

# The World of the Hero

## A day conference for Classics Sixth Formers at the University of Manchester, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

The notion of the hero and heroism was a dominant theme in the Classical World. But who was a hero and what was heroism? How did these perceptions change over time and how did authors and politicians contribute to those changes? These are some of the questions that we shall be dealing with, in a day conference which focusses on the OCR Classical Civilisation component topic, “The World of the Hero”.

### Venue:

The conference will be held in University Place on the University Campus, room 4.206<sup>1</sup>, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL .

### Programme:

10.00 - 10:30	Arrival and Welcome
10.30 - 11:00	Dr Manos Tsakiris: <i>Achilles, the archetypal hero?</i>
11.00 - 11.30	Dr Julene Abad: <i>Odysseus: a new sort of hero?</i>
11.30 - 11.45	Break
11.45 - 12.15	Dr John Taylor: <i>Aeneas: the hero reinvented?</i>
12:15 – 13:00	Lunch break (lunch not provided)
13:00 - 13:30	Dr Huw Twiston-Davies: <i>Odysseus’s adventures in Egypt</i>
13:30 - 14:00	Dr Andy Fear: <i>Real life heroes? Roman Emperors and heroism</i>
14:00 - 14:15	Student ambassador Q&A
14:15- 14:25	Feedback collection
14:30- 15:00	Optional campus tour

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**How to book:** The event is free to attend. Booking is first come, first served. Schools/colleges can book for a maximum group of 15 in the first instance. Please email Sonja Bernhard with the following information:

- Your school name & postcode
- How many student places you would like to book (max 15<sup>2</sup>)
- Which year group you are booking for (Y12/13/both)

<sup>1</sup> University Place is building nr 37 on the campus map <https://www.manchester.ac.uk/about/maps/>

<sup>2</sup> If you want to bring a larger group, please indicate how many. We will allocate up to 15 places per school/college in the first instance. If additional places are available, we will let you know.