

## Fows Personal Achievement Award

I used my Personal Achievement Award to attend the Wells JACT Latin Camp. The camp took place between the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July and the 5<sup>th</sup> of August, during which the main aim of the Camp was to read as much Latin as possible. In doing so I read large extracts from Sallust, Lucan and a bit of Suetonius – the first of which I had not even heard before the camp. To have read such a wide range of authors and acclimatised to their various writing styles in such an intensive manner has improved not only my Latin greatly, but also my university application for next year.

Alongside the many hours of daily translation, the camp also provided an opportunity for me to attend various talks from university lecturers talking on a wide range of subjects relating to the classical world. Amongst the most interesting of these lectures was one given by Mr Antony Bowen on '*The Sound of Latin*' – a subject I hadn't really considered before and that ended with a remarkable and passionate delivery of Virgil's *Aeneid* in an accent almost quasi-Italian in nature and far removed from the typical pronunciation I'm accustomed to. Another highlight of the week was the Staff Play in which Mr Stephenson, dressed in full Roman soldier gear, starred. The comedy followed a lecture on the origins of Roman theatre and their Comedy's Hellenic roots through a close examination of the playwright Plautus.

There were also daily grammar Clinics available to partake in during the day that proved not only to be general points of interest but also, at times, directly relevant and hugely helpful to my A-level Latin. The clinic on tackling Ovid unseen – a central part of the OCR course – was hugely helpful in getting used to translating the tricky prose.

Perhaps most useful about the camp, however, was meeting people who also want to apply for classics. It is hard enough finding people taking Latin for A-level, let alone considering applying for Classics at university. I found meeting them and discussing common interests very interesting and useful.

The camp has been hugely useful to me and I am very grateful for Fows generous contribution to my attendance at it.



*Model of the Roman Baths  
at Bath*



*A hot Spring at  
Bath*



*Wells Cathedral*