

21st July 2023

Dear parents and guardians,

Your child has now completed two years of learning Latin at Bacon's College. It is with regret that we will no longer be continuing the course for current year 8 students into year 9 or beyond.

This year Latin has been taught once a fortnight. When we considered Latin in year 9, we realised that this would not be enough time to prepare students wanting to take the subject as a GCSE in the future. This would mean that another timetabled subject would need to be replaced for Latin. Students were therefore given the option to continue the subject in place of another, or to end their Latin journey here. Unfortunately, we do not have enough students wanting to continue the subject to make a class possible next year.

I want to thank you for the support you have given your child in undertaking this subject. It is certainly not an easy subject to learn, but I strongly believe that their learning has many benefits for their future. Latin heavily influenced English and many other European languages, both in language structure and vocabulary. They have also studied the history and culture of the largest and most powerful European empire in our history, looking at the similarities and differences to their contemporary world.

Yours faithfully,

R.Mills

Mr. Mills

Teacher of Latin and Maths