



Greek



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Although this year has not seen any scholarship level candidates from 6s offering Greek in their exams, there has been much eager study of this classical language taking place in room 20 once a week as several pupils from 5S have been taking up the challenge.

The restraints of the timetable and the many extra-curricular pursuits of the pupils have combined in recent years to make the study of Greek to scholarship level almost impossible, but this year I discovered a scheme administered by the East Midlands Association of Classical Teachers which sets a test and offers certificates as the pupils progress along their course. In this way the successful pupil has something tangible following a period of study no matter how short and need not feel time has been wasted if he does not continue beyond a basic level.

11 pupils were successful in the very basic level which tested their ability to work with the Greek alphabet in reading and writing Greek words, relate Greek roots to English words derived from them and vice-versa and show awareness of why the Acropolis and Agora were important in ancient Athens. These were presented with certificates by Mrs Robinson in assembly, and seven of them passed their next test, thus securing a second certificate and of these currently Ben Huntington-Rainey is working at the Greek syllabus set by Sherborne school, Hamish Auld and Christopher Doherty are contemplating Eastbourne Greek, Sam Gilbert, Sevenoaks and Arun Sau, Tonbridge.

In the 5th form Common Entrance Latin set taught by me, Toby Edwards, Pierrot Lee and Sophie Petzal are working towards Level 1 CE Greek.