



## **St John's Classics and Ancient History Essay Competition is now open!**

A great opportunity for Year 12 students to conduct a piece of independent research, to write an essay on the classical world that will be read by an Oxford tutor.

## **Prizes awarded in each category, as well as an overall winner prize.**

You don't have to be studying a classical subject now in order to participate.

There are no special academic requirements or limits on the number of students per school able to attend; we encourage anyone interested in Classics or Ancient History to send in their essay submissions.

**All entrants will receive a certificate of participation and will be invited to attend a study afternoon at St John's College, Oxford on Thursday 25th April.**

We are able to cover the travel expenses of all students either in care or eligible for free school meals.





## Essay Titles

1. Is love a narrative force to be reckoned with in epic? Discuss with examples from Greek and/or Latin Poetry.
2. What role did the gods play in the life of the ancient city?
3. 'Does a carpenter or a shoemaker have certain functions and activities, while a human being has none? Or just as an eye, a hand, a foot and generally each and every part of the body appears as having some function, in the same way is there a function for human beings too?' (ARISTOTLE). Do human beings have a function? What is it?
4. Why are mythological scenes so prevalent in Greek and Roman art and archaeology?

**Essays must be submitted by:**

**Thursday 21st February 2019**

**Full guidelines are available on the college website:**

**<https://www.sjc.ox.ac.uk/study/working-schools/study-days/>**

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