

# Interviews for Classics

## General questions

Tell us about your A-level/GNVQ course.

What sort of results do you expect?

What other offers have you received?

Why did you choose to apply here?

What do you hope to do during your year out?

How firm are your plans?

Besides your course, how do you spend your time?

## Course/subject specific questions

- 1 How would you justify studying classics at university for three or four years?
- 2 Tell us about any visits to Italy/Greece you have been on.
- 3 How long have you been learning the various classical languages which you are studying?
- 4 Could you have learnt any other languages from scratch [*ab initio*] in the sixth form?
- 5 What is the balance between language, literature, and cultural issues in your present classics courses? Which parts appeal to you most? Why? What sort of balance do you want in a degree course?
- 6 Tell us about the set books in your present course: Which ones interest you particularly? Why?
- 7 What other books have you read besides your set books? Tell us about any which you have particularly enjoyed.
- 8 Tell us about an essay you have got to write at the moment: How are you approaching it? Have you reached any conclusions? How would you justify them?
- 9 Please read this passage, and then translate it...

## Questions you might ask

How easy is it to change subjects/options after the first year?

What is your attitude to students having a year out before taking this course?

What have previous graduates from this course gone on to do?

How easy is it to get accommodation?

## Items you might take along or be asked to take along

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