

Latin/Classics department theatre trips

By the time we break up the Classics department would have seen several productions of Ancient Greek plays which have been stunning and mesmerising. On the 1st of September six VI formers went down to London to see, first a platform talk by Oliver Taplin and Bettany Hughes and then the award nominated Helen McCrory in a stage adaptation of Euripes' famous tale of Medea, the sorceress who returns with Jason (i.e. Jason and the Argonauts) following his search for the Golden Fleece,



thus abandoning her homeland and betraying her family, only to be left by Jason. In her desperation and driven by retribution she sacrifices their children. The performance was breath-taking and an emotional roller-coaster of an experience. None of the emotion was omitted when the performance was transmitted across the country to cinemas allowing for approximately 25 pupils from Yr9 to Yr11 to also experience the story and a tour de force of acting. Having not

experienced theatre of this kind before, pupils found the story and performance both engaging and interesting, with some expressing a desire to see more theatre of this kind! It is amazing to consider that themes and issues represented in plays written over 2500 years ago are still relevant to today's society.



On the 17th December L6th students and a few year 11s will be returning to London to see award nominated actress Kristin Scott Thomas in Sophocles' play "Electra", another Greek play to have survived through the millennia.

