**Greek at Cargilfield**

 The teaching of Greek begins in Form 7 for those in the top streamed class. This will give those looking to do an Academic Scholarship a good understanding of the basics of the Ancient Greek language. Form 7 will undertake exams in both the autumn and summer terms, whilst those in Form 8 will have an additional mock in February. This process allows the children to become accustomed to the exam process and when the time comes for their actual exam, they will be able to confidently endeavour to do their best.

**The Syllabus**

The Common Entrance syllabus aims to promote a firm understanding of the essentials of Greek and to also foster an interest in the Greek and Roman worlds. In Greek, there are two levels at Common Entrance. Level 1 is intended for candidates who have studied Greek for up to 1 year. Level 2, which incorporates all of the Scholarship grammar and vocabulary, is for candidates who have studied Greek for 2 years. With this in mind, Form 7 study Level 1 and those in the Scholarship class cover Level 2.

Each Common Entrance Level is both rigorous and rigid in what it wants; a grammar-based understanding of how the language works and an ability to translate both Greek-English and English-Greek.

The following topics are studied at each Level:

**Level 1**

* Adjectives: 1st and 2nd Declensions.
* Genitive Sandwiches & Dative of Possessor.
* Greek alphabet.
* Nouns: 1st and 2nd Declensions.
* Prepositions.
* Verbs: Present, Imperfect and Future tenses and verb to be.

**Level 2**

* Adjectives: Comparatives and Superlatives.
* Nouns: 3rd Declension.
* Numbers: 1-3.
* Participles: Present.
* Pronouns: Personal and Reflexive.
* Verbs: Aorist Tense, Principal Parts and Contracted Verbs.
* Voice: Middle and Passive.

**The Exam**

The Common Entrance exam is 60 minutes long, while Scholarship papers vary between schools.

**LEVEL 1**

**Question 1: transliteration into English (10 marks)** Candidates will be asked to write a transliteration of five words from Greek to English.

**Question 2: transliteration into Greek (10 marks)** Candidates will be asked to write a transliteration of five words from English to Greek.

**Question 3: translations and English derivations of words (10 marks)** Candidates will be asked to translate and give derivations in English of five Greek words.

**Question 4: translation of verbs (10 marks)** Candidates will be asked to translate five Greek verbs into English (5 marks) and translate five verbs into Greek (5 marks).

**Question 5: translation of sentences into English (25 marks)** Candidates will be asked to translate ten sentences into English, five of about three Greek words, and five of about four or five Greek words.

**Question 6: translation of sentences into Greek (10 marks)** Candidates will be asked to translate three very short sentences into Greek.

**Question 7: comprehension.** Candidates will be asked to answer questions on a passage of Greek.

**Question 8: translation (together with Question 7: 25 marks)** Candidates will be asked to translate a passage of Greek.

**LEVEL 2**

**Question 1: transliteration into English (5 marks)** Candidates will be asked to write a transliteration of five words from Greek to English.

**Question 2: transliteration into Greek (5 marks)** Candidates will be asked to write a transliteration of five words from English to Greek.

**Question 3: translations and English derivations of words (10 marks)** Candidates will be asked translate and give derivations in English of five Greek words.

**Question 4: translation of sentences into English (15 marks)** Candidates will be asked to translate five sentences into English.

**Question 5: multiple-choice grammar (5 marks)** Candidates will be asked to identify and manipulate verbs (person, number and tense) and nouns and/or adjectives (case, number and gender).

**Question 6: translation of sentences into Greek (10 marks)** Candidates will be asked to translate three short sentences into Greek.

**Question 7: comprehension (10 marks)** Candidates will be asked to answer questions on a passage of Greek.

**Question 8: translation (40 marks)** Candidates will be asked to translate a passage of Greek of approximately 40 words.

**Additional Information**

Greek Extras runs one evening a week for those pupils who have any concerns or specific areas that they need help with.

Quizlet.com is a fantastic resource for Greek vocabulary revision and all the vocabulary that the pupils need to learn can be found if they search for ‘Cargilfield Greek CE Level 1 or 2’.