**Classical Association of Scotland**

**(Glasgow & West Centre)**

**Gilbert Murray Essay Competition 2017-18**

In this annual competition the Classical Association offers prizes for the best work submitted during session 2017-2018. Entries may be submitted either through your school, if there is a participating department, or on an individual basis.

Prizes will be awarded in **three** sections:

a) for pupils in S1 & S2 b) for pupils in S3 & S4 c) for pupils in S5 & S6

**There will be a prize of £50 for the most outstanding entry overall.**

**CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

1 **The entrant’s own name along with the name of the school should be written on each entrant’s work.**

2 **(a) Entries submitted through schools should be accompanied by a letter from the teacher listing the name and year group of all the pupils concerned, and confirming that the work has been done independently.**

 (b) Entries submitted on an individual basis should be accompanied by a signed declaration that the work has been done independently and contact details (postal and email addresses).

3 Only the work of individual entrants is admissible.

4 **Length:** For S1 - S2 **Not more than 800 words**

For S3 - S4 **800 - 1000 words**

For S5 - S6 **At least 1000 words**

 A bibliography is essential **for S5/S6.**

5 Advanced Higher **Dissertations** may also be submitted.

6 Please note that completed work should be sent to Dr I A Ruffell, Classics, School of Humanities, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, G12 8QQ to arrive **no later than Friday 4th May 2018.**

7 Entries will be assessed by members of the Committee. One or more prizes and certificates will be awarded in each section, depending on the quality of the entries. The decision of the judges will be final.

The results will be posted on the Classical Association of Scotland website (<http://cas.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/glasgow-and-west>) by the beginning of June. Prizes and Certificates will follow as soon as possible thereafter.

It would be helpful if staff from participating departments would include their e-mail address at school in the letter which accompanies the entries.

Geoff Boath – Secretary, Competition Committee

**ESSAY SUBJECTS 2017-l8**

**Section a) S1 - S2**

1. “GO TO HADES!” You are a travel agent for HELLTOURS. Write and illustrate a travel brochure to encourage people to visit the Underworld.

2 It’s August 22nd 79 AD. Children are playing knucklebones at a street corner in Pompeii. Splash! A blackbird drops out of the sky into the public fountain nearby. The children, startled, look up. Continue the story.

3. Did the ancient Greeks or Romans eat more healthily than we do today?

**Section b) S3 - S4**

1. PROJECT (1000 words maximum): Explore an aspect of the classical world which you particularly enjoy and explain its significance.

2. Follow this link: <https://archaeologystudentsspeak.wordpress.com/2012/03/29/exekias-and-the-suicide-of-ajax-by-chip-foarde/> Study this vase painting and read the description. Write a story which includes this scene.

3. Was Daedalus just far too clever for his own good?

**Section c) S5 - S6**

1. “Women should not be talked about for good or for ill.” This seemed to be an Athenian ideal. Is this reflected in Greek plays you have read?

2. Read Book 12 of Virgil’s Aeneid. Do you think this book is a successful conclusion to the epic?

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**List of Prize Winners 2016-17**

**Certificate and Prize**

**S1-2 S5-6**

Mountain, Francesca St Margaret’s School for Girls Cleasby, Maria St George's School for Girls

Milne, Ben Albyn School Mansfield, Mira\* The High School of Glasgow

**S3-4** \* winner of the £50 prize for best submission of 2016-17

Willett, Ben The High School of Glasgow

**Certificate**

**S1-2** **S5-6**

Chawash, Marwa The Glasgow Academy Jessup, Mhairi Lanark Grammar School

Denniel, Camille Albyn School Wong, Kimberley The High School of Glasgow

Greig, Holly Albyn School

Harnett, Ella Hamilton College

MacPherson, Neil Merchiston Castle School

Riach, Bethany St Margaret's School for Girls

Roulson, Nathan Albyn School

Rowley, Lachlan George Heriot's School

Zhou, Yvonne The Glasgow Academy