



All-Party Parliamentary Group for Classics: Annual General Meeting Annual Report: 20 October 2024 - 21 October 2025 Summary of Meetings and Activities

October 2024: inaugural meeting

The APPG elected its Chairs and Officers, confirmed the purpose of the group and confirmed the Secretariat.

Chair: Peter Swallow MP (Lab)

Co-Chair: Katie Lam MP (Con)

Officers: Charlotte Cane MP (Lib Dem) and Baroness Young of Old Scone (Lab)

March 2025: Roundtable in response to the interim report of the Curriculum and Assessment Review

This roundtable presented key recommendations from extensive stakeholder engagement across the Classics community to ensure that children and young people continue to access classical subjects beyond the Curriculum and Assessment Review process. The proposals for policy support were discussed and shaped by attendees.

A result of the roundtable was an [open letter](#) to Prof. Becky Francis from Peter Swallow MP and Prof. Judith Mossman (Chair of the Classical Association) outlining the discussion and proposals.

June 2025: Greek language and culture education in schools

This meeting confronted the challenges the teaching and learning of Classical Greek faces. Key recommendations, shaped by practising teachers and the wider Classics community were presented for discussion.

In response to this discussion, Peter Swallow MP called a meeting with Peter Canning, Director of Product at Cambridge OCR (the awarding body for Classical Greek GCSEs and A Levels) to discuss how the exam board could make changes to the GCSE specification ahead of the next qualifications reform point to alleviate some of the immediate pressures on teachers and students.

September 2025: Celebrating Classics reception

Peter Swallow MP, in collaboration with the Classical Association and Advocating Classics Education, hosted a reception at the Palace of Westminster which recognised the CA's *#CelebratingClassics* campaign and commemorated the sixtieth anniversary of Classical Civilisation as a qualification subject in England.