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Editorial

This edition opens with my frequent plea for contributions to the Broadsheet. I'm sure that there are many out there who have interesting ideas and experiences which could very valuably be shared, to the benefit of all our readers.

Submissions of any kind are warmly welcomed and much appreciated. In this issue then, we look ahead to some of the valuable events taking place around the world of Classics teaching over the next few months. In addition, our warmest congratulations go to one of our most stalwart contributors, Bob Bass, on his award of an MBE in the New Year's Honours List. Best wishes are, as always, extended to all those involved in teaching the Classics around this country and beyond.

Bob Bass awarded MBE

It was with great pleasure that we learnt that Bob Bass, currently Head of Classics and Senior Master at Orwell Park School, Ipswich, was awarded the MBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours List, for services to Education.

Over a period of decades, Bob has been a leading light in Classics teaching in the United Kingdom and beyond. He taught in prep schools in Somerset, Sussex and Kenya before moving to Orwell Park twenty-nine years ago. His contributions to the world of Classics teaching have been many and varied. His Common Entrance Latin course, initially entitled *Ab Initio*, was widely-used and well-received by many across the prep school world and beyond. He continues to add to the wealth of material available to the Classics teacher.

In addition, he has set Common Entrance papers for over twenty years, many of them as Chief Setter. He has served the wider Classics community in further ways, such on the editorial board of the *Journal of Classics Teaching*, the Council of the Joint Association of Classical Teachers and as IAPS Subject Leader for Classics. He edited this publication for twelve years and has continued to contribute regularly ever since, his work much appreciated by subsequent editors. On behalf of this publication, our warmest congratulations go to Bob on this well-deserved award.

Looking forward

The year 2016 promises to be an exciting one in many different ways. The Classical Association Annual Conference takes place in Edinburgh on 6-9th April. Over seventy panels of papers will be presented by individuals from a whole range of backgrounds from all over the world. A range of topics will be addressed, from Homer and archaic poetry to Classical Reception and Contemporary Science Fiction. More details are available from the Classical Association website. Later that month, on 29th April, Oxford hosts the IAPS course *Classics: Back to the Future*, led by Fred Pragnell. Among a varied programme, there will be the opportunity to review the various different resource options available to teachers of Common Entrance and Common Academic Scholarship courses. Bob Bass will be speaking on the value of translation into Latin, a subject about which he has written in this publication.

Places are still available through the ISEB website. Further ahead, 27th May is the scheduled date for publication for Nicholas Oulton's new three volume Latin for Common Entrance course. It promises to combine your favourite elements of *So You Really Want to Learn Latin*, *Latin Prep* and *Ab Initio*, but it now maps precisely to the new ISEB syllabus and contains passages and question types in line with the revised Common Entrance exam. If it is able to do all these things then it will no doubt be a great success; it is certainly eagerly-awaited but will be a little late for those taking Common Entrance on Thursday, 9th June. With school out for summer, JACT offer a variety of summer schools, for which places often disappear very quickly.

Repton is the first to open its doors for a Classical Civilisation and Ancient History Summer School from 9th to 14th July. Durham's Greek and Latin courses are available to all ages from 23rd to 30th July. Wells Cathedral School will no doubt provide an excellent setting for their *Latin Camp* for those aged 15 and over from 25th July to 6th August. Finally, Bryanston will play host to the Greek Summer School, normally for ages 16-25 from 31st July to 13th August. Further details are available on the JACT website.

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