opens at 18:15. Tea and coffee making facilities are available in the study bedrooms.

19:00	Dinner
<b>20:30 – 22:00</b>	<b><i>Greek to GCSE: Part 1 – Chapter 1</i></b>
22:00	Terrace Bar open for informal discussion

### Saturday

07:30	Breakfast (for residents only)
<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>	<b><i>Greek to GCSE: Part 1 – Chapter 2 (first half)</i></b>
10:30	Coffee
<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>	<b><i>Greek to GCSE: Part 1 – Chapter 2 (second half)</i></b>
13:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Free time
16:00	Tea
<b>16:30 – 18:00</b>	<b><i>Greek to GCSE: Part 1 – Chapter 3 (first half)</i></b>
18:00 – 18:30	Free time
18:30	Dinner
<b>20:00 – 21:30</b>	<b><i>Greek to GCSE: Part 1 – Chapter 3 (second half)</i></b>
21:30	Terrace Bar open for informal discussion

### Sunday

07:30	Breakfast (for residents only)
<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>	<b><i>Greek to GCSE: Part 1 – Chapter 4 (first half)</i></b>
10:30	Coffee
<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>	<b><i>Greek to GCSE: Part 1 – Chapter 4 (second half)</i></b>
12:45	Lunch

**The course will disperse after lunch**

**Presentation of the course:**

You will be asked to contribute to oral exercises in forming and manipulating Greek words, and reading phrases, sentences and passages. There will be plenty of opportunity for questions and troubleshooting.

**Learning outcomes:**

As a result of the course, you will gain a greater understanding of the subject and you should be able to:

- read Greek aloud with confidence
- recognise common vocabulary
- understand common grammatical forms and constructions
- translate simple passages of continuous Greek and translate short English sentences into Greek

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## Reading and resources list

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### Required reading

The textbook for the course is:

Taylor, J, *Greek to GCSE: Part 1* (Bloomsbury 2016)

**You may find the below recommended reading list of interest to supplement your course.**

Jones, P, *Eureka!* (Atlantic Books 2015)

Perseus gives access to Greek texts, translations and other resources:

<https://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/collection?collection=Perseus:collection:Greco-Roman>

**Note:** Institute of Continuing Education (ICE) students are entitled to 20% discount on books published by Cambridge University Press (CUP) which are purchased at the Press bookshop, 1 Trinity Street, Cambridge (Mon-Sat 9am – 5:30pm, Sun 11am – 5pm). A letter or email confirming acceptance on to a current ICE course should be taken as evidence of enrolment.

*(Information correct as of April 2024)*