



Latin Spelling Bee MMXXIV

Harris Academy Chafford Hundred and Classical Association

Guidelines for Entrants, Parents and Schools

Dear all,

Hope you are all well and fully prepared for the big event on Wednesday the 27th March. This letter provides the final details and updates for the competition process.

To commence, the competition is scheduled to start promptly at 10:00 a.m. All participating schools are advised to arrive at Harris Academy Chafford Hundred (RM16 6SA) by 09:30 a.m. Refreshments will be available for all staff members upon arrival, allowing sufficient time for students to settle at their designated tables in the main hall. Additionally, this will provide an opportunity to explore the station set up by Hellenic Book-services. Students and teachers are encouraged to bring some money for potential book and Roman school stationary purchases. Moreover, Krispy Kreme donuts will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Upon arrival, students will be directed to a designated room to store their bags and packed lunches. A detailed timetable will be provided to each staff member on the day of the event. However, it's essential to briefly outline the competition structure. This year, there is an exciting addition to the event – teacher workshops by our special guests. Further details will be shared in due course.

Here are some key points regarding the competition structure and marking process:

- Each school will be assigned a Roman or Greek crest, and each contestant will receive a number.
- The competition consists of three rounds, with three different spelling tasks in each round. Every round will be marked by our 6th formers and special guests in a different room ensuring impartiality as papers from each school will be presented with a number and not students' name.
- Regardless of overall scores, all students will participate in the final round.
- After the second round, the highest-performing students from each school will qualify for the students' spelling bee awards. These awards will be determined in the final round, with five out of 24 students receiving recognition.
- The remaining team members will continue competing for the award for the highest-performing school.



Furthermore, each school must pre-select one student as the captain (leader) to receive the Bronze Olive Wreath for the winning school. The winning school will be awarded the Spelling Bee Classical Association Trophy, which they can keep. The responsibility of safekeeping and returning the Bronze Olive Wreath Trophy for the following year lies with the winning school. Any missing or damaged trophy must be replaced at the winning school's expense, with a two-month notice given to Harris Academy Chafford Hundred and CA Secretary for a new trophy to be ordered from Athens.

Lastly, all students will receive certificates of achievement. I strongly recommend that teachers also reward their groups individually for their commitment and efforts. The first five students in the competition will receive a special certificate signed by our special guests and individual prizes.

This event serves as a catalyst for students to experience the importance of Classics, further motivate their ambitions, and, most importantly, be rewarded for their efforts on this special occasion.

We eagerly anticipate welcoming you all at Harris Academy Chafford Hundred and wish everyone the best of luck.

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Further information

A video and pictures will be uploaded on the sponsors' websites and on YouTube. Please direct any further queries to p.iakovou@harrischaffordhundred.org.uk. I would kindly request from all teachers to collect permission slips for taking pictures during the event.

