



CLASSICS FOR ALL

A National Charity for Classics in Schools

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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

### **CLASSICS FOR ALL – APPLICATION NEWS 2012 GRANTS**

Head teachers across East Anglia are being urged to follow the example of a successful scheme in rural Norfolk which has enabled the introduction of Classics to children as young as nine years old.

The scheme, which includes eight schools in North Walsham, was one of the first in the country to be given a grant by the new charity, *Classics for All*.

It includes seven primary schools and their local secondary school, which most of the children will attend when they are older. The charity hopes to see the scheme repeated across the country.

The two-year grant for more than £20,000 was given last year to Norfolk's Primary Latin Project to introduce Latin to primary school children using the Minimus course which follows the life of a Roman mouse living at Hadrian's Wall. So far, the project has gone down well with parents and pupils alike.

**Television historian, Bettany Hughes, a patron of the charity, said, "We have been delighted with the progress made in Norfolk and we want to hear from other schools now who could work together like this or on their own."**

The charity is also keen to hear from university classics departments which are interested in setting up outreach projects, where students teach for free in the local community.

This will be only the second year of grant-giving for the charity, which seeks to increase the number of pupils taking GCSE's and A' levels in Latin, Greek, Classical Civilisation, and Ancient History.

Applications are invited from primary and secondary schools, universities and other educational bodies and need to be submitted by **5pm on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012**.

*Classics for All* was established in 2010 by Friends of Classics and the Joint Association of Classics Teachers, specifically to raise money to invest in projects benefitting state schools. It is a registered charity, staffed mainly by volunteers.

In its first round of grant-giving last year, the charity funded schemes which created hub schools offering Classics subjects, partnerships and strategic projects which support the training of Classics teachers. You can see more about the projects we funded last year on our website at [www.classicsforall.org.uk](http://www.classicsforall.org.uk).

#### **Editor's Notes**

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