

AS/A2 Classical Civilisation Study Day

3 December 2009

Programme

- 10.15 Registration
10.45 Introduction
11.10 Lecture option 1: Michael Scott, University of Cambridge
Delphi and Olympia: Athletes and oracles - but what else?
This talk will focus on Olympia and Delphi, comparing how the two sanctuaries developed, how and why they acquired their buildings and the relationship between their sculpture, architecture, space and setting.
- 11.10 Handling sessions and gallery talks 1
12.15 Lecture option 2: Susanne Turner, University of Reading
Grave concerns in classical Athens
Athenian families placed painted vases in the graves of their loved ones and put up expensive sculpted relief monuments after the funeral. This talk will explore how the images on these objects are useful for thinking not only about the development of Greek art, but also about the place of women and the importance of funerary ritual in Classical Athens.
- 12.15 Handling sessions and gallery talks 2
1.55 Handling sessions and gallery talks 3
2.45 Handling sessions and gallery talks 4
3.35 Plenary lecture: Simon James, University of Leicester
Eagles on the Euphrates: the life and violent death of the Roman garrison of Dura-Europos
Dura on the Euphrates was a Greco-Syrian city housing a Roman military base and was destroyed in a terrible siege. The story of Dura, its garrison and the final battle is told almost entirely through physical remains and provides a superb illustration of how archaeology illuminates the cultural achievements of the Classical world...and its violence.
- 4.30 Finish

- **Handling sessions and gallery talks** will include the Parthenon, Greek vase-painting, Bassae, Augustus, Roman social and private life, the Roman army in Britain, Athenian imperialism, Mycenaean Greece, Greek athletics, Greek women, Greek sculpture. Options sheets are sent out on booking.
- **Cost:** students £5; teachers accompanying groups free (maximum of 25 students per school for immediate booking, with additional places on reserve list)
- **Booking:** contact the Ticket Desk on 020 7323 8181 or tickets@britishmuseum.org